At a regular meeting of the King George County Board of Supervisors, held on Monday, the 2\textsuperscript{nd} day of June, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Revercomb Building at 10459 Courthouse Drive, King George, Virginia:

\textbf{PRESENT:} Jeff Bueche, Member  
Neiman C. Young, County Administrator

\textbf{REMOTE PARTICIPATION:} Cathy Binder, Chairman  
Annie Cupka, Vice-Chairman  
Richard Granger, Member  
Jeff Stonehill, Member  
Matt Britton, County Attorney

\textbf{0:22:45 Cathy Binder:} I call this meeting of the King George County Board of Supervisors to order. Please take notice that five or more of the committee members are participating by electronic or remote means without a quorum physically present. Pursuant to the King George County Emergency continuity of government ordinance previously adopted by the Board of Supervisors and under state law, this action is taken as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Governor's orders regarding limiting of gatherings and staying in place. Electronic participation is encouraged and pursuant to the emergency ordinance, physical attendance by the public is not allowed. I now turn it over to all members of the board to state wherever they are physically present or participating by electronic or remote means. Mr Granger?

\textbf{0:23:31 Richard Granger:} I am attending, remotely.

\textbf{0:23:38 Cathy Binder:} Mr Stonehill?

\textbf{0:23:44 Jeff Stonehill:} I am here remotely.

\textbf{0:24:05 Cathy Binder:} Ms Cupka? Ms Cupka? I know Ms. Cupka is here.

\textbf{0:24:06 Ann Cupka:} Cupka is attending remotely.

\textbf{0:24:09 Cathy Binder:} Thank you. Mr Bueche?

\textbf{0:24:11 Jeff Bueche:} I'm physically here in the board room.
Cathy Binder: This is Chairperson, Cathy Binder participating as always remotely. Staff and clerk are responsible for receiving public comment, notice of opportunities for the public to access and participate have been widely disseminated on the County website and through other County resources. I direct the clerk to include this statement and the members remotely participating and those physically present to be memorialized in the minutes. Dr Young, do we have any amendments to the agenda?

Neiman Young: No, Madam Chair.

Cathy Binder: Thank you. At this time is public comments. 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. If you are online now and would like to speak, please unmute and we will hear your public comment, I will wait at least a minute, just in case it takes a moment for you to unmute your audio.

Okay, Dr Young, do you have any correspondence?

Neiman Young: Yes, Madam Chair, I have correspondence from Mr... I'm sorry, Dr George Millsaps of the US Census Bureau. Madam chair and members of the board of supervisors, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank the chair of the King George County complete count Committee, Mr Chris Clark and Dr Neiman Young, the members of the King George County complete count committee and all the citizens of King George County, for their efforts in supporting the 2020 census.

Due to efforts of many, I am pleased to report that King George County has already exceeded its 2010 census, final self-response rate. A complete and accurate count of King George County will help insure that your citizens will have appropriate representation, but also aid in securing the federal and state funding that is based upon the US census. Although this is a major milestone, there's still work to be done. I encourage you to contact your constituents, ask them to complete the 2020 census online at 2020census.gov. Doing so, will ensure an accurate final 2020 census. It is the safest, easiest way to complete the census. Again, congratulations on this accomplishment and thank you for your continuing support. Respectfully Dr George Millsaps partnership specialist, US Census.

Cathy Binder: Thank you, Doctor Young, do you have any other correspondence?

Neiman Young: No, Madam chair.

Cathy Binder: Do any of the other board members have any correspondence? I do have one correspondence, it was sent to me just before the meeting, and they have asked me to read it. Hold on and I'll bring it up. It is a little bit lengthy so I will read it now. "Dear King George board of supervisors, I'm ready to share my thoughts and opinions. I count ourselves lucky that we have a wonderful Sheriff's Department in tranquility in King George, especially while we are suffering a COVID-19 pandemic. In the spirit that government serves all the people, I am in favor of laws and policies that benefit people who own or are employed by businesses and value
public spaces. Public spaces are valued because most people cannot afford their own large swaths of lands and boat docks on a coast line. In practice, this looks like an environmentally clean community, with high quality public schools, open public spaces, public transportation, safe roads and businesses flourishing with consumers. To that end the local issues that are important to me, are as follows;

Number one, clean, reliable drinking tap water and sewer system, thank you for correcting deficiencies and ensuring they never happen again on your watch, seeing the news about the damaged water system in Detroit in my experience abroad, we should never take our clean drinking tap water for granted.

Number two, Public Schools. Maintain a high quality school system that emphasizes good sportsmanship, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, STEM, and vocational training. There should be both sports and academic competitions and scholarships. We live where history was made during the Civil War with slavery and segregation, students should have field trips to historic sites and projects to appreciate where our nation came from, and how to always look forward to improving where we are going as a country. The Navy base and defense contractors are a unique resource, they can be used to give students a summer work experience in engineering. There are working engineers who could inspire to students with the latest tech, tutor and mentor students. Teachers should be paid as essential professionals, because they train the next generation of citizens in our history, good sportsmanship, the trades, and STEM. To support online learning, high speed internet should be everywhere utilities can be provided and then offered at affordable prices.

Number three, blighted commercial real estate should be forbidden in residential neighborhoods, nobody wants to live in a slum. Slums depress property values, and start a downward spiral in revenue to the county, and may increase the expenses in law enforcement. There are feasible failed businesses lots in residential areas, that nobody wants to purchase, can be turned into county parks and playgrounds.

Number four, public spaces. Dahlgren Wayside, Barnesfield Park, and Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail park. The governor purchased home at Dahlgren Wayside should be modified to include a colonial beach staff fishing pier, public boat landing, public dock, the Dahlgren Heritage museum, nature center, and lease restaurant and conference spaces. Scouts and park rangers should mark and maintain hiking trails. The US 301 bridge, should be designed through a county and VDOT collaboration to provide safe access to Dahlgren Wayside and Barnesfield Park. Federal and State highway funds, should be applied to this project. If permitted by law allow businesses to contribute to the Dahlgren Wayside improvements and in return display sponsorship, signage and perhaps county tax credits. If the private owner of the Dahlgren Heritage rail trails land desires to collaborate, sell or transfer the land to the public, the county should support the effort. The facility requires; safe, well marked road entrances, with parking lots and restrooms.

Number five, abandoned home should be reclaimed by the county and made available for rehabilitation, to provide affordable housing for low-income families. Abandoned homes brings the same problems as blighted commercial properties. An occupied home provides property tax
revenue and income tax revenue, to the county. Thank you for your kind consideration of my concerns. Respectably, Adam J." And I'll spell the last name 'cause I do not wanna pronounce it wrong, "S-I-M-O-N-O-F-F." He lives at 5340, Gordon drive, King George, Virginia, 22485.

And that is the only thing I received. Thank you, I'm having trouble going to the... Alright, that'll close public comments, while I'm trying to get my screen back up, we'll go to reports from members of the board. Mr. Granger, do you have a report?

0:31:32 Richard Granger: Yes ma'am, it's a short one. Wednesday, May 27th, I attended an FRA board of directors special meeting. It was... We were meeting to discuss the budget with the current COVID situation and just trying to handle the... Make sure that we had funds available for the running of FRA, and everything was handled properly. So that's all I have though, so, thank you.

0:31:52 Cathy Binder: Alright, thank you, Mr Granger. Mr Stonehill.

0:32:02 Jeff Stonehill: Mine as well is fairly brief. In the last week, I've been talking to a number of people in reference to next year's taxation that we have now for the county. So we're working on a number of different people and talking to them, getting ideas on that. Thursday 28th I met with Mr. Karabots down at his property down on Rosedale drive and looked at his property in reference to compliance we received by people trespassing and stuff. Also then looked at the new parking lot that VDOT finally had roped off and taped off across the street from the Buckler property. And also, this last weekend I've been down to Wayside a number of times to look at some Wayside. So that's all I have.

0:33:01 Cathy Binder: Thank you, Mr. Stonehill. Ms. Cupka, I know you had mentioned your issues with the phone service where you are located, that you would like to just share your board report online with Free Lance-Star and Project94 and enter it into record electronically. Is that still what you'd like to do?

[pause]

0:33:31 Ann Cupka: Can you all hear me.

0:33:32 Cathy Binder: I can hear you.

0:33:35 Ann Cupka: So I do have a written report. I will not elaborate. I will share it online as I normally do. If you all can hear me, I just wanna congratulate. Last Thursday the 28th, we had a board of directors meeting for Rappahannock Regional Jail. And the board appointed from the acting position, Superintendent Kevin Hudson to the permanent superintendent position. He's done a remarkable job. Given the COVID-19 circumstances he's had to deal for both the inmate population and staff. And additionally, I wanna commend our own County Administrator Dr. Neiman Young for the job. He's had to do a lot of stepping and fetching as far as completely reworking the budget. He chairs the Budget Committee for Rappahannock Regional Jail, and I just wanna point out that to everyone. Thank you very much.
0:34:32 Cathy Binder: Thank you, Ms. Cupka. Mr. Bueche.

0:34:39 Jeff Bueche: Thank you, Madam Chair. It's very empty and lonely here in the boardroom, so I miss you guys and can't wait till we all get to get back together to hold these meetings. I'd just like to share that I'm looking forward to rolling into phase two for the state re-opening on Friday. I look forward to hearing from our County Attorney and our County Administrator on how we plan to approach that with the new phase two. So I'm glad to see that we're getting back to some sense of normalcy. With that I would just like to give a comment on something that's taken place regionally, nationwide. Just as I stood for our Second Amendment rights, I'm very proud of the fact that King George County became a Second Amendment sanctuary county. I take the same passion with the whole constitution, and that includes the First Amendment as well. With the protest going on, I support the people out there that are protesting to express their concerns in a peaceful manner. However, with the riots and looting and the general anarchy that has taken place, I do not support that one iota.

The positive news that has come out of the recent events is that the nation is unified in the rebuke of this former officer now incarcerated in Minnesota. I saw the video, as sure as many have, and this was an act of murder, unjustifiable and is to be rebuked with every fiber of our being. But we cannot give way to anarchy and we need to support our law enforcement. I would like to thank Sheriff Giles, our Sheriff's Department, our SRT for the mutual aid they're providing to our neighbors in Fredericksburg. And with... Looking at the news, it's very disheartening to see our men and women with a badge that are out there to protect our communities are being targeted.

There's evil everywhere. There's evil politicians, there's evil lawyers, evil doctors, evil teachers, coaches. The list goes on and on. It comes down to personal accountability. Justice will be served on this man, and I ask that our communities come together and make sure that our neighbors, their businesses are protected. I'm grateful for King George County, we don't have these incidents. We're a wonderful, diverse community, and we come together as a community. So I'm very proud to be here in the boardroom representing King George County. Madam Chair, that's my report for this evening. Thank you very much for the time.

0:37:48 Cathy Binder: Thank you, Mr. Bueche. I will keep my remarks very brief. I wanna thank everyone in our county government for everything they've done throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, serving our citizens and keeping the county government going, and also our EMS frontline, sheriff's office and technical staff, Chris and your team. Everyone that's in the county, I can't thank you enough for what you've done and what you continue to do. I did get on one very interesting call with a whole bunch of information about the legislation that's gone through in this past legislative assembly, [0:38:29] ____ and the impact they have on local communities that I will share with my colleagues. I took a lot of notes and I'll share them with you when I've had time to type them up, because I answer phone calls lots every day. I just want to, once again tell the community thank you for serving, and I look forward to hearing from you. And that is the end of my report. Dr Young, do we have a motion?

0:38:51 Richard Granger: So moved.

0:38:53 Cathy Binder: And a second?
Jeff Bueche: Second.

Cathy Binder: Alright, I will do a vote a little differently this time 'cause we had some audio problems with the service authority, so I will call each person by name and please tell me your vote. Mr Granger?

Richard Granger: Aye.

Cathy Binder: Mr Stonehill?

Jeff Stonehill: Aye.

Cathy Binder: Mr Bueche.

Jeff Bueche: Aye.

Cathy Binder: Ms Cupka?

Ann Cupka: Cupka, aye.


Neiman Young: No Constitutional Officers, Madam Chair.

Cathy Binder: Thank you. Mr Britton, report of the county attorney.

Matt Britton: Thank you, Madam Chair. The only thing that I would note is that the Governor's, emergency order 65 was issued today and will take effect on Friday. It's quite a long document, so if folks wanna read that, it's available on the Governor's website. That's all, Madam Chair.

Cathy Binder: Thank you, Mr Britton. Next up will be 0602, our public hearing for proposed budget for fiscal year 2020-2021. Hold on one second, I'll bring up what I need to read. The King George County Board of Supervisors will now hold a public hearing regarding the proposed FY2020-2021 operating budget pursuant to Section 15.2 25-06 of the code of Virginia. This FY2020-2021 also has been prepared, advertised and published for information and fiscal planning purposes only as required by law. The inclusion in the budget of any items does not constitute a commitment or obligation on the part of the Board of Supervisors of King George County to appropriate any funds for that project or purpose.

The budget has been presented on the basis of the estimates and requests submitted to the King George County Administrator. There is no designation or allocation of any funds of King George County until there has first been an appropriation for that purpose by the Board of Supervisors. The budget is for information and fiscal planning purposes, and will not be approved, adopted or
ratified by the Board of Supervisors at this public hearing.

Dr Young, the County Administrator will provide a brief overview of the proposed budget. I'll then open the floor for public comment either in person or by electronic means. Please state your name, your address, and once I call for public comment, I will wait a minute at least, so that people can unmute their audio and give their statement. I ask that you limit your comments to three minutes in order to afford everyone an opportunity to speak. Dr Young?

0:42:01 Neiman Young: Thank you, Madam Chair. Chris, if you can bring up the presentation. While Chris is bringing up the presentation, I would like to apologize upfront to the Board and to the general public. I am going to revisit a few discussion items that we had throughout the budget planning process, but it's my understanding that we may have new members in the audience that weren't privy to those previous discussions, so I just wanna make sure that we all have a clear understanding of what's being proposed for the fiscal year 2021 budget. Next slide. Here's our agenda. Next slide. Board if you recall, we had budget impacts that are basically outside costs that impact King George County's budget, and basically they're mandatory, mandated either by regional agreements or by services that we receive that we have to bear in order to maintain that service, for example, life insurance, health insurance for county employees.

So if you look at the slide there's a picture before you, you see that in fiscal 20/21, these are the major issues that will impact budget. These mandatory programs were captured first for the 1.7% increase to the VRS obligation, a 0.03% increase in life insurance, a decrease to our contribution to our commitment to the Juvenile Detention Center, and an additional $191,466 contribution to the Rappahannock Regional Jail. In addition, our health insurance went up $28,008. If you recall that during earlier work sessions for our budget, we had other optional programs or optional budget impacts that we were going to propose prior to us coming to an understanding of how the current pandemic will financially impact national economy and the county economy. So these optional programs, for example, like these additional positions or capital purchases like vehicles or furniture were struck from the budget impact, and we now have that captured at zero dollars, effective to fiscal year 20/21 budget.

If you will notice in red, we had a total $414,462 of increased costs in fiscal year 20/21 budget, and those were just mandatory expenditures that we could not escape. Next slide. So understanding those mandatory budget impacts and understanding the needs of our departments that were submitted through budget requests, some of those needs were increases due to natural inflation, or they are increases due to additional requirements that were needed for our departments just to sustain governmental operations for King George County for 2021.

We understood that the original proposals were approximately $4.5 million in additional expenditures for fiscal year 20/21, but again, understanding the financial impact that the current pandemic has had on the County's economy, we decided that we was gonna take strict measures to decrease those expenditures and try to bring to the community a fiscally responsible budget. Those actions included deleting pay raises for County employees, again, removing capital purchases, an example, vehicles and furniture, suspending non-essential travel, maintaining the current staffing levels in fiscal year 20/21, as in fiscal year '19 and '20, and even suspending an annual payment to the Debt Mitigation Fund.
Through those measures, we were able to decrease that $4.5 million increase, down to a $2.1 million deficit between anticipated revenue and anticipated expenditures. And again, we still thought that was not responsible enough, and that there was more actions that we could take to reduce that budget, therefore, we decided to look regionally. After discussions with our regional neighbors, specifically our regional County Administrators and City Manager, we all agreed to level fund outside agencies, reduce the Rappahannock Regional Jail budget, reduce the Juvenile Detention Center budget, and of course, we have received a more fine-tuned and pencil sharpened revenue forecast from State funding.

Because of these actions, we were able to reduce that $4.5 million gap, down to a 2.1 million gap, and then finally, we were able to close it at $1,919,903. That is the gap between our anticipated revenues and our expenditures. Next slide. Just to depict what the board would be committed to under this proposal, this is how our actions will affect our outside agency budget. Specifically, if you'll notice, highlighted in yellow, where the Thurman Brisben Homeless Shelter was going to be level funded, so the original request for fiscal year 2021 for $15,000, was level funded to $9,500. The George Washington Regional Commission original budget request for $29,573, will remain at $22,511. The Tri-County/City Soil & Water Conservation District request for $54,765, will be level funded to $53,050. The way that our actions are impacting the Rappahannock Regional Jail and our Juvenile Detention Center is the fact that all pay increases for staffs of the Rappahannock Regional Jail and the Juvenile Detention Center have been removed from the fiscal year 20/21 budget, which is in keeping with same stance that all the regional localities have taken regarding pay increases in compensation for County employees in their respective localities.

Next Slide. So understanding our $1.9 million deficit, I present the board the following proposal; This fiscal year 20/21 proposal calls for the budget to increase 3.7%, from 85.3 million to $87.5 million. Under the current proposal, 57% of the budget would be dedicated to schools, the remaining 43% being allocated to meet County needs. If you note, that our non-school expenditures are increasing 2.1%. If we move forward with this proposal, we will realize a budgetary gap of $1,919,903. To close this gap, this budget proposes to tap the Revenue Stabilization Fund for $1,619,903, leaving a $300,000 deficit. We would then reduce the local contribution to the schools by $300,000, to address that deficit. Please note; That due to State and Federal funding, the reducing of the local contribution to the school, still allows for the administration to realize a budget increase of $1,359,000, in fiscal year 20/21.

In keeping with State code, the board must approve the schools' budget by May 15th, but understanding that there was turbulence in the General Assembly, that was extended an additional 30 days. I'm now working closely with the schools superintendent to bring forth to the board a budget for the board to adopt and appropriate by category on June 16th, along with the County budget. Understanding this, the board has already approved your local contribution in the amount of $17,545,584. The way forward would be the board entertaining, approving this proposal and adopting it at the June 16th Board of Supervisor meeting. I'll now stand by for any questions, and concerns, or guidance.

Madam Chair.
0:50:33 Jeff Bueche: We can't hear.

0:50:37 Cathy Binder: Hold on. My mic pretty fritzed out for a moment. Can you hear me now?

0:50:40 Jeff Bueche: Yes.

0:50:42 Cathy Binder: Alright, I will open the floor up for public comment. Is there anyone online, Dr. Young, that has submitted correspondence?

0:50:53 Neiman Young: I was reached out to by Ms. Carrie Gonzalez, who is a member of King George County School Board. She decided... My understanding is that she decided that she wanted to speak in person rather than submit comments via email.

0:51:05 Cathy Binder: Alright, Ms. Gonzales, are you online and would like to speak? Can you unmute your microphone.

0:51:11 Carrie Gonzales: Yes, I am. Can you all hear me?

0:51:13 Cathy Binder: Yep.

0:51:15 Carrie Gonzales: Okay. Great.

0:51:15 Cathy Binder: Yes, we can. Go right ahead.

0:51:17 Carrie Gonzales: Wonderful. Okay, thank you. My name is Carrie Gonzales, my address is 8116 Oak Crest Drive, that's King George, Virginia 22485. Good evening, to you all, Madam Chairperson, members of the board. I would like to make this public comment as Dr. Young stated with regards to the 2020-2021 budget proposal and the local contribution to the schools.

So this year, no doubt, presents a challenging time, not only for our country as a whole, but also for our county. The economic uncertainty of the future is certainly a strain on many and I fully respect the difficult decision that lays ahead of you as a board in deciding upon next year's budget. I understand the decision to reduce the local contribution to the schools by the $300,000 mentioned was based upon the anticipated CARES funding to the schools, but this is a tad short-sighted. State requirements and guidance for the re-opening of the schools in the fall are, at this time, still unknown and it is more likely that the schools would require more funding than less.

I know that the services provided by all county departments are critical to the safety and well-being of all of our constituents, but investing in our children is one of our longest term investments as impacts to them can be cumulative and realized not only tomorrow, but also in the future as they graduate and become contributing members of our community.

As a parent, a constituent, and also as a Dahlgren District school board member, I would like to
ask that you consider the safety, well-being and education of our children, not just today, but also into the future and reconsider supporting the level funding of our schools in 2020-2021 and not reducing that local contribution. And that concludes my public comment. Thank you.

0:53:00 Cathy Binder: Thank you for your public comment. Dr. Young, do you have anybody else that submitted correspondence?

0:53:06 Neiman Young: No, Madam Chair.

0:53:07 Cathy Binder: Thank you. Do I have any board members that have had people reach out to them that would like to read correspondence? I'll just wait a sec and see. I do not think so. I will once again open it up for public comment if there is anybody who would like to unmute, and state your name and your address. Please do so at this time. I will wait a minute, 7:02 to 7:03 to see if anybody would like to speak. The floor is yours.

Once again, this is the last call, if anyone would like to give public comment about the budget, please unmute yourself and state your name and your address. Alright, being that we have no more public comment, I will close the public comment part of the public hearing, and that closes our public hearing. Hold on a second. Dr. Young presentation and reports. First up 06-04, Department of community development, Adoption of secondary road edition. Yes.

0:55:01 Neiman Young: Madam Chair, I highly recommend... I know that the board isn't going to vote tonight. But I think that at least we should open up the discussion with the supervisors, and then I'd look for a consensus for us to move forward with the proposal to be adopted and incorporated on June 16th.

0:55:20 Cathy Binder: Thank you, Doctor Young for catching me on that. Virtual meetings can be a fun time. I open it up to my board members, I apologize, for discussion. I'm going to do it by person, each person. So Dr... Mr. Granger.

0:55:36 Richard Granger: Yes Ma'am, I don't have anything else to add. I think we've discussed this very at length. So, I'm amenable with the budget as proposed currently to go forward.

0:55:48 Cathy Binder: Okay, thank you, Mr. Granger, Mr. Stonehill.

0:55:58 Jeff Stonehill: We've had numerous meetings and numerous conversations about this subject, and I'm just ready to move forward with it.

0:56:05 Cathy Binder: Thank you, Mr. Stonehill. Mr. Bueche.

0:56:10 Jeff Bueche: Thank you, Madam Chair. First off, I'd like to thank Ms. Gonzalez for her comments and engaging in the process. And as a school board member, I appreciate her fighting for the schools, and like she alluded to, it is a difficult decision, but given the circumstances and the full lens we have to look at, I believe we're making the right decision. I do have one question though. When Dr. Young was giving his presentation. He was talking about this would come
before the board for category, for the school's budget. Is that something we wanna do, is fund by category or are we just funding the budget for the schools to utilize as appropriately dictated by the school board? Can I get some clarity on that, please?

0:57:01 Neiman Young: Yes, sir, you'll be adopting the school's budget on June 16th, and then you'll be appropriating by category on June 16th as recommended by the schools.

0:57:11 Jeff Bueche: Okay. Thank you. I just wanted to make sure we weren't making those categories and saying, "You have X dollars for this and this and this." I wanna make make sure that we're working...

0:57:23 Neiman Young: That just state code requirements that it be appropriated by category as recommended by the schools.

0:57:26 Jeff Bueche: Thank you for that clarification. That's all I have, madam Chair. Thank you.

0:57:30 Cathy Binder: Thank you Mr. Bueche. Ms. Cupka.

[pause]

0:57:41 Ann Cupka: Madam Chair, can you hear me?

0:57:46 Cathy Binder: Yes. I can.

0:57:48 Ann Cupka: Thank you. I wanna thank Ms. Gonzales for her comments. I really appreciate her taking the time to speak tonight. I am in agreement to move forward with consensus on the school board budget and the entire budget. However, I would like it noted for the record, I hope that the spirit of the budget conversations that our board had during budget work sessions can be captured, and if our funding situation allows us to in the future, we can revisit. Not just the school budget, but other budget allocations in the future, if our situation allows us the opportunity to do so.

0:58:40 Cathy Binder: Thank you, Ms. Cupka. I apologize to my colleagues again for missing you there for a moment. But, I agree with Ms. Cupka, I've said this before, if our situation monetarily gets a little better, we should revisit everything, and I thank Ms. Gonzalez for coming online and giving us her public comment. But that is... Also, we do have a consensus, that is what you needed, Dr Young. Correct?

0:59:06 Neiman Young: That's correct Madam Chair. We will have the budget ready for adoption and for appropriation at the June 16th Board of Supervisor meeting.

0:59:18 Cathy Binder: Thank you, Dr. Young, you and your staff and everyone who has been involved in this process. Now, we move on to our action items 06-04, Department of Community development, Adoption of secondary road edition, Hopyard Farm, Section Two.
Neiman Young: Yes Madam Chair. This is a relatively routine action, so that's why I decided to take it over versus inviting the community development department, at the time at night, introducing the Board report. But, basically this is a request for the board to adopt the resolution, adding improved roads on Hopyard Farm Section Two, adopting them so they can be accepted into the Virginia Department of Transportation's secondary road system. Included in your board packet is a plat and the maps, identifying those roads and in addition there is a resolution for the board to adopt what reads as follows; Where as a street is described on attached editions form AM-4-3, fully incorporated here and by reference is shown on the plat of record in the clerks office of the circuit court of King George County, whereas the resident engineer for Virginia Department of Transportation, has advised this Board the streets meet the requirements established by the sub division street requirements of the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Now therefore be it resolved that the King George County Board of supervisors does hereby request the Virginia Department of Transportation to add to street to Hopyard Farm Section Two as described on the attached editions form AM-4.3 to the secondary system of State Highways pursuant to state code 33.2-70 in the department's sub-division street requirements, and be it further resolved this board guarantees a clear and unrestricted right of way as indicated on the attached and executed AM-4.3 form: Any necessary easements for cuts, bills and drainage is guaranteed as evidence by plats of record plant of Potomac Landing Section Three, INT number 200610-040000-77870 and be it further resolved that the county administrator or his designee should have forwarded a copy of this resolution to the developer and to the Virginia Department of Transportation Land-use Section.

Jeff Bueche: So moved.

Richard Granger: Second.

Cathy Binder: Any discussion? Alright, I'm gonna do a roll call vote, Mr. Granger?

Richard Granger: Aye.

Cathy Binder: Mr Stonehill?

Jeff Stonehill: Aye.

Cathy Binder: Mr. Bueche?

Jeff Bueche: Aye.

Cathy Binder: Miss Cupka?

Ann Cupka: Madam Chair, can you hear me?

Cathy Binder: Yes, I can.
1:02:10 Ann Cupka: Yes, ma'am. I'm sorry I didn't get it in time. I do have a minor point of discussion, that I believe the resolution needs a minor amendment. If everyone could look at paragraph 1, 2, 3, 4... We are talking about Hopyard Farm, I think?

1:02:35 Cathy Binder: Yes.

1:02:36 Ann Cupka: And I'm pretty familiar with the road we're talking about because I personally knocked in those neighborhoods last year during my campaign, and in the fourth paragraph, "Be it further resolved, as evidence by plat, of record plat of Potomac Landing Section Three." So, and I'm sorry, I did not catch this when I first read the packet, but I think we need to amend that if I could respectfully defer to the county attorney before we authorize this.

1:03:08 Cathy Binder: Mr. Britton?

1:03:15 Matt Britton: I would... Can you hear me Madam chair?

1:03:17 Cathy Binder: Yes I can.

1:03:22 Matt Britton: In order to answer that, I'd have to go through and see if the plat... What it's called and whether it matches. I don't know that I can do it in the amount of time we have left here.

1:03:39 Cathy Binder: Mr Britton, would it be better to table this and bring this back up on the June 16th meeting?

1:03:46 Matt Britton: I think that would be better. Yeah, unless Dr. Young says that there's a time sensitivity.

1:03:55 Neiman Young: I'm not sure if it's time sensitive, but I know that it seems counter-intuitive that the resolution would read Potomac Landing Three, and I can definitely consult with the community development staff. If the board will give us the authorization to execute the resolution. We'll check and make sure that the language is supposed to read Potomac Landing 3. If not, we'll change it to Hopyard Number 2, execute the document and advise the board of the corrections that have been made.

1:04:25 Cathy Binder: Mr. Britton, is that allowable? We lost Mr. Britton there.

1:04:36 Matt Britton: I'm back, I had to unmute myself.

1:04:39 Cathy Binder: That's okay.

1:04:42 Matt Britton: Well, I guess you'd be doing it... I don't think so, because this is an amendment of the motion, and so the amendment either has to be seconded and it either passes or fails. So I don't see how that can be done under the rules. We're gonna have to find out whether or not... What the correct language is and what the correct plat is, and that's gonna have to be in the motion of the board if it's gonna be done by resolution. So I understand Dr. Young and what
he's trying to do, conditionally and as quickly as possible, but what is happening from a procedural perspective here is that there has been an amendment to the motion, and that needs to rise or fall on its own.

1:05:34 Jeff Bueche: So Mr. Britton. I have a question. So we had the motion proper, we seconded it... Three votes have already taken place. Can we vote this out, and then have a motion to amend what was previously voted on with conditionally and then vote that in. Is that something we could do? 'Cause we do have three votes on the table right now.

1:06:10 Matt Britton: Right, the final vote? Yes, the vote can be... The motion has not passed, there's a motion to amend, which is a result of... As I understand the technical difficulties did not come in during the discussion period, and that's fine. So basically, someone now could move to retract... The maker of the motion can move to retract the motion, if that gets seconded, you can vote on it, and then we can make the amendment, and if the new motion was going to be in the form that the board authorizes the execution of the document with the correct plat being either Hopyard or Potomac Landing. I think that would be fine.

1:07:01 Jeff Bueche: Okay, well...

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1:07:03 Matt Britton: The person making the motion is going to have to move to withdraw.

1:07:07 Jeff Bueche: There hasn't been a motion to amend yet, the latest motion or the motion that I made was to adopt as presented, that's what was seconded, and we have three votes on that and Ms. Cupka brought up that point. So should we vote this out now and then have a motion to amend based on proper language and then vote on that... Like my question being...

1:07:35 Matt Britton: You can do it either way.

1:07:36 Jeff Bueche: How do we dispose of the current motion on the floor right now that's already been in the process of voting?

1:07:42 Matt Britton: The person who moved can retract the motion even though we're in the process because Ms. Cupka is proposing an amendment during her vote.

1:07:52 Jeff Bueche: Okay. Well, Madam Chair, I would like to retract my motion.

1:07:57 Cathy Binder: Thank you. Do we have a second?

1:08:00 Richard Granger: Second.

1:08:01 Cathy Binder: And then Matt we take a vote?

1:08:03 Matt Britton: Yes.
1:08:05 **Cathy Binder**: Alright, Mr Granger?

1:08:09 **Richard Granger**: Aye.

1:08:10 **Cathy Binder**: Mr Stonehill?

1:08:10 **Jeff Stonehill**: Aye.

1:08:15 **Cathy Binder**: Mr Bueche?

1:08:17 **Jeff Bueche**: Aye.

1:08:20 **Cathy Binder**: Ms. Cupka?

1:08:24 **Ann Cupka**: Cupka, aye.

1:08:29 **Cathy Binder**: And Binder, aye also. So now we need a new motion, correct? An amended motion?

1:08:36 **Matt Britton**: Just a new motion, there's no motion on the table, so it wouldn't be amended. And I would guess that the resolution be adopted as present, except with the potential correction of the Hopyard/Potomac Landing portion of the plat as directed by and with consultation of staff.

1:09:03 **Cathy Binder**: Do I have a motion?

1:09:05 **Richard Granger**: So moved.

1:09:06 **Cathy Binder**: Do I have a second?

1:09:06 **Jeff Bueche**: Second.

1:09:08 **Cathy Binder**: Any discussion? Now we'll go to vote, Mr Granger?

1:09:13 **Richard Granger**: Aye.

1:09:14 **Cathy Binder**: Mr Stonehill?

1:09:14 **Jeff Stonehill**: Aye.

1:09:15 **Cathy Binder**: Mr Bueche?

1:09:15 **Jeff Bueche**: Aye.

1:09:15 **Cathy Binder**: Ms Cupka?
1:09:31 **Ann Cupka:** Cupka, aye.

1:09:32 **Cathy Binder:** Chair votes aye. Motion carries. Thank you, Dr Young.

1:09:39 **Neiman Young:** Thank you, Madam Chair. My apologies for...

[overlapping conversation]

1:09:49 **Matt Britton:** Madam chair we can go ahead. Then we can just meet with the staff and get it corrected and then we'll bring it back...

1:09:57 **Cathy Binder:** Mr. Granger.

1:09:57 **Matt Britton:** And I think we just... If Mr Young is amenable, we can just bring it back on the June 16th meeting to let y'all know what the final resolution looked at after speaking with community development.

1:10:14 **Cathy Binder:** Okay, thank you, Mr Britton. Dr Young, next up is 0605 Department of Finance request for order and execute a Professional Services Agreement for Property Reassessment Services. I'm guessing that would be Ms Cobb...

1:10:28 **Neiman Young:** Yes, Madam Chair.

1:10:30 **Lavita Cobb:** That's correct madam chair.

1:10:31 **Cathy Binder:** Thank you, Ms Cobb. You go ahead.

1:10:33 **Lavita Cobb:** Thank you, ma'am. Good evening Madam Chair and members of the board. I'm here to request award and to execute a Professional Services Agreement for Reassessment Services. So I put out a request for a proposal to engage the services of a qualified firm to provide Property Reassessment Services for the Commission of Revenue. As a result of the RFP, an evaluation committee was formed and was tasked with evaluating the proposals and subsequently interviewing the most responsive and responsible proposer. After careful review of the proposals submitted by Bright Minds, and after interviewing the proposal... Proposer, sorry, the evaluation committee recommended that a contract be awarded to Bright Minds as they will best serve the interest of the Commission of Revenue and King George County as a whole. They have the technical expertise, the staff resources, management structure and experience to serve the county.

So today, I recommend that the Board of Supervisors authorize the county administrator to award and execute a Professional Service Agreement with Bright Minds in the amount of $159,726.15 subject to approval by the county attorney. And then lastly, I also recommend that the Board amend the fiscal year 19-20 budget and appropriate the funds by transferring $159... Sorry, $159,727 from the General Fund balance to the Commission of Revenue's reassessment line. And that is all Madam Chair.
1:12:15 Jeff Bueche: So moved.

1:12:15 Cathy Binder: Thank you, Ms Cobb. Second?

1:12:18 Richard Granger: Second.

1:12:19 Cathy Binder: Any discussion?

1:12:20 Jeff Stonehill: I do.

1:12:24 Cathy Binder: Yeah, Mr Stonehill go right ahead.

1:12:29 Jeff Stonehill: Just one last thing before we go through with this on page 51 of the packet, right there next to a seal, obviously it's a typo, but they spelled the name of their own company wrong. Should be Bright Minds LLC, not Bright Kinds LLC. So before we go on with that, they should probably get that corrected.

1:12:53 Lavita Cobb: Thank you sir for pointing that out.

1:12:57 Cathy Binder: Thank you. Mr Bueche?

1:12:57 Cathy Binder: That's okay. We had a motion, second, and I will go for roll call. Mr Granger?


1:13:16 Cathy Binder: Mr Stonehill?


1:13:19 Cathy Binder: Mr Bueche?


1:13:22 Cathy Binder: Ms. Cupka?


1:13:36 Cathy Binder: Okay. Chair votes aye, motion carries. Thank you, Miss Cobb and Dr. Young.

1:13:42 Lavita Cobb: Thank you.

1:13:45 Cathy Binder: Next up is discussion items O6O6 CDBG, telecommunication planning Grant award, Dr. Young.

1:13:56 Neiman Young: Yes Madam Chair, the Department of Housing and Community Development, or DHCD has awarded King George County a Community Development Block
Grant or CDBG in the amount of $31,550. This grant was awarded in support of the planning and design of the fiber infrastructure in the Northern Neck communities as detailed in the Dominion Power broadband initiative. If the board would allow, I will quickly read through the letter.

It states, 'Dear, Chairman Binder, we've reviewed the kind of request for the CDBG planning grant assistance for the proposed King George County telecommunication planning effort, we're prepared to offer the planning grant funding in the an amount of $31,550. In order to get under contract the County is required to complete the following activities and submit the following documentation no later than May 29th 2020.'

Through the laundry list of requirements that's listed in the letter, it specifically states that the county must provide a list of members that will serve on county's broadband Committee or local team. If we do not have a broadband wireless authority, which we have dissolved. We must establish a local broadband committee that will provide feedback, input throughout the regional planning process. This committee should be led by the county administrator or a designee, and should include a representative from the Northern Neck Planning District Commission and a variety of stakeholders in the community. After having discussions with the county staff and having a discussion with the DHCD, we will like to recommend to the board that the board task the Economic Development Authority with assuming this responsibility for the local broadband committee.

And with your permission, we'd write a letter to the economic development director to engage the Economic Development Authority and they'll begin utilizing a portion of the EDA meeting to meet the requirements for the local broadband requirements in the DHCD grant.

1:16:00 Cathy Binder: Mr. Granger, I saw you had your hand up, did you have a question?

1:16:03 Richard Granger: I did, but I think Dr. Young answered it. I was gonna ask If Nick Minor was gonna be involved as the EDD since it's the EDA, but it sounds like he will be providing guidance to them, so, thank you.

1:16:15 Neiman Young: Yes sir. Nick Minor will serve as my designee with the local committee and I will be serving on the regional authority, working with the other county administrators in the Northern Neck Planning District to ensure that we have a solid plan moving forward since King George County is invested in this memorandum of understanding with our Northern Neck communities, Northern Neck Electric Commission, Dominion Power.

1:16:44 Cathy Binder: Does anybody else have a question? 'Cause I... Miss Cupka, do you have a question?

1:16:58 Ann Cupka: Madam, chair? Yes, I do. Can you hear me now?

1:17:00 Cathy Binder: Yes, I can.

1:17:03 Ann Cupka: So I would only know... I like, I really like that we're using the Economic
Development Authority and Economic Development Department staff for this, because they certainly represent a cross-section from the local community, the business community. However it does say and should include a representative from the local community college and universities, and I would know... So we have RCC or we have Germanna Community College. And I think, if I remember correctly, we might even have one of those presidents that actually lives... Is a resident of King George County now, if I remember correctly.

1:17:49 Ann Cupka: And a representative from the local school system, and I would note that the last time we did a broadband planning grant when I was on staff, we also did have Dan Hopper from King George County schools on that committee, and I certainly don't speak for him or the schools, I don't know if he's available, but since it says "should", I think perhaps we ought to, we entertain and consider doing what we can to make it happen. That's all.

1:18:24 Cathy Binder: Thank you, Ms. Cupka. My question, Dr. Young too is, the other localities, do they have one board member on this Commission also?

1:18:35 Neiman Young: Two things, number one, ma'am, no they don't have the board members on the Commission, it's really amongst the staff, since the board is really going to be the policy and decision makers, especially when it starts having discussion regarding if both contributions are gonna be made or if there's gonna be right of way decisions that have to be made, policy decisions of that nature. But right now it's my understanding that it's mostly county staff that serve those local commissions and bring that information back to the board and the general public.

And then I understand Ms Cupka concerns, and we did have that conversation with the DHCD and explain to them that we do have an Economic Development Authority who was taking the lead on many of our... Not only business initiatives, but attempts to resolve broadband issues in the community, and the reason that we had suggested that we move forward with the EDA was number one to empower that authority and afford them one more initiative that we know that they can be taken through and continue to be a strong partner with the board of supervisors.

Number One. And number two the committee is already established and they already have routine meetings which is already advertised and published, and we just felt that with that stability and consistency we'd have that organization that we can depend on to ensure they will keep the ball moving on the initiative.

In addition, we are fully aware that it would have some type... The board of supervisors, since the EDA is you alls appointees, you have some exercise of authority and control over the EDA and could continue to keep the mission moving forward. Whereas, if we depended on a third party agency like the community college or a medical organization, we're basically at the mercy of their schedules and can't guarantee consistency and predictability in meeting schedules. So, it is just my recommendation, but we'll definitely default to whatever direction that the board would like to take.

1:20:38 Cathy Binder: [1:20:38] ____, 'cause it seems like it would be important to have a member, from someone of our schools representing on this committee because especially if in
the fall we have to go partially virtual, all virtual or a little virtual. It would be important to have somebody at the table and what do you guys feel about that? Mr. Granger.

1:21:02 Richard Granger: I agree with you, Miss Binder. I think we should at least include the schools. I appreciate Dr. Young's concerns and the school is obviously part of our county. So I feel like we should probably be able to come to an agreement on meetings and be able to make those things to happen as far as outside agencies, I go back and forth. But this is definitely something we don't want to drop the ball on. So, we wanna be pushing forward. So, maybe the less number of people, the better in that regards to make sure that it continues to go forward.

1:21:36 Cathy Binder: Thank you, Mr. Granger. Mr. Stonehill.

1:21:45 Jeff Stonehill: I think we should have somebody from school. I mean, their IT department as well, like you said, if we're still in... If we're still doing this all virtually come fall, they should definitely have some input, but I agree with Mr. Granger. Too many... Too many cooks in the kitchen and things... The work doesn't get done. So yeah, the school would be good, the rest, I don't think are necessary.

1:22:07 Cathy Binder: Mr. Stonehill, I agree there. I was on a committee once. The... Forgive me, I forget the name of it at this point, but there was too many people on it and nothing got done, but having just one representative of the schools like Mr. Hopper would be really good. Mr. Bueche.

1:22:28 Jeff Bueche: I'm gonna side with my colleagues on this one. I think, what we've been going through for the last couple of months has exposed a lot of vulnerabilities. We have tele-workers. The base population is heavily relying on that. Those that don't work on the base, that work outside of King George, that commute out to work and come back, their tele-working capabilities are a serious challenge and then there's the schools. Not just current K through 12 in the county, but those that are continuing education. Those college students that have left campus and come home and are continuing their degree work from their parents home. All that... All those things have... Those vulnerabilities have been exposed and I think maybe... I understand what they're talking about, we don't want too many people on this committee, but maybe we need to look at is there someone that has some experience with how the Fed tele-working, what those short falls are, that maybe they can contribute as long as a person from the schools...

I'm not talking about bringing in a whole bunch of people, but maybe one or two. Someone from the school's community and maybe someone from the federal community, maybe that might help, but I'm just glad that we're able to keep this ball moving forward. A lot of good discussion goes nowhere unless it's acted upon. So, I'm looking forward to see how this progresses. Thank you, Madam Chair.

1:24:08 Cathy Binder: Thank you. Mr. Granger. I see you're in thought, and I wanna ask you, 'cause you are one of those federal workers to this tele-working. What do you think about a representative from the bases IT department?

1:24:19 Richard Granger: We could reach out to them and ask them. I don't know how... I
think Dr. Young's concerns would be seen in this regard. They have their own set of priorities in accommodating, maybe our meetings might become a little more problematic. I can tell you, at least from my experience, it's just internet connectivity availability is the biggest thing for those people who are off the base in order to continue to work from at home state. I don't know. I don't think it's probably the best way to move forward. I think we should avoid bringing that group into this discussion.

1:25:00 Cathy Binder: Right, thank you Mr. Granger. Ms Cupka.

1:25:05 Ann Cupka: Madam Chair, can you hear me?

1:25:07 Cathy Binder: Yes I can.

1:25:08 Ann Cupka: Yes, ma'am. I am good with my colleagues recommendation. Dr. Young, if you can just get us someone from King George County Schools on this committee, I am willing to move forward. Thank you all very much.

1:25:24 Cathy Binder: Thank you, Ms. Cupka. I agree, Dr. Young. So just add one member from the school system. Mr. Hopper would be a good recommendation. And thank you, Dr. Young, for bringing this to our attention and making it. Mr. Granger, do you have a comment?

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Yes, I know I was getting to that. But Mr. Granger, would you like to make the motion?

1:25:50 Richard Granger: Should we make a motion now, or do we wanna wait till the next meeting once staff identifies the school representative?

1:25:56 Cathy Binder: Yes, you are...

1:26:00 Neiman Young: I just recommend a consensus, which I believe that we have, with my understanding that the board had... The board so desires to move forward with the EDA and an additional school representative serve at local committee, and if it is, the board's desire and consensus, we'll move forward identifying that school board member and we'll bring it back to the board for a vote to appoint these members to the local broadband committee.

1:26:23 Cathy Binder: Okay. Alright. And that's all we need, Mr. Britton, correct? Just a consensus at this moment?

1:26:30 Matt Britton: Yes, because you're not appointing the committee unless... As I understand it, you're not appointing the Committee, so that is correct, I agree with Mr. Young.

1:26:41 Cathy Binder: Alright, thank you. You can have your consensus Dr. Young.

1:26:46 Neiman Young: Thank you madam chair.
Next up is discussion on... All of us have received in the last week, week and a half, correspondence about the Harry Nice Bridge and the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail, asking us questions about its use of making pedestrian running trail or biking trail or fishing pier. Dr. Young do you have anything to add? My supervisors have all read the letter, I can read the letter, but I was opening it up for discussion. Did we wanna entertain... What do you wanna talk about? Mr. Granger I'll start off with you.

Neiman Young: Madam chair, I believe that there was two issues at hand, or at least one issue at hand, that's ready for a public discussion and that was, if the board wanted to entertain the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail's request to write a letter to both Governor Northam and Governor Hogan, requesting that a dedicated bicycle lane or pedestrian path be added to the Harry Nice Bridge. I think that that's the issue that we're trying to get from the board on. And if you so desire, I'm prepared to read the letter detailing the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail's request.

Cathy Binder: Go ahead, Dr. Young. I'll let you read a long one this time.

Neiman Young: Okay, Dear Kind George County supervisors, may I first thank you for your vision and partnership and support of the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail, as you know, we had hoped that Maryland Governor Larry Hogan would have followed through on our original promise to ensure, the Nice Milton Bridge connecting King George County with Charles County Maryland, would have included a separate bicycle pedestrian lane. Unfortunately, that has not happened, and it is especially regretful as the new bridge is planned to last 100 years. The Maryland Transit Authority has offered $17 million to another Maryland entity, which is Charles County to take over the current bridge rather than having it demolished. Charles County was not in the financial position to do so and no other Maryland jurisdiction stepped in. However, as you can see in the attached letters sent to Governor Hogan and Governor Northam, there could be another solution to have the major Bicycle-Pedestrian facility, connecting King George, for generations to come.

That would be a joint Virginia and Maryland partnership using the $17 million offered to maintain the existing Nice-Middleton bridge for future generations. This would be a win-win for both states, as well as preserving what would be the longest bicycle-pedestrian bridge in the nation. Without the impact of trucks and heavy traffic, the lifecycle of the bridge and maintenance required would be substantially reduced. Tolls could be charged for Bicycle-Pedestrian use as the bridge is the major connector for Potomac Heritage National Scenic trail. It would also have a major tourism and economic development benefits to both states, and in particular to King George and Charles County. As noted in my attached letter, although history makes this the Maryland bridge, one half of the users come from Virginia. Two states are partnering on the new American Legion Bridge on the upper Potomac river. Our citizens deserve that same vision, with the Potomac River's Nice-Middleton bridge project. In the previous legislative sitting, I had the privilege of sponsoring the Woodrow Wilson Bridge contract for Virginia.

That bridge is a model for meeting motorist and non-motorist traffic movement. Likewise, Virginia's in partnership with Kentucky jointly managing the Breaks Interstate Park. Maryland
may have similar partnerships. The Nice-Middleton compact, would also include partnering with localities in both states. My request to you, is to seek your support in writing to both Governor Northam and Governor Hogan and request that their administration's examine this potential solution. There’s no cost to the county for asking and the result might be of tremendous benefit to the citizens of King George. And a Maryland Virginia, Nice-Middleton, Bicycle-Pedestrian compact would be a model for our nation, and would serve to provide economic boost and tourism benefits for our citizens. The COVID-19 pandemic has shown the citizens overarching demand for outdoor experiences. Please let me know if I can provide any additional information to you. Sincerely, David G. Brickley, President, Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail Association.

Though this request does not for the dedicated bike path, rather it is a request that we write a letter to Governor Hogan and Governor Northam requesting that we exercise that $17 million of funding would build a partnership between King George County... I'm sorry between Virginia and the State of Maryland to maintain the old bridge as a dedicated Pedestrian/Bicycle path. And the question is, if the board would like to authorize that a letter be written to those two offices.

1:31:26 Cathy Binder: Thank you, Dr. Young for reading that, I'll open this up for discussion. I'll have some questions at the end. Mr. Granger, do you have any questions or discussion?

1:31:35 Richard Granger: I guess my biggest question would be about maintenance of that bridge, 'cause it is old, and so if the desire is to keep it, wholly intact, I'm assuming that would be a significant effort. Obviously, you're not gonna have the same traffic going over it, but I would like to better understand what kind of physical impact it would have before I'd ask those governors to support that, 'cause it could be a very significant impact.

1:32:07 Cathy Binder: Thank you, Mr. Granger. Mr. Stonehill.

1:32:17 Jeff Stonehill: I like the idea. I just don't know how feasible it is. If it's just... If they're just looking for a letter saying, "Hey guys, these two governors... What if?" type thing, I would be amenable to it, like Mr. Granger said it's, there's a lot of stuff that goes in behind that and maintenance and who's in charge of it, all that kind of stuff, but if they're just looking for a letter to say "Hey, what if?" I'd be amenable to it. I think it's a kind of a cool idea, but... So that's it.

1:33:00 Cathy Binder: Thank you, Mr. Stonehill. Mr. Bueche.

1:33:06 Jeff Bueche: Guess I'll be the bad guy. Couple of realities, yes, it would attract some tourism, but not enough to cover this. The $17 million that Maryland would be putting up, would be... It looks like a one-time payment and that wouldn't even come close to the maintenance that that bridge will require and we cannot assess tolls on that bridge. So, questions would be, who would fund the maintenance, which is only gonna grow with time as deterioration becomes more prevalent with time. We simply can't afford it and the state, the Commonwealth of Virginia already has issues funding its currently existing transportation needs. So in theory, while this sounds like a good idea and nice. We simply can't afford it and it would be one more burden on our already heavily extended transportation issues.

From what I'm seeing, that has been coming out of the general assembly for the last couple of
years. It doesn't matter which party has control of the general assembly, but transportation funding seems to be going towards Northern Virginia and to supplement those DC transportation needs, I just don't see us getting affordability out of it or wrong word. I don't see us getting appropriate funding to be able to support something like this and like happens oftentimes with the state, if the state simply cannot pay for it, it's passed down to the locality. So I have serious concerns. I wouldn't even wanna open this can up, so I am absolutely against writing any correspondence to either governor in support of this initiative, it's just... It's something that's gonna become a liability that we simply cannot afford, so sorry.

1:34:58 Cathy Binder: Thank you Mr. Bueche. Miss Cupka.

[pause]

1:35:12 Ann Cupka: Can you hear me, madam Chair?

1:35:15 Cathy Binder: Yes, I can.

1:35:17 Ann Cupka: And I apologize, I've done this all evening, but I pretty much have to type in the code two times before you can hear me and acknowledge me. So, I do agree. I agree in part with Mr. Stonehill, I think it'd be a cool idea. It'd be something really beneficial that we could offer bikers and hikers, pedestrians, I just... I don't... Show me the money. So I gotta go with... Mr. Granger has maintenance concerns and Mr. Bueche was pretty clear in his maintenance and funding concerns and I'm gonna put this right out there. I'm looking at so many other things in our county that are desperate for funding, things that have gone unfunded for years and years and years. Ralph Bunche High School has been trying to remodel their school for 20 plus years and now we have put it in the hands of a private developer to try to accomplish something.

So, we have that out there. We have a new courthouse that we're gonna put out a bond for. We have Caledon State Park is looking, from my understanding, from the [1:36:40] _____ for an acquisition, a private acquisition of the late Caledon property and I just... There are just so many things that we could do that I just don't see how we could do this and choose anything different. So, I'm gonna have to go with Mr. Bueche on this and it's a no for me, I'm sorry.

1:37:10 Cathy Binder: Thank you Ms. Cupka, I do share all the concerns. It's a great idea. I love to bike, I love to run, I love to walk, but there's just a lot of monetary pitfalls I see in it. And especially, is the $17 million still available? We have a unique situation where that Maryland owns most of the river, so the bridge would be in Maryland, but we would have to pay for it. And then security concerns. I know the residents of Rosalind Drive already have concerns about Wayside Park, and then you're gonna have a bridge, it has all that attraction to all the people coming from everywhere, if it's gonna be the longest in the country. And so that's gonna cause worry for them. We have two new properties we acquired that we wanna develop and you need money for that, it's just... I think it's a great idea, but it's just, no funding, so I would vote no also for sending that letter Dr. Young. So, do we need to craft a response, you wanna email them back? Dr. Young.
Neiman Young: Yes, madam Chair I could to write a letter of response to them conveying the boards wishes.

Cathy Binder: Thank you, Dr. Young and I congratulate them for their efforts and I wish them good luck in their efforts. Next up is our county administrators report. Dr. Young.

Neiman Young: Thank you madam Chair. I was asked by the board to establish the logistics necessary to resume hosting public hearings, in response I’ve coordinated with Dr. Vincent to utilize the King George high school auditorium, beginning June 16th, 2020, both the King George's county service authority and board of supervisors would publish the auditorium as the location for their respective business meetings until we have exhausted our need for a large facility. The first public hearing to be considered by the board of supervisors is the King George villages or Hartenstein rezoning. This public hearing will be hosted on June 16, 2020 at 6:30 PM, at the King George high school auditorium.

I would like to remind the board that this hearing will be open to the general public, I would also like to ask that the board provide staff guidance or your intent to maintain or suspend the remote access policy for June 16 meeting.

Cathy Binder: Alright. I'll go with each member and please give your thoughts. Mr Granger?

Richard Granger: Oh, yes ma'am, thank you. I appreciate Dr. Young. Thank you for pulling this plan together. I think it makes sense. I think we need to start moving forward with these public hearings. I know that Hartenstein's been waiting for some time on the vote. I think we owe it to all these public citizens that have been sitting and try to move forward with what we can. I appreciate you looking into finding a venue that would be able to support this. I think the schools make a lot of sense, it's a big auditorium, hopefully it would be enough space. I know we had a big turn-out last time. Hopefully it'd be enough space to accommodate all who would like to come, cause I certainly want everyone to have the opportunity to come and speak. I know that will probably be one of the more heavily attended ones. As far as the remote attendance, I think we should start trying to move towards attending, and I think it would be nice if we anticipated the whole board to meet together at the high school... Continuing to follow the governor's requirements for social distancing and actually hold the meeting in person.

Cathy Binder: Thank you, Mr. Granger. Mr. Stonehill?

Jeff Stonehill: I think it's a good idea. I think we need to get moving on these upcoming things that we need to look at, and there's a number of them. I think the school's a good spot for these big meetings, so we don't have the problems that we had in the past. I'm looking forward to get back together again, 'cause I miss you guys, seeing you in person.

Cathy Binder: Mr. Bueche?

Jeff Bueche: Yes, ma'am, I first wanna thank Dr. Young and his team for putting together this plan to hold meetings at the auditorium. And I believe it's time to suspend the
policy for remote participation for that meeting, and it lines up perfectly. Because I believe our local declaration of emergency expires on the 15th, which should be the day prior to that meeting. So I'm looking to get back to some sense of normalcy. With that, I believe we should all be physically participating in something of that magnitude. So, thank you, Madam Chair.

1:41:52 Cathy Binder: Thank you, Mr Bueche. Miss Cupka?

1:42:01 Ann Cupka: Madam Chair, can you hear me now?

1:42:04 Cathy Binder: Yes, I can.

1:42:07 Ann Cupka: Thank you. I agree with my colleagues. I wanna thank Dr. Young for bringing the plan forward. And I further agree that the remote attendance policy will expire, it looks like the day before. And if we're not out of town today, you know I would be there in the room in person with you, Mr. Bueche and Dr. Young. So yes. Let's move on. Let's roll.

1:42:41 Cathy Binder: Thank you, Miss Cupka. I agree with you. I'm kind of done with the virtual meetings and I'd like to see people that I haven't seen in three months again. [chuckle] It was kind of weird walking in the county building a week ago to sign some papers, 'cause it was like going to a whole new world. But I also feel it's very important, as the Shiloh representative, since this is a major issue in the Shiloh district, to be there so the public could speak to us in person, doing their proper physical distancing. And I'm sure Dr. Young, there'll be somebody there checking temperatures and all the checks as needed. Correct, Dr. Young?

1:43:19 Neiman Young: Roger, Madam Chair.

1:43:21 Cathy Binder: Alright, so I guess you have a consensus. Is that all you needed, Dr. Young, for that?

1:43:26 Neiman Young: Roger, Madam Chair.

1:43:29 Cathy Binder: Thank you, Dr. Young. What else do you got?

1:43:31 Neiman Young: Yes, ma'am, I would like to invite the Emergency Operation Center, provide the board an update on the Covid-19 pandemic and its current impact on our community... I'll turn it over to Chief Moody.

1:43:42 Cathy Binder: Thank you.

1:43:45 David Moody: Thank you, Dr. Young. Madam Chair, members of the board, good evening. Just real quick... Briefly, we wanna give you an update on where things stand currently. I have with me here, along with myself, Battalion Chief Steve Linn. Next slide, please.

Currently, as you can see in the top right hand corner, we're at 70 cases. Those are cumulative case counts since we have first started. Active today is 24 residents within our county that are positive with Covid-19. We've had a total of 14 hospitalizations of our citizens, and we're still standing at four deaths due to Covid-19.
The age distribution that it affects the most are people at ages of 30 to 39, right at 22%. Virginia's a little over 46,000 cases, as of to date. Maryland's over 54,000 cases, as of to date. Fredericksburg region's over, is it 1637. Charles County, we're still tracking what's going on across the bridge. Charles County's over 1100 cases. St. Mary's over 518 cases and PG's over 15500 cases. Next slide, please. As you can see, we're still updating daily the Covid-19 emergency dashboard, our emergency management division, is working hard daily to make sure this is updated and also sent out to all the staff members. With that said, I'm gonna go ahead and pass the rest with what's going on with trending and stuff to Chief Lynd.

1:45:49 Steve Lynd: Hi. Good evening everyone. Next slide, please. This is our dashboard. This is GIS product that's available on the county's website for citizens to look at. Next slide, please. This is some data that we pulled off of the health department's website. Just to kinda show you where we are at. Right here, this is the total cases reported by date to the Health District. And the key is a golden line that's a seven-day average, moving average, and we're right below a... We're at around 840 cases today reported to the health... To the state, so you can see there's a little bit of a good downward trend there.

Next slide please. This graphic is showing two data points about hospitals. The one on your left is the number of patients hospitalized with a positive test. And you could see with the golden line, it's holding pretty steady right around between 1300 and 1500 patients. The next slide... The next graphic to the right is showing the hospital bed capacity and what is occupied, so that's one of the big keys that the state worked on is to build their capacity in hospitals. So that if a surge of patients need to be hospitalized, they have the capacity there, and it's holding pretty low, and there's a lot of open beds or capacity at these hosp... At hospitals in case of a surge, those are good trends to see. The ability for the hospital to have the surge capability.

Next slide please. This slide is showing the number of tests run daily in the commonwealth. And you could see that it's getting up towards its goal of 10,000 per day. And in the positivity rate, the number of tests coming back is heading downward towards the 10% mark. It's right now about 11%. And that is a good number to get to, is 10%, as the commonwealth moves forward into phase two.

The next slide please. This is data for the Health District. And the graphic on the left is showing the number of positive test results per date. And you can see the blue line as it trends upwards. Right now, we're averaging roughly approximately about 50 cases or so per day with some peaks and valleys. But then the next slide is showing that hospital admissions here in the Health District. And is showing that there was a slight decrease and it's holding steady right now. So again, those are good data points that the hospitalization rate is holding steady and not the worst case scenario.

Next slide please. This is data for King George County. This is showing the cumulative number of cases as reported to the Health District in King George County. Our first case was on March 27th, and now as Chief Moody mentioned that we have 70 cumulative reported cases here in King George County. The next graphic showing the... It breaks it down for the number of confirmed cases reported per day. And for the most part, we've been one or two. Our spike was
four cases on May 26th. So... And there was many days, as you could see there where, we had no reported cases for citizens in King George County.

Next slide, please. An update on some of the actions the EOC has taken since we last reported to the board. The big thing was the county reopening plan that we participated in and then on Wednesday, May 27th, we conducted a safety down, a stand-down briefing for all the county employees, the Chief Simmons in here, who is our infection patrol officer. She provided a really detailed explanation or a briefing on COVID19 signs and symptoms to look for and how to... Good health practices, how to protect yourself. And also our PPE supply, we are maintaining at constant steady state of PPE here in our department, and we're able to help some of the other county departments who needed gloves or other hand sanitizers, those kinds of things for their offices.

Next slide please. Just real briefly how citizens obtain information, our KG alert, the county website page and also our Facebook page. Next slide please. Some actions the citizens can take. Be alert for online COVID scams. There are so many things that are popping up now online for citizens to purchase and some of those are scams. Face masks, I've seen a home COVID19 test kits, certain cleaning products and stuff. So just when citizens go to buy stuff online, just make sure they get it from a reputable dealer. Absolutely social distancing, washing hands, covering coughs, and always look for all official information from local and state resources. Next slide, please. At this time, we're open up for any questions for myself or Chief Moody.

1:51:24 Cathy Binder: Thank you. Do any of our board members have any questions for the EOC? I guess not, thank you so much for your report and all the hard work you do over there in the EOC.

1:51:43 Steve Lynd: Thank you.

1:51:46 David Moody: Thank you.

1:51:46 Cathy Binder: Dr. Young.

1:51:46 Neiman Young: Yes madam chair I just have one more item for my county administrators report. As the board is aware, the Wetlands Board has two vacancies of a five-man board, so they just have just enough members to establish a quorum.

We have been searching for more individuals that we could recommend to the board to be appointed to the Wetlands Board. And we had made contact with Howard Nelson. He had originally expressed an interest in serving on the Wetlands Board for the Dahlgren district. And then he had contacted the Community Development Department and said that he wasn't interested in serving. However, as recent as of two or three days ago, Mr. Nelson reached out to the community development department again, and has requested that he be appointed to the Wetlands Board to serve in the Dahlgren district. So with the understanding and the need for additional appointees to the Wetlands Board, I'd recommend that the board appoint Howard Nelson for the Dahlgren districts, King George County, Wetlands Board with a term expiring on September 30th, 2023.
1:53:01 Cathy Binder: Do I have a motion?

1:53:07 Richard Granger: I'm amenable to it, but it's a Dahlgren district, so I'd prefer if Mr. Stonehill had the opportunity to weigh in and make the motion.

1:53:18 Jeff Stonehill: I emailed Mr. Nelson. I actually recommended him or nominated him for, I think our very first meeting or something, and then the flu bug episodes came in and he... I think he kinda got lost in the cracks. But I did email him back and we spoke about... I guess he had a neighbor who was interested in it as well. I asked for his information, but I did not get it, but I kinda left it up to him if he wanted to do so. But if he's interested, yes. I would like to nominate Mr. Nelson to serve on the Wetlands Board for the Dahlgren district.


1:54:00 Cathy Binder: Any discussion? I will now call for the vote. Mr. Granger?


1:54:07 Cathy Binder: Mr. Stonehill?

1:54:10 Jeff Stonehill: Aye.

1:54:11 Cathy Binder: Mr Bueche?

1:54:15 Jeff Bueche: Aye.

1:54:17 Cathy Binder: Ms. Cupka?


1:54:26 Cathy Binder: Thank you. Chair votes aye, motion carries, thank you, Dr. Young for bringing that to our attention. Dr. Young?

1:54:38 Neiman Young: Yes Madam Chair and that concludes my report.

1:54:41 Cathy Binder: Thank you so much. Dr. Young to you and your staff. Do we have a motion for adjournment?

1:54:49 Richard Granger: I move to adjourn until Tuesday, June 16th at 6:30 at the King George High School.

1:54:56 Cathy Binder: Do we have a second?

1:55:00 Jeff Stonehill: Second.
1:55:01 Cathy Binder: Any discussion? Alright, we'll go for the vote. Mr. Granger?


1:55:08 Cathy Binder: Mr. Stonehill?

1:55:10 Jeff Stonehill: Aye.

1:55:13 Cathy Binder: Mr. Bueche?


1:55:17 Cathy Binder: Ms. Cupka?


1:55:21 Cathy Binder: Chair votes aye. Motion carries. This meeting is hereby adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting on June 16th, 2020 at 6:30 PM at King George High school's Auditorium. That meeting may be held by electronic means or remote participation only, and may be closed to the public being physically present. All citizens are encouraged to participate in advance or during the meeting by electronic means as provided by the county. Stay safe King George, the meeting is adjourned. Good night.