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At a regular meeting of the King George County Board of Supervisors, held on Tuesday, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Revercomb Building Board Room at 10459 Courthouse Drive, King George, Virginia:

**PRESENT:**

Annie Cupka, Chairman  
Jeff Stonehill, Vice-Chairman  
Cathy Binder, Member  
Jeff Bueche, Member  
Richard Granger, Member  
Larry Hughes, Interim County Administrator  
Matt Britton, County Attorney

**0:00:00.0 Madam Chair:** I hereby call to order the meeting of the King George County Board of Supervisors. Before I ask for amendments to the agenda, I thought I might take a moment to introduce everyone to our interim County Administrator, Mr. Larry Hughes. We're glad Mr. Hughes is able to be here with us in person, finally, tonight. Welcome aboard, sir. Thank you very much.

[applause]

**0:00:30.9 Madam Chair:** Very good, thank you, sir. And with that, sir, are there any amendments to the agenda? Very good. Do I have a motion?

**0:00:43.5 Cathy Binder:** Well, I'll make a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Did I do that... It was one of those moments.

**0:00:52.6 Richard Granger:** Do we need to make a motion to accept the agenda as presented? If there's no amendments, I don't think...

**0:01:00.2 C. Binder:** No, it's alright. It was one of those moments.

**0:01:00.5 Madam Chair:** Okay, sorry.

**0:01:02.4 C. Binder:** Adding some humor to the meeting.

**0:01:05.2 Madam Chair:** My bad, I asked for it. 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. Is there anyone here in the audience who wishes to come forward and speak? Mr. Dines, do we have anyone online who wishes to offer public comment? Very good. Then we will close public comment and move on to reports of members of the board. Ms. Binder?

**0:01:42.4 C. Binder:** One thing I would like, I don't think the camera can swing, but if you could see in the board room, there's a nice painted box right there that was done by an Eagle Scout named Sebastian Tomlinson from troop 255, he did four of those boxes and what those boxes are is a way for citizens to come and bring the retired American flags for proper disposal, and we will contact the Boy Scouts to come and take the flags and dispose of them properly, so if anybody in the community would like to come and dispose of their American flags in this really nice box that these Boy Scouts did for their Eagle Scout project, please just come, it's in the board room and when it fills up, I will contact Sebastian, so he can come and dispose of them properly. And I really appreciate what the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts do in this community. And thank you again to Sebastian for doing that. My only other thing I would like to mention in my board report, and this has been bothering me for a little while, but I've talked to a lot of people in the last couple of weeks about the Service Authority and about other County matters that are really important, but one of the things that really struck me is about the schools, and so I'm gonna make a little plea tonight to our school board members and those to please open the schools. I've heard from teachers and parents and students, and a lot of those teachers are great and they just wanna teach in schools, teach in the schools and teach in person, because a lot of those kids, some of the kids, they're... Have been struggling because they miss being in school, school is very important to them, and I think we can do it, the school... A lot of those teachers have plans to bring the students back in the classroom and what I'm concerned about is with our future population, those that are one day gonna sit up here with us or are going to find the cure for cancer or many other things that are valuable in life, that we might be losing them, and I say that because once a while, I do listen in on the meetings that my daughter has... She's in fifth grade, and I've heard some kids have dropped out already and disappeared off a Zoom class, they just don't have anything to look forward to. Seniors, they look forward to prom. Fifth graders look forward to a Valentine's Day party. I can't believe the last event I had at my child's school was last year's Valentine's Day party, and so why bring this up is, kids look forward to something, they wanna get good grades so they can go to the prom or they can go to this event, but right now, all they happen to look forward is a screen and you've seen articles about depression and suicide, and the kids might... Not ever coming back, those older kids that... They've just checked out. And I think it's really important and we can do it all together and get the kids back into school and have a way for those that might wanna wait a little bit to come back to school. We have a way to do that and if we just work together, we can have it done, but constantly... And I don't wanna use the term "pushing the can down the road", but delaying. We have to get back to something and help these kids, because if we lose them now, they might not come back to school, and that's a shame because there are future scientists out there and the cure for cancer, and all of that, and I don't wanna lose that amazingsness. When I coach kids, sometimes the teacher or school was all they had, and it's really important, and I don't wanna lose that. So that is my plea tonight, and I'm willing to sit down with anybody and discuss it and talk about it and work together. And that is the end of my report. Thank you.

**0:05:14.9 Madam Chair:** Thank you, Ms. Binder. Mr. Stonehill?

**0:05:21.7 Jeffrey Stonehill:** Greetings, and Mr. Hughes, welcome aboard. I really appreciate you having me here. Tuesday, the 9th, I attended a virtual meeting, of course, with our Cigarette Tax

Committee to further go over how we're going to be implementing this tax and other things. We also have a meeting tomorrow, I guess we're gonna be hearing something about it later on this evening as well. And Mr. Beale, I see you out there, I guess you're gonna talk later on, I just wanted to say, tell all of VDOT and all the plow guys, thank you very much. You guys did a great job in our snow event the other day, I was happily surprised to see all these small pick-up trucks hitting the back roads immediately. I mean, 6 o'clock in the morning, they were rolling down the road, so I just wanted to say thank you, I think that you guys did a great job. Maybe they're gonna have a little bit of more practice this week, I don't know, and that's all I have.

**0:06:34.2 Madam Chair:** Thank you, sir. Mr. Granger?

**0:06:36.5 R. Granger:** Yes, ma'am. Mr. Hughes, welcome, appreciate having you here, look forward to working with you for the next couple of months, and however long it is for us to find our permanent County Administrator, but I really appreciate you being here to help us through. Sounds good. Other than that, the only thing I have is on last Monday, February 8th. I had an FRA meeting and probably the biggest thing that came out of it, obviously everyone probably understands, it's been really difficult, economic development with the past year we've had. It hasn't been real conducive for those kinds of activities. They did share though that they've had an increase in the last 60 days and it's kinda getting back to where it was, pre-COVID. So that's encouraging to hear and hopefully, we'll move past that even and become more than that, so that's all I have. Thank you.

**0:07:27.4 Madam Chair:** Thank you, sir. Mr. Bueche?

**0:07:29.4 Jeffrey Bueche:** Thank you, Madam Chair. First off, happy Mardi Gras Day to King George. Mr. Hughes, welcome aboard, sir. You're arriving with some interesting times ahead in King George. So budget season is upon us. So with that, I would like to encourage all citizens to participate in our budget work sessions. It's gonna be an interesting year. With COVID hopefully, we're coming out of it, but revenues... It's gonna be an interesting year. And to piggyback on what Ms. Binder was talking about earlier, I'd like to thank my colleague on the school board, who I speak with regularly. Mr. TC Collins, who has been pushing to open the schools. And I wrote down a little something here. So parents want their kids back in school and the CDC says it can be done safely. Remote learning simply isn't working. So to our school board, we need to open the schools. Families are calling for it and what... I know valiant attempts have been made at providing education at the virtual level. For some kids, it's working. For some, they're actually excelling. But for many, it's not working. There are more kids dropping out, failing two or more classes than any time before, the metrics are there, they were shared with me, they were shared with the school board, they are readily available if someone wants to get them, I would contact your school board member, but what is in place is not working for our students. And that's something to consider when going into budget season. You look at 49% of the local budget, goes to the school system. And tax payers are looking at this as, "What is my return on investment?". And a better job needs to be done all across the board. That's all I have Madam Chair, thank you very much.

**0:09:37.6 Madam Chair:** Thank you, Mr. Bueche and welcome again, Mr. Hughes, we're glad you're here. I won't read a full report. I do want to move to appoint Sierra Huber to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee please.

**0:09:55.0 J. Bueche:** Second.

**0:09:56.5 Madam Chair:** Any further discussion?

**0:09:58.3 R. Granger:** I'll just ask. Not that I would try to necessarily nix it, but with the fact that we still have to have separation and everything, and an additional five members to our budget discussions, is that feasible in our work environments?

**0:10:14.6 Madam Chair:** Do you mean as far as social distancing?

**0:10:17.1 R. Granger:** Yeah.

**0:10:19.1 Madam Chair:** I think we have the capability. We certainly might not be able to sit up here, but if we spread out in the rectangle like we had been or if we needed to do so, we could meet at Company one.

**0:10:34.0 J. Bueche:** We did it last year. We had...

**0:10:36.5 Madam Chair:** Yeah.

**0:10:37.5 J. Bueche:** The same provisions under COVID were in place last year, and we were able to maintain our meetings with the Budget Advisory Committee present.

**0:10:47.5 Madam Chair:** And I think at least one other member has already previously appointed a citizen. Have you, Mr. Stonehill? Did you appoint a citizen to the Budget Advisory? I thought so.

**0:10:57.0 R. Granger:** Apologies I...

**0:10:58.0 Madam Chair:** So if it's... If the board... If the members are inclined, if we do want to and maybe I put the cart before the horse and... I should have just asked if it was amenable to everyone to do so, as we have in the past, 'cause we did that in the first meeting. Everyone's alright with that?

**0:11:15.0 R. Granger:** That's fine. Just bringing it up...

**0:11:16.9 Madam Chair:** We'll work it out and we'll figure out where we need to meet to make sure that, that can happen minding the social distancing guidelines. So I did move and seconded any further discussion? All those in favor say "aye"?

**0:11:31 C. Binder:** Aye.

**0:11:31 J. Bueche:** Aye.

**0:11:32 R. Granger:** Aye.

**0:11:32.5 J. Stonehill:** Aye.

**0:11:33.0 Madam Chair:** Any opposed? Chair votes aye. Motion carries. And that's all I have. Now we'll move on to consent agenda.

**0:11:41.3 R. Granger:** Move to approve the consent agenda as presented.

**0:11:43.4 J. Bueche:** Second.

**0:11:45.0 Madam Chair:** Any further discussion? All those in favor say "aye"?

**0:11:47 C. Binder:** Aye.

**0:11:47 J. Bueche:** Aye.

**0:11:47 R. Granger:** Aye.

**0:11:48 J. Stonehill:** Aye.

**0:11:49.3 AC:** Any opposed? Chair votes aye. Motion carries. County officials reports. I do not see any constitutional officers in attendance this evening. Report of the County Attorney. Mr. Britton, do you have anything for us, sir?

**0:12:04.9 Matt Britton:** Yes. Thank you, Madam Chair. I ask that you consider and make motion to authorize, endorsing the Eden View subdivision agreement, as well as the Deed of Consolidation, Substitution and Dedication. This is a by-right. It's been approved by the Planning Commission. It just came to my attention, that's why I brought it to your... At our agenda meeting, but it didn't make the agenda. But it's a by-right. It's been approved by the Planning Commission. Heather is here if you have any additional questions, but her office has reviewed it, I've reviewed it, it's called for, we've looked at the declarations, the articles and the bylaws, and we have to do it. So I just figured we'd knock it out and so I would ask that you consider. I have them here, they've already been endorsed by Eden View that you... If you would call for a motion to authorize the interim County Administrator to execute the subdivision agreement for Eden View and the Deed of Consolidation, Subdivision, Dedication and Easement on the forms presented.

**0:13:18.8 R. Granger:** So moved.

**0:13:20.6 C. Binder:** Second.

**0:13:23.5 Madam Chair:** So any further discussion? Let me just ask members, if any members have any questions of Mr. Britton or because we have the benefit of having Ms. Hall here as well before we... We do have a motion properly seconded, but let me go down the line. Ms. Binder?

**0:13:42.4 C. Binder:** I have some background information 'cause I've asked about this before. But the one thing I would like to point out so the public understands is that with the light... And this is a by-right development, and under the laws, this is by-right.

**0:13:56.7 Madam Chair:** Thank you, Ms. Binder. Mr. Stonehill, do you have anything, sir? Mr. Granger? Mr. Bueche?

**0:14:02.8 J. Bueche:** Thank you, Madam Chair. So, Mr. Britton, this is purely an administrative action?

**0:14:07.2 M. Britton:** It is. We have to... It's ministerial. We have to do it. It's by-right.

**0:14:11.1 J. Bueche:** Thank you very much.

**0:14:14.4 Madam Chair:** Alright, no further discussion then. All those in favor... Sorry? We need a separate motion for each one, right?

**0:14:23.9 M. Britton:** You can...

**0:14:24.5 Madam Chair:** Or can we do...

**0:14:25.2 M. Britton:** You can do it in the same motion.

**0:14:26.7 Madam Chair:** The same?

**0:14:27.4 M. Britton:** Yeah, it's an agreement and the easement.

**0:14:29.5 Madam Chair:** Okay, all those in favor say "aye."

**0:14:31 C. Binder:** Aye.

**0:11:31 J. Bueche:** Aye.

**0:11:32 R. Granger:** Aye.

**0:11:32.5 J. Stonehill:** Aye.

**0:14:33.2 Madam Chair:** Any opposed? Chair votes aye. Motion carries.

**0:14:35.6 M. Britton:** Thank you.

**0:14:40.2 Madam Chair:** Thank you, sir. Public hearing. The King George County Board of Supervisors will now hold a public hearing that has been properly advertised to receive public input regarding Case Number 20-10-Z05: Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment to update Article Seven: Site plan regulations of the King George County Zoning Ordinance by-right development. I will first ask for the staff report. I will then open the floor for public comment. Public comment is limited to three minutes per speaker in order to afford everyone an opportunity to speak. Please state your name and address before you comment. Upon completion of public comment, I will bring the matter back to the board for consideration. The board may or may not take action tonight depending on information received during public comment. Go ahead, Ms. Hall.

**0:15:40.6 Heather Hall:** Thank you. A zoning ordinance text amendment, this is regards to by-right commercial development. King George County is one of the very few in the Commonwealth that require a by-right development to receive an approval from the Planning Commission and/or Board of Supervisors. In an effort to be more business friendly and consistent with neighboring jurisdictions, King George County has considered the following: The requirement is a hindrance upon developers. This adds 1-2 months of the approval process by waiting for a placement on the agenda; provides false hope to citizens of the County that they can prevent a by-right development.

Developer notification, certified letters, and signage are costly to the project, and staff is required to provide a full staff report and presentation. The proposed amendment does not remove any of the minimum standards of site plan regulations. Any rezoning special exception, etcetera, will still be required to go before the Planning Commission and/or Board of Supervisors. The proposed amendment removes the Planning Commission as approval authority for by-right development, and the proposed approval authority is the zoning administrator.

As stated in Section 5.2 of the King George County Zoning Ordinance, it shall be the duty of the zoning administrator to administer and enforce the ordinance. While updating this section of the ordinance, staff also made updates to the performance bond language in Section 7.6. As you can see here in 7.6, the red includes "or other appropriate security." In Section 2, "collectively referred to as the performance bond", it's just for clarity. This section has been updated to make the zoning administrator the approval authority for by-right developments. The developer shall be advised by the zoning administrator of the recommendations or decisions in writing. An acceptance of the performance fund will be accepted by the Department of Community Development.

Section 7.7. This section removes the Planning Commission's approval authority and replaces it with the Zoning Administrator. Again, nothing changes. On January 12, 2021, the King George County Planning Commission held a public hearing regarding Case Number 20-10-Z05. After some discussion regarding transparency to the public, the Commission voted unanimously to forward Case Number 20-10-Z05 to the Board of Supervisors with a recommendation for approval. To address the concerns of the Planning Commission, staff has agreed to provide more details in the current director's report. The King George County Planning Commission and Department of Community Development staff recommends the Board of Supervisors approve and adopt Case Number 20-10-Z05 zoning text amendment for by-right commercial development.

**0:18:42.2 Madam Chair:** Thank you, Ms. Hall. Do I have any questions for Ms. Hall from members of the board?

**0:18:51.9 C. Binder:** I have one quick question.

**0:18:54.2 Madam Chair:** Go ahead, Ms. Binder.

**0:18:56.1 C. Binder:** Ms. Hall, we're one of the very few localities. Is there any reason that we're one of the very few localities that still require this?

**0:19:06.0 H. Hall:** I think previous boards, because we were a small County, that was their way of being informed. So we've found other ways to keep the board and the Planning Commission informed without having to go through this process.

**0:19:20.9 C. Binder:** Well, I appreciate you bringing this because a lot of people get confused. As an example with Eden View, I got a few constituents that thought that they could come and voice their displeasure or make changes when it's a by-right development, and then it kinda leads people on to think that the board has something to say or the Planning Commission can put a stop to it when it's by-right.

**0:19:47.1 H. Hall:** Yes.

**0:19:47.9 C. Binder:** Thank you.

**0:19:48.2 H. Hall:** You're welcome.

**0:19:50.8 Madam Chair:** Mr. Stonehill?

**0:19:54.8 J. Stonehill:** Thank you for clarifying. This is always kind of strange where something's by-right. And we still have to have meetings. It would be nice to get a briefing from you or your office about it, but just for an informative type thing.

**0:20:12.3 H. Hall:** What we discussed with the Planning Commission is to expand on the director's report, which I believe is in your packet tonight. So we're providing you more accurate up-to-date, but we're going to take those by rights subdivisions and expand on the details, so how many lots? It already provides you the location. The Planning Commission wants to know, is it a cluster subdivision, how many lots, how many entrances? So we're gonna expand on that narrative, but if there's something different you'd like to see, Mr. Stonehill, please let me know.

**0:20:42.2 J. Stonehill:** Thank you.

**0:20:42.6 H. Hall:** You're welcome.

**0:20:44.4 Madam Chair:** Thank you. Mr. Granger?

**0:20:46.0 R. Granger:** Ms. Hall, thank you for bringing this again. I know we talked about this as a board a couple of years ago. I think it makes a lot of sense. I'm hoping that we can move forward with this. I don't see any reason for us to be holding public hearings for things that are by-right. Thank you.

**0:21:02.8 Madam Chair:** Mr. Bueche?

**0:21:04.6 J. Bueche:** Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you for working on this, Heather. I am a fan of rolling back regulation so this makes me very happy, but I like that you just pointed out how you'll be expanding upon the director's report, because even though I don't wanna see by-right developments regulated and extra burdensome cost placed on these developments, we do need to be informed because of the impacts that come from that. You'll have additional students going to schools, additional requirements put on fire rescue, the sheriff's office, etcetera, etcetera. So thank you for explaining that we're still gonna be getting that detailed information for planning purposes and for mitigating anything that comes out of that, but yes, I'm very happy to see us rolling back regulations rather than simply putting more demands on people. Thank you.

**0:22:00.0 H. Hall:** Thank you, sir.

**0:22:01.8 Madam Chair:** Thank you, Ms. Hall. Any other questions? We'll move forward with public comment then. Is there anyone here in the audience who wishes to speak for the public hearing on this matter? Seeing none. Mr. Dines, do you have anyone online, sir?

**0:22:22.3 C. Dines:** No.

**0:22:23.0 Madam Chair:** And did we receive any written statements or correspondence, any members... Do you have any written... Any emails? Miss Hall, do you mind me just ask, double-

checking with you, 'cause I know sometimes your office receives correspondence, did you receive any public comment regarding the matter? Alright, I will close the public hearing on the matter and entertain a motion.

**0:22:47.6 J. Stonehill:** I move to approve case number 20-10 Z05 zoning ordinance text amendment to update Article 7 site plan regulations by-right development.

**0:23:01.2 C. Binder:** Second.

**0:23:03 Madam Chair:** Any further discussion? All those in favor, say aye.

**0:23:08 C. Binder:** Aye.

**0:23:08 J. Bueche:** Aye.

**0:23:08 R. Granger:** Aye.

**0:23:09 J. Stonehill:** Aye.

**0:23:09.4 Madam Chair:** Any opposed? Chair votes aye. Motion carries. Thank you, Ms. Hall. And we will move on to our second public hearing. The King George County Board of Supervisors will now hold a public hearing that has been properly advertised to receive public input regarding the adoption of an agreement to lease property. Bayside Ford. I will first ask for the staff report. I will then open the floor for public comment. Public comment is limited to three minutes per speaker in order to afford everyone an opportunity to speak. Please state your name and address before you comment. Upon completion of public comment, I will bring the matter back to the board for consideration. The board may or may not take action tonight depending on information received during public comment and... Mr. Britton.

**0:23:57.1 M. Britton:** Thank you, Madam Chair. So Bayside Ford leases the lot where you see all those cars on 301 next to the bus line, the new cars, and I guess they get them shipped there and transport them or conduct their business through that, they don't sell in and out of there. They have ingress, egress rights. And they've been leasing that before they were Bayside Ford and so we have a land-use agreement, where we give them a license to do that, a lease. And it came up in October, I believe. And so we extended it to March something, the first, so we had to bring it on this board meeting and expires. So we've renewed it, they've said they wanna renew it, it's \$1,860 a month, it's just a 12-month lease. And it has to be renewed every year. And if there's any holdover for whatever reason, like COVID or we couldn't get to a meeting or something, then they have the right to extend for a month; a month at \$1,953, which is just a standard escalation clause. I drafted the lease and Dr. Young sent it to them some time ago and they've agreed to it, and so it's in good form on both sides. The only other amendment to the one presented... I think Mr. Granger picked up that there was a typo. Apologize, an earlier draft was sent to you all, and I just noticed today that it needs to be changed to Mr. Hughes as interim. So it's just a short-term land use agreement lease and it's in the... We're not using the property for anything else, as I understand it from Dr Young, so if you would entertain a motion to approve the license for land use for 13283 James Madison Highway for 12 months at \$1,860 per month, giving the interim county administrator the authority to sign on a form approved by the County Attorney.

**0:26:06.1 Madam Chair:** Thank you, Mr. Britton. Any questions for Mr. Britton from members of the board? All right, then I will move on and I will now open the floor for public comment. Is there anyone here in the audience who wishes to speak at the public hearing? Seeing no one. Online, Mr. Dines, do we have anyone waiting to speak?

**0:26:30.1 C. Dines:** No.

**0:26:31.1 AC:** And did any member receive any statements or correspondence regarding the matter? I'll take that as a no. All right, I will close public comment and entertain a motion.

**0:26:53.2 R. Granger:** I move to approve the license for land use at 16057 James Madison Parkway to Bayside Ford in the amount of \$1,860 per month for the next 12 months from March 1st 2020 through February 28th, 2021, and authorize the County Administrator to sign the agreement as presented.

**0:27:18.7 M. Britton:** Just one correction. Madam Chair...

**0:27:22.6 R. Granger:** 2022. That's hilarious.

**0:27:28.4 M. Britton:** I made a typo on the typo... Apologize. That is the address of Bayside Ford, the...

**0:27:35.3 R. Granger:** 13283. I see, I apologize. Alright, then I would like to amend my motions to change the address to 13283 James Madison Highway, King George and to change the termination date to February 28th, 2022.

**0:27:54.5 J. Bueche:** Second.

**0:27:55.0 Madam Chair:** Any further discussion? All those in favor, say aye.

**0:27:58 C. Binder:** Aye.

**0:27:58 J. Bueche:** Aye.

**0:27:59 R. Granger:** Aye.

**0:27:59 J. Stonehill:** Aye.

**0:28:00.5 Madam Chair:** Any opposed? Chair votes aye. Motion carries. Thank you, Mr. Britton. Alright, presentations and reports. Financial update presentation by Kyle Laux, Davenport and Associates. Thank you for sticking around this evening, sir.

**0:28:16.5 Kyle Laux:** Yes, ma'am. Madam Chair, members of the Board of Supervisors, I've got a paper handout I'm going to hand out real fast. Mr. Dines?

[pause]

And so again, nice to see everybody this evening, and we certainly appreciate and look forward to

working with Mr. Hughes and I know we'll miss Dr. Young and all that he did. I think what we wanted to do this evening, which we do many times about this time of year, we're about halfway through the fiscal year and really getting set and into the meat of the planning process for your 2022 budget and beyond, is give a report, a little bit of reflection, a little bit of information, maybe a couple of reminders, so to speak, knowing the number of different variables you have as you plan for this year's budget in future, in terms of where you stand financially as a County. And I think as we'll go through this again, hopefully relatively quickly, happy to answer your questions as you have them, I think what you'll see... What we see... And we'll see from outside entities is the County is in very good financial shape. So despite all of the challenges that the last year has thrown King George's way, the County has really held up very nicely from a financial standpoint. And you've been able to take advantage of that good financial standing, and go out and successfully finance the court house, what was just a couple of months ago, and so, we'll give you some of those insights and again, happy to answer questions as we go.

So if you'll go to page number one... Oh, I've got that one. I've got the power there. Okay, there we go. All go to page number one. And an overview. And again, your 2022 budget process and thinking again about your 2022-2026 CIP. And so sticking with that multi-year mindset in terms of the financial planning side of things, we'll talk about a couple of different topics. I think you all know what we do, we'll go relatively quickly through that, but then really spend a little bit of time in the credit ratings. We had very good reviews, discussions with the rating agencies just last fall, so we'll point out some of those comments, for the public, for you, in terms of what they care about, 'cause certainly, in this environment, there are some things they are very much focused upon but we did have very nice discussions with the rating agencies just last fall.

We'll talk about fund balances, knowing this is budget season, that tends to be a topic of discussion. You've got very solid fund balances, you've historically had good fund balances, you have policies with respect to those fund balances, and those have really underpinned a lot of what we've been able to accomplish with respect to the rating agencies. We'll give you a little bit of an update in terms of where the courthouse financing ended up, talk for a second about the County's debt profile, and again, just for a second about future debt capacity, and trying to stick within that multi-year mindset with respect to capital planning. Okay, so you know who we are, we won't overdo that per se, but again, serving in the same side of the table as you and have for many, many years...

Bottom of the page, we did successfully lock in the financing for the courthouse back in the fall, that roughly \$22 million and also refinanced some existing debt per savings purposes. That saved about \$740,000 and also, as you'll recall, served to free up some collateral sooner than otherwise would be. So it was kind of a multi-phase approach that ended up working out very nicely in the marketplace. I think we'll go pretty quickly through that, so we'll spend a little bit more time in here, again, knowing that it is budget season. We've got a lot of different pressures and thoughts with which to be thinking. So where is it that our credit ratings are? The County has, and this is highlighted in green, we have three outstanding credit ratings: Moody's, S&P and Fitch, and you'll see there, Moody's a double A2, Fitch, a double A+; it should be S&P, a double A+, and Fitch a double A. So we're all very strong, double A rated. Those are excellent credit ratings, especially for a county of our size. We'll talk a little bit about what it is the rating agencies look at when they're coming up with those credit ratings, and certainly for a county of our size, even as much as we're growing, those are very, very nice credit ratings. The blue little circles there highlight where you really started with the credit ratings, going back probably 15, 20 years, and since that time period, really have been kind of an upward march.

And so on page eight, and again, what is it that the rating agencies are looking at when they're coming up with those credit ratings? And so we have three agencies, we'll just highlight here, 'cause they all tend to... While they are independent, there are some similar themes that you can take out of

each one of their methodologies and their criteria. And so this in particular, we'll look at the Moody's criteria. And if you can see on that box there, we've outlined all the various percentages and how they weight different categories. The top box is Economy and Tax Base. So 30% of our underlying credit rating is really tied to how is our local economy doing and how is our tax base doing. It's arguably the criteria that we have the least day-to-day control over, but it does carry a lot of weight. And so by virtue of where we are, and I think also by virtue of where the rating agencies see you going, with respect to 301 and all the traffic there, close to 95, we're within kind of the greater Washington, DC metro area, they had a lot of comfort with respect to where you're heading in terms of the economy.

So again, that's the third, roughly speaking, that you have the least control over. So then you take your eye down and you look at the finances section. That's another 30% by itself. So right there in the first two sections, you've got 60% of the credit rating, and if you look at the little subcategories there under Finances, what they're really talking about in this particular case, you see it repeated there. It's fund balance, fund balance, cash balance, cash balance. And so it's why, again, given this time of the year in the budget cycle, we like to just refresh and bring this back up because those fund balances the counties had for so many years, and the policies that you follow have really underpinned your excellent performance with respect to the credit ratings. And see, you can see what they care about there, which is how big is our fund balance relative to our overall budget. You've got a policy with respect to that. We'll show you that in a couple of pages. They also care about how that fund balance is trending. Let's see if the laser thing thing works here, it may not, but the second line item down is our fund balance increasing or decreasing, which with respect to your 2020 audit, it's on the up-swing.

And so again, fund balance is very important. The third little circle down there is the management side. That is one that is arguably most within your day-to-day control. It's probably the hardest to quantify, the fund balance of finances, that's all sort of tracked via accounting. The management side is the hardest to quantify. And so right, how is it that they go about doing that and what they look at is, A, how you've performed historically. So do you have a structurally balanced budgets? Do you have budgets whereby recurring revenues are covering recurring expenditures? Which you historically have. They also look at things like, do we have financial policies and are we following those financial policies? Are we doing multi-year financial plans? So one of the things that the rating agencies, we go through this whole process like we did last fall, they wanna see and kinda kick the tires on what is being done to think not just about next year's budget, but how are you really thinking about, at least five years out in terms of planning? And they wanted to see that more and more over the last five years. And so, again, that's probably the hardest to quantify, in terms of the various criteria, but the County's got a good track record between following policies, between doing that multi-year planning, that we would recommend you continue, on top of obviously keeping your fund balances where they are.

So that leaves the bottom circle there at 20%, which is a combination of debt and pensions. So pensions for us in King George are all handled by the state, VRS, we have very little control over that. So that really leaves the debt side at only about 10% of the equation. But sometimes it's a surprise to people, they think, alright, the rating agencies, all they really care about, or maybe overwhelmingly what they care about is how much debt we have outstanding, and they certainly do, but it plays a smaller portion in their criteria that maybe many would think. And so we watch that closely, we've got the financial policies on the debt side that are watched certainly when we do the budget planning or the courthouse financing, but the amount of debt actually plays less of a role in these overall weightings than I think many people will realize.

On page nine, we've got a similar layout for S&P. In the interest of your time, I'm not gonna go down line by line here, but it's very similar themes, 30% is the economy, 20% is management, they

add up budgetary flexibility, budgetary performance and liquidity. That's some of those same themes. That's another roughly 30%. The debt for S&P is also only 10 and then institutional framework, which is a little vague term that gets to how much control do you have as a local government to run your finances, which we get very high marks in Virginia. So again, amongst those two, we'll call them the two premier, with all due respect to Fitch, who's also excellent. Similar themes there. They care a lot about our fund balance. They care a lot of our policies and planning. And I think when we think back to those conversations last fall, some of the things going on in King George, with respect to a 301 corridor, with respect to cigarette taxes, they heard and they saw those things. And so what we would expect they'll want to see going forward, which they can come back around any time and then get an update, it'd probably be about a year in kind of a yearly cycle, is they'll wanna see and understand what the plans are with respect to, especially for instance, like a cigarette tax, how are those dollars planned to be managed? Is there a multi-year plan as opposed to kind of a one-shot, single year kind of structure in place?

So between the cigarette taxing, the 301 corridor, some of the... Another new economic development projects... They saw those, they heard them, they'll put that in their notes, and the next time around that we have an opportunity, talk to them, we'll give them a briefing with respect to that. But those are the things they like to see the County get updates on in terms of how are those plans, how are those strategies being managed year over year. So I'll give you just a couple snippets here, in terms of specifically what they said. These are all public reports. We'll just kinda give you a couple of summary points here, but again, this is from last October. They say, this is Moody's, "King George's credit position is very strong." We're at a AA2. They say, "Sizable tax-based positive wealth and income profile, robust financial position in mid-range debt and pension liabilities." So all generally positive phrasing there, those are not words they just kind of pick out of the air, they're very specific with respect to how they use those terms. Importantly, and I think this probably matters for you as a board as you think about planning, so factors that could lead to an upgrade. And they, in some respects, are kind of related. The first one they mention there is tax-based growth. So as you think about economic development, again, the 301 corridor, things of that variety, the larger the tax base is, from their perspective, the more wherewithal you have, the more financial flexibility you have. So that's the big one that they've noted there in terms of tax-based growth. It also ties into the debt on the pension side, which again, pensions, we have almost no control over by virtue of the state. But on the debt side, the larger that tax base is, the smaller our relative debt burden is per value in the tax base. So we just like to point those out as you think about, again, planning for the future, how do you keep those ratings moving upwards?

Standard & Poor's, again, similar commentary, "Strong economy, very strong management, adequate budget performance, very strong budgetary flexibility, very strong liquidity," etcetera, so similar themes here. And down in the Outlook section there, they talk about, "Should the County's economy diversify and broaden," etcetera, etcetera, that could, again, move us up a notch in terms of the rating, and for S&P, we're actually only a notch below AAA. So it's probably not going to be a big leap, but it is possible in terms of the upgrade on that side tied into the economy. Fitch tends to be the wordiest. I won't read it word for word here, but again, they talk about a "solid revenue framework, considerable financial flexibility," again, getting back to our fund balances and ability to kind of weather the storm that we're in right now.

The one piece I'll note on Fitch there at the bottom is they're all aware how tied in we are as an economy to the federal government. So there were some of those kind of trends. They'll ask a fair amount of questions related to Dahlgren, etcetera. How are those things flowing through our local economy; expansions, any moves away from that site, they always like to get updates there. Page 13, in terms of the tax base, just a snippet here. Again, when we think a generally positive message, and certainly, the rating agencies have that commentary, the tax base has been growing, they've

seen that. And certainly, the hope is that continues to happen as you're doing economic development, and hopefully, obviously as the economy makes its way through this current challenging time period.

Page 14 is our real estate tax rate. I'll select a point. Point this out again, knowing that it is budget season, you've got a very competitive tax rate, that's up to you to determine obviously what it is, but it is highly competitive. The Lancasters, the Northumberland, further out in the Northern Neck, very different, with all due respect, I work with all of them. Then King George, and I think this also goes to a reminder as to how critical those landfill revenues have been with King George for so long. That certainly has helped to a very large extent because we've been able to pay largely all of our debt service for schools, for general capital projects, out of those landfill revenues. And I think as you in a board, you as a board, apologize, think about this year's budget, and we talked a little bit about this when we talked about the courthouse financing, we're really kinda tapped out with respect to those courthouse revenues going forward. And so I think that's from our perspective, again, as outsiders, easy for us to say. If you think about things like the cigarette taxes, etcetera, finding ways to help support and supplant some of those landfill revenues, knowing they're really spoken for in terms of existing debt service, and also knowing those landfill revenues. At some point, we know there's extension on the contract, but at some point it will be full. Hopefully, that's a ways down the line. But the earlier you start thinking about that, the better the position the County will be in. You've been good about that in the past.

Financial policy guidelines: You've got a variety of them. They've been in place for a long time. The County's done a good job of watching and managing those. I won't read this word for word, but I think again, they're critical from the management side of the house. So we'll move then to a section on fund balance, and talk a little bit more about the various portions of our fund balance. We've got the unassigned, which is probably the biggest pot, so to speak, within the general fund. It's the pot that from, again, an outsider's perspective, should really hopefully be sacrosanct in terms of your 15%. You've been well above that for a number of years. We've also got the revenue stabilization fund that provides a little more flexibility than the unassigned. And then the capital fund, obviously are where the landfill dollars serving as a buffer against the fact that all of our debt service is paid from the landfill, at least historically.

And so, on page 19, we just show you an update here. And kudos to you as a board, to your management, to Dr. Young and Wilma, as they were here, being able to increase your fund balance between 19 and 20 with everything that happened through that fourth quarter. Very impressive. And again, very strong management on that side of things. The rating agency saw that. So what does that mean in terms of our policy? On page 20, we've got our 15% policy that really should be the absolute minimum floor, and we've got some nice cushion relative to that, upwards of about 26% plus or minus, again all per the audit as of June 30 last year. Doesn't take into account any activity during the year, this year. So with respect to fund balance, you're in a good position. You're in compliance to your policies. It's been well managed historically. But again, we can't stress enough how important it is to be watching those and thinking about those in the concept of longer term planning, knowing that we certainly have a lot of strengths but certainly challenges in the future as well. So I think I probably said a lot of this in terms of the importance of those reserves. One other piece I'll mention specifically, and you may recall this from a couple of years ago, in terms of your debt mitigation policy and strategy. And so the ability to have some of those year-end surpluses, you have a good year. You put some of those dollars away in the debt mitigation fund, and thus, when those sort of get to a certain level, we'll go out and we can do again another debt pay down to start to limit and shave some of those peaks in terms of the existing debt service. So it's one of those areas whereby it's frankly unique to King George. It's been a good policy thus far. If you think about the first round of that debt pay down, what it really did was to help clear the way for some of

the courthouse financing we did last year. And so in the good years, you put some of those dollars away. They're available to help shave some of those debt service peaks, and then when the next project comes up, whatever it may be, you've just created yourself a little bit of capacity to take that on with less pressure on the budget and less pressure on the tax base.

So we'll round out here. We're just a little bit... We mentioned the courthouse financing. Obviously, we mentioned this being a generational project. And so it really was a two-part financing, meaning the dollars to the actual court house and the refinancing of the 2014 bonds all worked out very nicely in October. And we'll give you here a couple of specifics. So the new money portion of this, meaning the dollars specifically for the courthouse. It was a 25-year loan, let's use that term bond issue really, 25 year loan, fixed rate, locked it in a 2.31%. So you've borrowed for 25 years at a 2.31% fixed interest rate. With the ability to refinance in the future, not that we necessarily see that happening in the short run. Obviously, rates are incredible. But again, it goes to the importance of those credit ratings in the midst of a pandemic. Being able to go out, the bonds were sold competitively. It was a lot of demand for those bonds and it was done at very nice levels. So that 2.31% fixed rate is indeed pretty incredible for a 25-year loan. We mentioned the refinancing piece of that, so on top of the new money, we also saved about \$740,000 by virtue of refinancing some of the VRA bonds and as you'll recall as a board, we also kind of worked the collateral structure there. Because the County had good credit ratings... I guess an important piece... We were able to use a pretty limited amount of collateral for the size of the financing we did. And thus, some of the property down the road here a little bit will be freed up about 10 years earlier than otherwise would have. Again, because the marketplace was comfortable and the rating agencies were comfortable with the overall wherewithal of the County to say, "All right, we don't need necessarily 100% of collateral relative to the size of our loan, really at a much smaller piece, meaning on a relative basis. So that leads to, again, the current outstanding debt profile for general government in schools. Largely as you recall paid for from the landfill, as we talked about last fall, you would expect that with this latest borrowing there likely will be a need for some additional revenues outside of the landfill. That's their expectation. We had that conversation, and so whether that is real estate, whether it's other revenues, that'll be obviously part of what you'll determine during this budget process, and certainly we'll be available with Mr. Hughes to aid in that to the extent that we can be helpful in that process. In terms of your debt policies, again, we've got a couple of critical ones, debt service to expenditures, and this is one we like to show two different ways. And it's a way of sort of a reminder for all of us knowing we just had our Service Authority meeting prior to this meeting, and how important it's been to the County that the Service Authority has been self-supporting. It's not always been the case. And so what we're showing here is this debt service to expenditures ratio, which is basically how many pennies out of every dollar in the budget go to make a debt service payment. But we've shown it two different ways. On the left-hand side, we've got all of our... Call it General County schools debt service. We've also put on top of it, and that's in kind of that mint-colored bar at the top, the existing Service Authority debt profile.

And so, if the Service Authority were not self-supporting, which is the point of that left-hand graph, we really would basically be at the limit of our debt policies, we have no other capacity for the General County as a whole, whether it be schools or fire stations, or other things, to be able to take on additional projects. So on the right-hand side is our current situation, because the Service Authority has been self-supporting, meaning because they've been able to cash flow themselves as a business, we don't have the constraint of their debts sitting on top of our County debt, which provides some more breathing room and more capacities, when we talk about capacity relative to our policies to take on additional capital projects to the extent those come up, not saying they're immediate, but certainly it gives us more flexibility to think about planning for the future on the General County side, because the Service Authority is indeed self-supporting. Page 27 is a similar

theme, just a different ratio, this is one of our other debt policies, debt versus assessed value, how much outstanding debt do we have relative to the size of the tax base and this is what we were talking about earlier with respect to the rating agencies, the bigger that tax base gets, the better this particular ratio gets. And so what you see is that ratio is going down each and every year because each and every year, the County is making principal payments on its existing debt, and so it's natural to expect that ratio is gonna get better in the future, but to the extent we make principal payments every year and the tax base grows, that ratio looks even more advantageous to us. And again, the left hand, right hand, left hand side, if we didn't have a self-supporting Service Authority, we are much closer to our policy level, but because we do have a self-supporting Service Authority, we've got some more breathing room with respect to our policy level. And so that, Madam Chair, we probably got a couple of other details here in the back for you, but we as always appreciate the opportunity to come up and see you all. That's all we have. Certainly, we'll be around and available, and we've got some good discussions on the Service Authority side of things. And so happy to answer any questions that you may have.

**0:55:54.8 Madam Chair:** Thank you, sir. Ms. Binder?

**0:55:58.7 C. Binder:** Kyle, I have one question. So I know one of the many arguments for is to make the Service Authority a public utility, so if that was true, then that would do exactly what you said in this graph, it would make us closer to the red line. Correct? If you absorbed all of that debt?

**0:56:16.9 K. Laux:** Well, when you say public utility, let me just make sure I understand.

**0:56:22.0 C. Binder:** Well, the term is to bring it under the County's umbrella, as opposed to being like you said, a self-supporting business.

**0:56:29.9 K. Laux:** Okay. So the answer there really is more on how it's cash flowed, so if whether it's a public... Whether it's a component underneath the "County" or it's a "Service Authority", the critical piece of that ratio is that it's paying for itself. And so there are local governments out there that have a public utility that's a department, and as long as that department is paying for itself, we can demonstrate that the general fund is not kicking in dollars, then that's what really gets us to, we'll call it the right-hand graph, whereby we've got good capacity relative to that policy. So with respect to that particular policy, it probably doesn't matter quite as much in terms of, is it a Service Authority or a department of the County, and there's a whole bunch of other reasons, if you wanna think about one versus the other, but as long as it's cash flowing itself, meaning the revenues of that utility are paying for the expenditures of that utility without having to get support from the general fund, that's probably the most critical piece of getting from the left-hand side to the right-hand side.

**0:57:40.6 C. Binder:** Well, I appreciate you clarifying that because there's a big misconception out there, so I wanted to ask you that exactly too, so that it would clarify it to a lot of people, and I appreciate it. Thank you, and the graphs really do help.

**0:57:55.1 C. Binder:** That's all I had, Madam Chair.

**0:57:56.7 Madam Chair:** Thank you, Ms. Binder. Mr. Stonehill?

**0:58:00.2 J. Stonehill:** I don't have a question, I just wanted to say thank you, like usual, over the years, you guys have done a great job, and certainly just seems to be some fairly good news after

the year that we've been through, but just thank you again.

**0:58:15.4 K. Laux:** Yes, sir. We appreciate and certainly it is... I think it is many places that we work, it is very good news, we don't make light of any other challenges out there, but from a financial standpoint, you're in very good shape.

**0:58:31.6 Madam Chair:** Mr. Granger?

**0:58:32.8 R. Granger:** I don't have any questions, I'd just like to say thank you for coming out. I always appreciate your briefs and thank you for being here.

**0:58:41.9 Madam Chair:** Mr. Bueche?

**0:58:44.0 J. Bueche:** Thank you, Madam Chair. So I have a different way of looking at it. I don't see us as in a great financial situation as what was presented. Yes, we are on solid financial footing for right now, but I do not... I don't like the outlook and I'd like to highlight some things that you brought out in your presentation. So first off, I'mma start off with some good news. So the financing and the refinancing for the courthouse was absolutely ingenious. It was executed flawlessly, so kudos to you and to Dr. Young for facilitating that. What was able to be achieved on that is to me unheard of, so kudos to that. So now I'll start with... So I'll go back to... I'll start with what Ms. Binder was talking about earlier. So the County is basically the underwriter for the Service Authority, so yes, we're taking that debt service and we're shifting it off to the Service Authority. It's still a County department, but for financial purposes, to break it out, to be able to... Enable us to still have borrowing power to build fire houses or whatever, it's under that, its own entity, but we have... The County has contributed through other means, through capital improvement funds or anything that could be tied to economic development. So the expansion out on 3, 301, the County helped with that, but their debt is pretty tight, that five-year plan that they have in place is pretty tight, especially on the customer base. So the only way out of that is to expand the customer base, but I think that being that the County is the underwriter for the Service Authority, if the Service Authority were to fail financially, if it was no longer financially solvent, that debt does fall to the County, so it doesn't go away. If we were a public utility, however you wanna label it, it still falls to the County, the only way out of that is public sale and it becomes a private entity, and that would also have its own issues. So the Service Authority is of concern. I understand it's been 20 years in the making. I think the board is making headway in getting the situation improved, but that is a serious concern that I share. Also, if you go to page 14, you presented what our tax comparative rate is, and I'm looking at some of these localities and for what our tax rate is, some of those counties have a lot more to show for what their tax dollars are paying for than King George County does. One thing that is of concern to me, is with the rate we're at right now, you were talking about the landfill and those revenues aren't used for capital improvements, landfill revenues are basically paying our debt service, so all those funds are obligated, it's not revenues coming in, it's already spoken for. But what is that offset? So the landfill revenues that come in to service our debt service or our debt fees, what is that artificial offset that if you took away that and we still had to cover the debt, what would our tax rate be? So we would still have what we have now, nothing extra, no new fire house, no nothing. What would our tax rate be? And I believe when we looked at this two years ago, it was somewhere around...over 90 cents, so that would put us even higher, so that artificial offset is really something to be concerned with. We talked about economic development, and kudos to our economic development department for trying to bring things that they are, but times are hard. We have stores closing over there by Walmart, we've had so many tenants that came in and there's

empty storefronts there already, and you were talking about the base. Well, the base is transient, some people live in King George work on the base, a lot of them don't. Well, now with virtual work environment, our restaurants aren't being eaten in, people aren't stopping to get gas, we need to diversify that economic footprint. So if you take all that into account and the revenue shortfalls that we're probably gonna be getting, and if you pay attention to what's going on in the General Assembly, all these unfunded mandates that are coming. Just yesterday, I sat in a Social Services Board of Directors meeting, and there's more mandates that are coming from the state just for that, and no money associated with it, so they're gonna be coming to the locality to pay for that; same thing is gonna be happening with the schools, on and on and on.

So I think our financial outlook, while our funds may have significant balances as of right now, and just last year, we put a pause on our very own policy for the debt mitigation that you highlighted earlier, we need to plan accordingly and fast. You were talking about five years. I think we need to plan for the next year and how we're gonna address it because I appreciate the numbers in here, but I do not think that our financial outlook is as good as being painted. That's all I have. Thank you, Madam Chair.

**1:04:17.4 Madam Chair:** Thank you, Mr. Bueche. I wanna thank you for coming out this evening and your presentation, and taking the time at this board to provide us an update as we head into our financial planning, our budget planning season, and the Service Authority presentation that you provided us with. And I particularly wanna point out that I noticed as you spoke, that when you talked about the bond ratings, the credit ratings, you called this our County, our County, our County, that shows me that you take ownership in what you do for our County, so thank you very much for your time this evening, sir.

**1:05:00.7 K. Laux:** Yes, ma'am. We certainly appreciate it. Mr. Bueche, I think if I... I'll give you 10 seconds then I'll stop talking, leave you all alone. All of your points, I think are valid. And I think it gets back to that, and you said at the end, the planning piece of it. And so if the rating agencies are looking at us, in essence in a point in time, right, so they're gonna look at what the last audit is, and then our plans for the future, and they were comfortable with it. But to your point on the Service Authority, that is certainly a... It's still its transitioning phase, so we've been on this path to where it's been self-supporting here for a number of years, but we talked with Mr. Weakley about this earlier, that path to making it sustainable, and that's probably the next step going from, it's self-supporting to it's sustainable. And so that piece, 'cause we know it's still very growth-dependent, there's still a bunch of revenues that are counted on from availability fees, and it's that sustainability piece, I think is the last big hump to get over. So take all your points, and I think they're all valid in that sense. And on the Service Authority side, certainly, I think that's something that with Mr. Weakley, we've been talking about. With that, I'll leave you alone. Thank you.

**1:06:22.8 Madam Chair:** Thank you again. Moving on to our next report, VDOT Resident Engineer report by Mr. David Beale. Mr Beale?

**1:06:34.8 David Beale:** Thank you. Good evening. It's good to be here. Mr. Hughes, it's good to meet you. I look forward to working with you over the coming months. Mr. Stonehill, I appreciate your comments. I would say, the easy part of our job is, of my job, is getting the snow off the road, and the challenging part is doing that as efficiently as possible. One of the reasons you see so many small pick-ups is that we didn't have the number of dump trucks that signed up this year, so we had to supplement that with the small pick-ups, and they are critical to our success. So we've gotten that done with them this year, but I'm hoping to be able to do that more efficiently in the coming years

with some larger equipment. With all the primary route lane miles in the County, the dump trucks just hold so much more material, that they're more efficient spreading that up and down the road. But we're getting the main thing done, so that's the main thing. Mr. Granger, you contacted me about County Drive and I left you a voicemail, but I haven't had a chance to talk to you about it. I've got an email string this long that I have flagged to follow up on. Different staff members are looking at that and I'm gonna get that information to you, as far as what would be required for acceptance on that road as soon as I have that time. Between the snow storms we've been fighting since the end of January, we have been able to get some additional maintenance work done. We repaired the shoulder on 301 and on Indiantown Road. We've been machining some gravel roads, we're continually patching potholes, especially with the storms, they're popping up everywhere, continuing to focus on ditching. We've ditched on Salem Church Road, Nanzatico Lane and Chestnut Hill Loop. We're also continuing to clean the curb and gutter on Route 3 with the trustees as we're able to, and then we're doing pipe cleaning.

And we have another storm this week that we're getting ready for now. One thing with the snow removal, maybe the public doesn't see as much, and since I made the transition from land development into maintenance, it's opened my eyes, but there's so much prep work that goes into before you start brining, to brining, to pushing the snow off the road, to cleaning equipment, and even just restoring your materials, 'cause we can't get salt out of Baltimore or Hampton Roads overnight, so we have to shuffle a lot of salt around between storms to make sure it's allocated evenly from our large salt dome in Hainesville. So what you see is pushed for a day or two, it's a couple of days before, probably three or four days after, before we can focus back on a lot of the other maintenance work. We do have continuing to clean curb and gutter on Route 3. We have a pipe replacement that we need to finish up on Shiloh Road. We're working on some ditch stabilization on Milbank and then some additional pipe cleaning, and we were trying to get back to Potomac to do some additional drainage work there as well as the litter you had contacted me about. I did add the pavement schedule to the report this month. The plant mix, THMACO, that's a Thin Hot Mix Asphalt Concrete Overlay. So that's a government acronym for you, THMACO. That contract's pending award and the plant mix, which is the mill and fill, inch and a half asphalt, that one's pending award too, but I'm confident we're gonna be able to award those. We're planning to do the THMACO on 301 down towards the Caroline County line, and then the plant mix is on Bloomsbury, Comorn and Indiantown Road. And then the surface treatment routes are there as well, and that contract has been awarded. They should get underway. The contractor wins the award for the entire residency and he can start in April, and he has to finish by October, and he sets his own schedule. I think he probably... He's out of Richmond County, so he'll probably start down there and work his way back up throughout the summer. I also added a project on here for curb warning signs and striping upgrades on Salem Church Road. We'll get underway that in a couple of months. The secondary six-year plan is coming up, so we'll get to work together on that. I'm hoping we'll have our dollar amounts for allocations in the next 30 days or so, so be thinking about your priorities for hard surface and gravel roads throughout the County. Smart Scale, I don't have any good news to report, I'm sure you're all probably aware, the staff recommended funding scenario did not include any of the applications from King George. We had seven applications throughout the Northern Neck residency, and only one of them was recommended for funding. That funding is not approved until the CTV votes in June, but none of those applications were included, and we'll just have to look hard at the future applications and try to be strategic on putting forth an application that really has a good chance of scoring well, which may not be your top priority. So we just have to, I think, be a little more strategic on that. The other items have been on the report for a while, but with that, I will open it up to any questions you all may have.

**1:12:44.5 Madam Chair:** Thank you, Mr. Beale. Ms. Binder?

**1:12:47.1 C. Binder:** I just wanna thank you for all your time. You gave a very thorough report and I appreciate it. I have seen it. The roads, seen the brine on it way ahead of time. I saw some tonight. I think you applied some on my way here, and I appreciate how you've kept up Eden Drive. I know we talked about that and you have kept that grass so that people are not obstructed when they come across and get on 301, and I just appreciate all you've done, thank you.

**1:13:12.7 D. Beale:** Thank you.

**1:13:14.9 Madam Chair:** Mr. Stonehill?

**1:13:17.4 J. Stonehill:** Just thanks again. No further... I'll just keep bugging you about the trash there on Commerce.

**1:13:24.8 D. Beale:** We're doing our best. I know Keith is trying to schedule with the trustees now, but they don't come out in the weather, so we'll get it.

**1:13:32.2 J. Stonehill:** Thank you.

**1:13:33.8 Madam Chair:** Mr. Granger?

**1:13:34.7 R. Granger:** Mr. Beale, thank you for coming out. I got your voicemail as well, so I appreciate that for getting back to me and appreciate you looking into that, that one road, but thank you for all you done and it has been... I appreciate all that you guys do for making sure that it's safe to travel through our community. Thank you.

**1:13:51.3 D. Beale:** Thanks.

**1:13:53.5 Madam Chair:** Mr. Bueche?

**1:13:54.2 J. Bueche:** Thank you, Madam Chair. Mr. Beale, thank you for coming out tonight. So three years ago when I came on to this board, we had issues with VDOT when it came to winter weather. I believe I referred to King George County as a geographical oddity back then. It's like VDOT stopped at the Stafford County, King George line, but it's been amazing and what we just encountered to see the roads and the conditions they were in was just amazing, so thank you very much. Great job. I really appreciate it.

**1:14:29.0 D. Beale:** Thank you. I would like to take credit for that, but the team was in place before I got here and they were making changes before I got here, and I've heard nothing but good feedback, so I'll pass that on to them, but I appreciate your comments.

**1:14:44.2 Madam Chair:** Thank you, Mr. Beale, for everything you do. We appreciate it.

**1:14:46.2 D. Beale:** All right, thank you.

**1:14:47.2 Madam Chair:** Thanks for coming out this evening.

**1:14:50.1 D. Beale:** Take care.

**1:14:52.5 Madam Chair:** Have a good night. All right, moving on to action items, Economic Development, Sheetz-to-Sheetz marketing materials, Mr. Minor.

**1:15:05.1 Nick Minor:** Thank you, ma'am. Good evening Madam Chair, members of the board, I'm here requesting \$505 and 50 cents from the tourism fund for marketing materials for the Sheetz-to-Sheetz Trail Run. This is a 14 mile point-to-point run and roll, King George County, benefiting local children in need. The Sheetz-to-Sheetz Run attracts people not only locally, but regionally as well. This year's registration reached 250 participants. Last year, there were 150 participants. It is our goal to support this activity and promoting the County with t-shirts and stickers, the cost of the merchandise... Well I should say, the breakdown of the merchandise is 250 stickers that will go into each giveaway bag for each runner, and then 50 t-shirts as giveaways at the run, the date of the run, which is March 13th. TAC recommendation, our TAC recommends that the board approve funding for the King George County economic development tourism application. Staff agrees with TAC's recommendations. Here to answer any questions that the board may have. Thank you.

**1:16:09.0 Madam Chair:** Thank you, Mr. Minor. Ms. Binder?

**1:16:11.9 C. Binder:** I don't really have... I know it's very popular with the running community.

**1:16:16.9 Madam Chair:** Mr. Stonehill.

**1:16:20.9 J. Stonehill:** Hopefully, it'll dry out a little bit for the guys before they get going. They'll be running in knee deep water down the north end of the trail, but yeah, looking forward to see. I'm gonna try to get to this one this year.

**1:16:33.9 N. Minor:** Absolutely. Thank you, sir.

**1:16:35.7 Madam Chair:** Mr. Granger? Okay, Mr. Bueche? All right, so we just wanna know because these are those blue and gold stickers with the boater and the runner and the bicyclist, right?

**1:16:50.4 N. Minor:** Yes, ma'am.

**1:16:50.9 Madam Chair:** I just wanna know where I can go buy my own set of all of this swag.

**1:16:55.6 N. Minor:** So what we're gonna do... So this is sort of me predicting into the future, but what I'd like to do is to set aside, just I'm gonna ask on my later request, an annual budget for marketing materials, and maybe set up some sort of purchase order so we can... You know where to go to get it, or we could just have the logo ready for any of the sign creators or marketing companies within the County, but I believe for this one, I believe this will be at SignWORKS. This is where... This we'll get this logo from, so you could probably go there and purchase it. Any other residents could probably go down and purchase it as well.

**1:17:32.6 Madam Chair:** All right, with that, I will entertain a motion.

**1:17:38.5 R. Granger:** I move to approve the funding for the Sheetz-to-Sheetz run, their TAC

application as presented.

**1:17:53.1 J. Bueche:** Second.

**1:17:55.5 Madam Chair:** Any further discussion? All those in favor say "aye."

**1:18:00 C. Binder:** Aye.

**1:18:00 J. Bueche:** Aye.

**1:18:01 R. Granger:** Aye.

**1:18:01 J. Stonehill:** Aye.

**1:18:01.2 Madam Chair:** Any opposed? Chair votes aye. Motion carries. Thank you, Mr. Minor. And the next item you have is Economic Development, digital advertising. Visit King George Website.

**1:18:13.0 N. Minor:** Yes, Madam Chair, thank you. The Economic Development and Tourism department requests \$6,000 annually for the Visit King George Website marketing. These ads will put our banner messages in front of all tourist prospects in our desired geographic regions who have expressed interest in tourism in King George, for example, via their online searches. After review, the TAC recommends that the BOS approve funding for the King George County Economic Development, tourism marketing website funding, staff agrees with TAC's recommendations. To just sort of elaborate on this. If you search, or if you currently Google "visit King George," nothing will pop up, and that's because you have to actually purchase or you have to fund that search result, so if you search King George currently right now, you'll probably get the County website and you go two or three pages down the way, you might then run into the Visit King George website, so you have to basically buy your way to the top. So after this, hopefully when you search King George County, you'll see the County website, which organically gets pushed to the top, 'cause it's a government website, and then below that, you'll see visitkinggeorge.com. Another example would be, if you search tourism or things to do in King George, the Visit King George website will pop up. We're currently not funding that, which is why a lot of the residents and/or visitors can't find the website. So this is essentially just at a baseline, \$6,000 annually or \$500 a month, and then we essentially scale it up as needed or scale it up as events come along. I'm happy to take any questions. Thank you, ma'am.

**1:19:56.2 Madam Chair:** Thank you, Mr. Minor. Ms. Binder?

**1:19:58.9 C. Binder:** I understand why this is important. My concern is I'm only seeing one company, and I remember this gave me some heartburn back when we first mentioned using this at the beginning of the pandemic for local companies to be able to promote them, but I would like to vet this a little bit more... I don't know if I'm wedded just to one company, I still push that we should have somebody in-house that's operating our website and press releases and all this, so I know the importance of it, but I'm not just... I think we need a little bit more here than just grabbing the first company that comes to the table.

**1:20:37.4 N. Minor:** Thank you, ma'am.

**1:20:40.1 Madam Chair:** Mr. Stonehill, do you have any questions?

**1:20:44.7 J. Stonehill:** So of course you said to do that, so we're all up here doing that as well. But if you're punching visitkinggeorge.com in the search or the heading bar, or whatever it may be, it immediately pops back up. So this money is gonna be like... The only thing I'm familiar with is Google, when they do their ad, you would be paying them to move up in the ranking of searches, SRO... What is... There's a...

**1:21:18.4 N. Minor:** SEOs.

**1:21:18.9 J. Stonehill:** SEOs. So that would be... That's what this money would be for?

**1:21:22.1 N. Minor:** Yep. It's not just... Yes, sir. So it's not just the Visit King George search, but it's also other key words, so if we were to set up a trail page on there, we could target people who are looking for running trail series or target it however you like to do it. If there's a targeted industry sector we'd like to go after, you could target it using these searches. It's just adjusting those words as you see fit.

**1:21:51.4 J. Stonehill:** That's all I have.

**1:21:54.7 Madam Chair:** Thank you, Mr. Granger? Mr. Bueche?

**1:22:00.2 J. Bueche:** No questions, thank you.

**1:22:06.9 Madam Chair:** I don't have any questions at this time either.

**1:22:10.7 N. Minor:** Thank you, ma'am.

**1:22:14.7 Madam Chair:** Is there a motion?

**1:22:16.5 R. Granger:** I move to approve the funding for the King George County Economic Development and Tourism Marketing website funding as presented.

**1:22:22.5 J. Stonehill:** Second.

**1:22:24.0 Madam Chair:** Further discussion?

**1:22:28.3 M. Britton:** Madam Chair?

**1:22:29.6 Madam Chair:** Yes.

**1:22:30.1 J. Stonehill:** So in the board report for the other request, there was a TAC recommendation. Are you funding this out of the... The way the motion is, you'd be funding it out of the County general fund?

**1:22:43.0 Madam Chair:** No, this should... Is this... First of the funds...

**1:22:45.0 M. Britton:** The motion would be to approve the expenditure from the TAC Fund, but there isn't a designation like there was for the \$505, which is why I didn't bring it up last time. Maybe it's just not in my board packet, that's why I thought maybe this is a general fund expenditure.

**1:23:06.6 Madam Chair:** Mr. Minor, is there a... I don't see... I know the first present... or the first action had a corresponding application for tourism funding, but I don't see where this one had that.

**1:23:27.9 N. Minor:** Yes, ma'am, so I didn't provide an application because it's not geared to an event, or it's not geared to... So we're not targeting a specific audience. This is just basic or baseline level marketing. I'm happy to go back and supply one. I apologize for not supplying one tonight if it's required. And I do, and I also recognize that it's not... I don't think it's in there where we're requesting in the subject line or in the summary directly towards the TAC fund, so that's a short-sight on my part, and I apologize for that.

**1:24:01.7 C. Binder:** Madam Chair?

**1:24:03.3 Madam Chair:** Go ahead, Ms. Binder.

**1:24:03.9 C. Binder:** Why I brought up the contract before, is there's a company named here, and we're talking about using this yearly, but there's no contract or anything presented in this packet. That's where, I don't think there's enough information to make a decision.

**1:24:23.7 J. Bueche:** Madam Chair?

**1:24:25.6 Madam Chair:** Go ahead, Mr. Bueche.

**1:24:26.7 J. Bueche:** Thank you. So being this would be TAC funds and we receive those, I believe it's on a quarterly basis, we could approve this, but we should place a time frame limitation for the life cycle of this, and if it's something that has to be renewed on a six-month or annual basis, we could go ahead and stipulate that. As far as the application, do we really need an application? I understand The Sheetz-to-Sheetz Run, but that's an outside event or entity being this would be marketing for basically our Economic Development department. I wouldn't see that we would need an application for those funds because those funds are governed and utilized by the County for that purpose, so the TAC, we wouldn't even really... Will we need TAC approval to utilize those funds if it's going directly towards a tourism specific website or marketing, etcetera?

**1:25:26.9 M. Britton:** Yes.

**1:25:28.5 Madam Chair:** So...

**1:25:29.0 M. Britton:** You need to recommend it. You can override TAC but you need a recommendation. You need it to show that the funds were applied for and the TAC ruled on them, that's in their bylaws. And that was all in the report that I gave when we drilled down in that. So what you see there for the application of funds is the mechanism that they have.

**1:25:49.5 J. Bueche:** So in the absence of an application, this is something that we would probably have to table?

**1:25:55.3 M. Britton:** You could... Obviously, Mr. Minor's not making it up, that they had the meeting, you could say "subject to providing the appropriate motion or resolution from TAC" showing that they authorized the funding and subject to a contract in accord with the administrative procedures action on a form, subject to the County Attorney. Yes, you could do that. It has to go to the TAC and then they have to apply to you for the use of the funds. They can't spend any of it, of those funding. My comment, I was about to say objection, but wasn't such that the actual formal application wasn't there but that the motion itself also doesn't say to authorize the spending of TAC funding. You would have just been authorizing funding it from the general fund the way the motion is now. So I think that unless emergency, you could do it conditioned on providing the application, once provided by a TAC 'cause they've already voted on it apparently, it's just pro-forma paperwork or bring it back at the next. But I don't know if he needs the \$6,000 right away.

**1:27:02.7 N. Minor:** No, sir. So again, not providing the application, I apologize for that. I just... Since it was just a direct request for just general marketing, it's not geared to a specific action, I didn't think that the application was needed. So again, I apologize for the short sightings.

**1:27:23.7 M. Britton:** Madam Chair, legally obviously, I think the best way and for the accounting department, I'm sure if they were listening... Joke, they're not... Because they're doing something else with their time at this point, they would be cheering and saying "Yeah, this is what we wanna get so that we can release these funds, this is how we track it, so we don't have to go back and go through all of the concatenations we did before." And then they should get this... It's in the form of a warrant is what essentially it is and then they know exactly where to take it from. My fear is without it, they release funding from the general fund and the TAC fund balance doesn't go down.

**1:28:04.0 Madam Chair:** Right. So I note on the application, it does state, very first sentence, "Purpose: This application is the mechanism to apply for funds. So I think in the interest of erring on the side of caution, Mr. Granger, would you like to..."

**1:28:22.8 R. Granger:** I move to withdraw my motion and table this issue until the next board meeting.

**1:28:28.8 Madam Chair:** Alright, so Mr. Minor, then you have the board's direction to go ahead and square that away and bring it back to us. And the only other thing that I would add is that when I typed in "Visit King George," when I Googled it, I did not type in "dot com" and it did not come up anywhere. I'm I think on my third page of Google results and don't see the visitkinggeorge.com website prompted to me anywhere. So I do get where you're coming from, as far as the need for the search engine optimization. Thank you very much for coming out tonight, sir.

**1:29:16.3 N. Minor:** Thank you, ma'am.

**1:29:17.1 Madam Chair:** Yes, sir. Alright, moving on, County Administration, Cigarette Tax Committee. And it's my understanding Mr. Hughes, that we need to add two more members to our Cigarette Tax Committee, being you, Larry Hughes and Travis Quesenberry is my understanding. And Mr. Stonehill, you are a member of that committee, can you just confirm that for us please?

**1:30:02.0 J. Stonehill:** Yes, that is correct. We need to add them.

**1:30:05.2 Madam Chair:** Alright, so do I have a motion to do so?

**1:30:09.9 J. Bueche:** So moved.

**1:30:11.8 C. Binder:** Second.

**1:30:14.6 Madam Chair:** Any further discussion? All those in favor say "aye".

**1:30:20 C. Binder:** Aye.

**1:30:20 J. Bueche:** Aye.

**1:30:21 R. Granger:** Aye.

**1:30:21 J. Stonehill:** Aye.

**1:30:22.1 Madam Chair:** Any opposed? Chair votes aye, motion carries.

**1:30:25.6 M. Britton:** Madam Chair, this may have been taken care of in the previous resolution by the board but as these come up just in case, there's no prohibition on this committee of having a citizen. Dr. Young was on there, I would suggest that there be a motion to remove Dr. Young since he's no longer County Administrator.

**1:30:44.3 Madam Chair:** So just rescind his appointment, would that be the proper way to do that?

**1:30:48.2 M. Britton:** Yeah, you can rescind his appointment or remove him from the committee.

**1:30:52.7 Madam Chair:** Alright, is there a motion?

**1:30:54.4 R. Granger:** I move to remove Dr. Neiman Young from the cigarettes tax committee.

**1:31:02.2 J. Stonehill:** Second.

**1:31:03.6 Madam Chair:** Any further discussion? All those in favor say "aye".

**1:31:05 C. Binder:** Aye.

**1:31:05 J. Bueche:** Aye.

**1:31:06 R. Granger:** Aye.

**1:31:07 J. Stonehill:** Aye.

**1:31:07.8 Madam Chair:** Any opposed? Chair votes aye, motion carries. And designation of a Courthouse Oversight Committee. And this actually is something that I initiated. Mosley Architects contacted me to inform the board that, we should consider A, that we should form an oversight committee and B, that we should also include... consider including a supervisor member to that committee. And so that is where we came upon the list that is presented in packet.

[pause]

**1:31:58.8 Madam Chair:** So do I have a motion?

**1:32:03.9 R. Granger:** I move to appoint the referenced individuals to the King George County Courthouse Oversight Committee as presented.

**1:32:12.1 J. Bueche:** Second.

**1:32:13.8 Madam Chair:** Any further discussion? All those in favor say "aye".

**1:32:18 C. Binder:** Aye.

**1:32:18 J. Bueche:** Aye.

**1:32:18 R. Granger:** Aye.

**1:32:19 J. Stonehill:** Aye.

**1:32:19.6 Madam Chair:** Any opposed? Chair votes aye. Motion carries.

**1:32:23.6 R. Granger:** Do we just wanna run through so people know who those individuals...

**1:32:27.5 Madam Chair:** Yes. Do you wanna read them?

**1:32:28.8 R. Granger:** Sure.

**1:32:29.0 Madam Chair:** Or do you want me to, sir?

**1:32:30.0 R. Granger:** I'll read 'em.

**1:32:30.6 Madam Chair:** Okay.

**1:32:31.0 R. Granger:** Chief Circuit Court Judge Herbert Hewitt, Combined Courts Clerk Rebecca Conner, Circuit Court Clerk Vic Mason, Commonwealth's Attorney Keri Gusmann, Lieutenant Ron Govan, Cathy Binder and Travis Quesenberry.

**1:32:50.5 Madam Chair:** Thank you, sir. Alright, discussion items. Cigarette tax status update. Mr. Hughes.

**1:33:03.0 Larry Hughes:** Sorry. The Cigarette Tax Committee met about a week ago and we have another meeting coming up this week. We're exploring options for administration of the tax. The Commissioner of Revenue is developing an idea of administering it ourselves, so we'll come back with the recommendation when we get to a conclusion. There's also the Northern Neck Tax Board, which is an option for us. We haven't gotten much responsiveness from the Northern Virginia Board, and plus they have their hands full taking on all the counties they're taking on, so we're looking at doing it ourself and going with the Northern Neck Tax Board, Cigarette Tax Board.

**1:33:51.0 Madam Chair:** Thank you, Mr. Hughes. Mr. Stonehill, I believe you and Mr. Britton also serve on that committee. Do either of you have anything you wish to add?

**1:34:00.2 M. Britton:** I'll let Mr. Stonehill give it substance, but on the legal front, as you know the... So the general assembly said any county can do it, and then this year they were saying, "Wait a minute. Any county can do it through a regional commission," and that got scaled way back and... Either NACo... Yeah, it must have been NACo because cities already had... So the counsel with NACo has already been working with them, and they have the bills in good shape. I've given it to Mr. Stonehill, and that's not required, and it's not gonna be required once the final law gets passed, so in other words, we thought that look, counties other than Fairfax and Arlington weren't gonna be able to tax cigarettes unless they were in a regional commission. Now, they will be able to. So that says, we don't have to join Northern Virginia. We don't have to create a Northern Neck, we could do it on our own, which everybody thought last year, but was in danger this year because of some bill. But that's apparently dead on arrival, and their... As to the substance of the comments, I'll leave that to Mr. Stonehill.

**1:35:04.3 Madam Chair:** Thank you, Mr. Britton. Mr. Stonehill?

**1:35:07.8 J. Stonehill:** We're just back to the whole, are we gonna do it on our own or are we going to form the Northern Neck Cigarette Tax Board, 'cause we would have to create them. I did speak to Jerry Davis the other day, and that whole group down there is waiting to hear from King George because they're not going to do anything unless King George gets in and does it. So we actually have a meeting scheduled tomorrow with all the players, the counties and the town administrators that are gonna be included in this, and I know that Mr. Britton has been working on the legal aspect of it, but we're still kinda just back and forth about do we wanna try this on our own or do we wanna have Jerry Davis and the Planning Commission, the Planning District Commission down there, handle that? And he did... He's done their ambulance billing service for all the counties down there, like what we have up here, and it seems to have been, worked out pretty good and they're really having a good time with it, and it seems to be good. So he's gonna model the Cigarette Tax Board off of that, and it's just a matter of which way are we gonna go? And I was pretty impressed with what they had to say. I'll be interested to see what all the other administrators and county officials tomorrow talk about. There's a number of things that we have to get ironed out and trying to get everybody to agree on four or five different kind of stumbling blocks that we have is gonna be interesting to see. I did reach out to the city of Richmond a number of times. They've been doing it since 2019 on their own and I got nowhere, and I was told, "Just stop calling 'cause no one's gonna get you any information," so it's just a matter of what we all decide and what's gonna be easier.

**1:37:31.9 Madam Chair:** Alrighty. Thank you very much, gentlemen, for the update. Moving on to budget work session dates. So Mr. Hughes, can you tell us with your schedule and your availability, do you have a preference for a certain day of the week, or how would you like to help us set that up?

**1:37:53.6 L. Hughes:** Earlier in the week rather than later would be better. Tuesday, Wednesdays.

**1:37:58.8 Madam Chair:** Okay, very good. So let me poll the members and see where we're at on that. Miss Binder?

**1:38:06.7 C. Binder:** I have no problem with Tuesday or Wednesday.

**1:38:09.7 Madam Chair:** Mr. Stonehill? Mr. Granger, yes. Mr. Bueche?

**1:38:13.6 J. Bueche:** After 4:30.

**1:38:15.3 Madam Chair:** Okay. Yeah, yeah. So Mr. Hughes, then could you pull together a proposed schedule for us? Tuesdays or Wednesdays, and obviously it would have to exclude the first or third Tuesdays because we already meet on those for our regular meetings.

**1:38:41.3 L. Hughes:** I will do that.

**1:38:43.4 Madam Chair:** Go ahead, Mr. Granger, did you have something to add?

**1:38:45.7 R. Granger:** Did we wanna try to set one up just to get the ball rolling?

**1:38:48.9 Madam Chair:** Yeah, why don't we go ahead? That's a great idea. Let's go ahead and set up a first date so that it can be advertised.

**1:38:56.2 C. Binder:** Madam Chair, do we wanna do the Wednesday after our next board meeting?

**1:39:02.8 Madam Chair:** So that would be March 3rd if I'm tracking that correctly. Does that work good for everyone?

**1:39:09.8 C. Binder:** We could even do it 5:30 or 6:00 to make it a little earlier.

**1:39:13.5 R. Granger:** Yep. Sounds good to me.

**1:39:18.1 Madam Chair:** Wednesday, March 3rd, 5:30? Yes?

**1:39:23.8 C. Binder:** We'd have it in the board room or company one or to be announced?

**1:39:29.4 Madam Chair:** TBD. Yeah, we'll need to see if the board room is available. Alright, so Wednesday, March 3rd, 6 o'clock...

**1:39:40.7 J. Bueche:** Six.

**1:39:40.8 Madam Chair:** Location, TBD.

**1:39:40.8 L. Hughes:** 5:30 please.

**1:39:40.9 Madam Chair:** 5:30. 5:30. Yep 5:30. I'm sorry.

**1:39:48.7 L. Hughes:** How many work sessions do you believe you'll need?

**1:39:53.6 J. Bueche:** We're gonna need quite a few this year.

**1:39:55.2 Madam Chair:** Go ahead, Mr. Bueche.

**1:39:57.4 C. Binder:** In the past, it was set up by the County Administrator would... How many we ever we need. I think we had four, wasn't it, Richard? I think...

**1:40:03.6 R. Granger:** I think we had six or seven.

**1:40:04.6 Madam Chair:** I feel like it was six it started out and we would sort of go meeting to meeting. We didn't really have a firm... It's not like what you saw with the Service Authority earlier this evening, where we came up with every Thursday in March. It was more flexible, and it sort of flowed and so we had the first work session, and at that work session, then we would come up with the date for the next work session, allowing for time for advertisement, of course.

**1:40:36.2 R. Granger:** I know we always had to push the schools a little bit later 'cause they have to wait to find out state funding and things along those lines to...

**1:40:45.2 C. Binder:** Yeah, so probably about six or seven dates.

**1:40:48.1 J. Bueche:** And if I could suggest, Madam Chair...

**1:40:50.6 Madam Chair:** Go ahead Mr. Bueche.

**1:40:51.3 J. Bueche:** Last year, we had a work session specific to the compensation packages for public safety. I believe that's something that should be on our radar again this year, so maybe if that's a budget session, we can set up early on with Sheriff Giles and Chief Moody and take another look at our compensation package, 'cause I believe that they're gonna find themselves in a position where they need to be more competitive.

**1:41:18.8 Madam Chair:** Alright. Thank you very much. If there's nothing further, we'll go ahead and move on. Joint meeting with King George County Service Authority.

**1:41:29.3 M. Britton:** Apologize, Madam Chair. I'm not sure. Did the motion get made in...

**1:41:36.2 Madam Chair:** Oh, we need to move to advertise. Yep, sorry.

**1:41:40.0 R. Granger:** I move to advertise a budget work session for the Board of Supervisors for the date of March 3rd at 5:30 PM at a location to be decided by the County Administrator.

**1:41:55.0 J. Bueche:** Second.

**1:41:57.5 M. Britton:** That's fine, as long as it's in the advertisement.

**1:42:00.4 Madam Chair:** Yes, the location will be in the advertisement, and Mr. Bueche seconded. Any further discussion?

**1:42:07.2 J. Bueche:** Can we make sure that... So we used to receive calendar invites as well from Dr. Young. So these work sessions, if we can get those calendar invites, I'd greatly appreciate it.

**1:42:20.2 Madam Chair:** Yep. Yes, Mr. Stonehill.

**1:42:23.4 J. Stonehill:** And also, we're gonna get with the Citizen Budget Advisory folks as well, have them included?

**1:42:29.9 R. Granger:** I would imagine they should be included, yes.

**1:42:33 J. Bueche:** I believe there's two appointments, so if this is gonna be following our next meeting, if we have follow-on appointments, we can invite them at that point.

**1:42:41.9 Madam Chair:** Yes. Yeah, so they, for the most part, would be present at the meeting where the next meeting is decided, so hopefully they'll have their opportunity to provide their availability at that point as well. Okay, we had a motion. It was properly seconded. And we are finished. Everyone with discussion. All those in favor say "aye".

**1:43:04 C. Binder:** Aye.

**1:43:05 J. Bueche:** Aye.

**1:43:05 R. Granger:** Aye.

**1:43:05 J. Stonehill:** Aye.

**1:43:05.5 Madam Chair:** Any opposed? Chair votes aye, motion carries. Alright, joint meeting with King George County Service Authority. So we did discuss this in the Service Authority Board of Directors meeting, and that board agreed it would be best to do it at a regular meeting and also best for our staff, and as suggested, one of our regular Tuesday meetings and perhaps start early at 5 o'clock, possibly because it may be lengthy. Does that work for everyone? Ms. Binder?

**1:43:46.0 C. Binder:** Mm-hmm.

**1:43:49.8 Madam Chair:** Mr. Stonehill?

**1:43:49.9 J. Stonehill:** Hmm.

**1:43:51.2 Madam Chair:** Yes, Mr. Granger. Mr. Bueche? Alright, would we like to go ahead then and choose a date? They were thinking March or April.

**1:44:03.3 R. Granger:** Would staff be ready for the next meeting or would they wanna wait 'til the second meeting?

**1:44:06.7 Madam Chair:** I think we probably should wait 'til the second meeting in March, if we wanted to do it in March.

**1:44:11.6 R. Granger:** I'm amenable either way, so whatever everyone else would like to do. I can go along with...

**1:44:17.2 J. Bueche:** I mean, if this is a regular scheduled meeting, I'd leave it to the Chair to

decide, because you know the agendas or what's gonna be on the agendas for both bodies, so I would leave it at your discretion to decide.

**1:44:30.6 Madam Chair:** Right, the only consideration though is that if we're starting at a different time, we need to make sure to advertise the 5 o'clock start, and that it is a joint meeting of both boards. So we need to go ahead and pick a date. So let's pick the second meeting in March, which I think is also the 16th.

**1:44:50.0 R. Granger:** Yes, ma'am.

**1:44:51.1 J. Bueche:** Yep. I'm good.

**1:44:52.5 Madam Chair:** Can I have a motion please for advertisement please?

**1:44:55.5 R. Granger:** I move to advertise for a joint meeting between the Board of Supervisors and the Service Authority board to be advertised on Tuesday, March 16th, for a 5:00 PM meeting at the Revercomb Building in this room.

**1:45:12.4 J. Bueche:** Second.

**1:45:14.5 Madam Chair:** Any further discussion? All those in favor say "aye".

**1:45:18 C. Binder:** Aye.

**1:45:18 J. Bueche:** Aye.

**1:45:18 R. Granger:** Aye.

**1:45:19 J. Stonehill:** Aye.

**1:45:20.5 Madam Chair:** Opposed? Chair votes aye. Motion carries. Thank you. County Administrator report, Mr. Hughes.

**1:45:29.4 L. Hughes:** Madam Chairman, I have one thing. The board needs to schedule a work session with the consultants who are doing the search for a county administrator. It's probably one of the... If not the most important thing, one of the most important things you'll do in your term. It'll probably take an hour, hour and a half to develop the profile that will be used for advertising and promoting the position. As I said in the report, you need to consider experience you want, education you want, personal qualities you may want in an administrator, and that will be conducted by Drew.

**1:46:15.1 Madam Chair:** So I note in your memo, we have suggested dates of February 23rd, which is a Tuesday or February 25th, which is a Wednesday.

**1:46:26.2 R. Granger:** Thursday.

**1:46:26.9 Madam Chair:** I'm sorry, Thursday. Thank you, Mr. Granger, at 6:30 PM. So let me poll the members and see if they have preference. Ms. Binder?

**1:46:36.1 C. Binder:** I like the first date better, but...

**1:46:39.1 Madam Chair:** Thank you. Mr. Stonehill?

**1:46:41.9 J. Stonehill:** What were those days again?

**1:46:42.7 Madam Chair:** 23rd or 25th of February.

**1:46:47.3 J. Stonehill:** I can do either.

**1:46:48.4 Madam Chair:** Okay, Mr. Granger?

**1:46:49.6 R. Granger:** Either.

**1:46:50.3 Madam Chair:** Mr. Bueche?

**1:46:50.8 J. Bueche:** No preference.

**1:46:51.4 Madam Chair:** Alright, so because we have a member who has expressed a preference, let's go ahead and choose that one, February 23rd at 6:30 PM. Now that one, we will, to make sure there is not anyone using the board room, so we will need a motion to advertise.

**1:47:18.0 R. Granger:** I move to advertise immediately the Board of Supervisors for February 23rd at 6:30 PM, the location to be decided by the County Administrator.

**1:47:28.8 C. Binder:** Second.

**1:47:32.1 Madam Chair:** Any further discussion? All those in favor say "aye".

**1:47:35 C. Binder:** Aye.

**1:47:35 J. Bueche:** Aye.

**1:47:36 R. Granger:** Aye.

**1:47:36 J. Stonehill:** Aye.

**1:47:38.8 Madam Chair:** Opposed? Chair votes aye, motion carries.

**1:47:46.9 L. Hughes:** That's all I have, Madam Chairman.

**1:47:48.7 Madam Chair:** Thank you, Mr. Hughes. Alright, moving on, I don't think we have any staff here that might want to present a report, so we have a closed session, I do believe. I'm sorry...

**1:48:01.1 M. Britton:** I think Ms. Hahn... I'm not sure, but Ms. Hahn is on the line. I don't know if she had a report, I just was telling you.

**1:48:08.6 J. Bueche:** Who?

**1:48:09.1 Madam Chair:** Okay, Ms. Hahn, if you can hear me, do you have a report you'd like to present? Okay. In the interest of time, we'll go ahead and move on. And I believe we have a motion for a closed session. Mr. Stonehill?

**1:48:32.8 J. Stonehill:** I move that the King George County Board of Supervisors convene in a closed meeting pursuant to VA Code Section 2.2-37 11 A7, for the purpose of consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation regarding Sedgewick Crossing, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect negotiating and board litigating posture of the public body, and VA Code Section 2.2-37 11 A8, consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel regarding Sedgewick Crossing. I invite the County Administrator and the County Attorney, because they are deemed necessary and/or their presence will reasonably aid the board in consideration of its topics to be discussed pursuant to VA Code Section 2.2-37 12f.

**1:49:45.9 R. Granger:** Second.

**1:49:47.9 Madam Chair:** Any further discussion? All those in favor say "aye".

**1:49:48 C. Binder:** Aye.

**1:49:48 J. Bueche:** Aye.

**1:49:48 R. Granger:** Aye.

**1:49:49 J. Stonehill:** Aye.

**1:49:52.0 Madam Chair:** Opposed? Chair votes aye. Motion carries. We are in closed session.

[Pause]

Mr. Stonehill?

**1:50:04.8 J. Stonehill:** I move that the King George County Board of Supervisors return to public meeting and certify by vote that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered during the closed meeting.

**1:50:27.2 R. Granger:** Second.

**1:50:28.9 Madam Chair:** Ms. Binder?

**1:50:31.1 C. Binder:** I certify.

**1:50:32.9 Madam Chair:** Mr. Stonehill?

**1:50:34.0 J. Stonehill:** I so certify.

**1:50:36.0 Madam Chair:** Mr. Granger?

**1:50:36.9 R. Granger:** So certify.

**1:50:38.1 Madam Chair:** Mr. Bueche?

**1:50:38.8 J. Bueche:** Certify.

**1:50:39.9 Madam Chair:** And I so certify. Do we have another motion?

**1:50:48.9 R. Granger:** Just for adjournment.

**1:50:50.3 Madam Chair:** Yeah. Do I have a motion to adjourn?

**1:50:53.6 J. Stonehill:** I motion to adjourn to February 23rd at 6:30 PM, here in the board room.

**1:51:00.9 R. Granger:** Second.

**1:51:03.9 Madam Chair:** Any further discussion? All those in favor say "aye".

**1:51:06 C. Binder:** Aye.

**1:51:06 J. Bueche:** Aye.

**1:51:07 R. Granger:** Aye.

**1:51:08 J. Stonehill:** Aye.

**1:51:09.2 Madam Chair:** Opposed? Chair votes aye. Motion carries. We are adjourned.