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At a regular meeting of the King George County Board of Supervisors, held on Tuesday, the 18th day of May, 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
Travis Quesenberry, Interim County Administrator
Matt Britton, County Attorney

0:00:11.9 Madam Chair: I hereby call to order this meeting of the King George County Board of Supervisors. Mr. Quesenberry, are there any amendments to the agenda, sir?

0:00:19.0 Travis Quesenberry: Madam Chair, there are no amendments to the agenda.

0:00:23.1 Madam Chair: Very good. Thank you, sir. I'll now open public comment. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person in order to afford everyone an opportunity to speak. If comments relate to a specific public hearing item, and we do have one of those later this evening, we ask that you offer those comments at the time of the public hearing. And I just wanna make sure everyone understands, we will go down the list. Once we've gone through the list, then I will ask if there was anyone else who did not get to sign up. And I do time public comment, you have three minutes. So when you see me go like this, it means you need to wrap it up. All right, thank you very much. Let's begin, Mr. Robert Ashton, and please state your name and address when you start. Thank you.

0:01:10.4 Robert Ashton: Robert Ashton, 14540 Ridge Road, King George, Virginia. Madam Chairwoman and board members, it is a pleasure, once again, to come before you regarding the confederate monument sitting on the front of the courthouse. At the last board meeting, I finally heard from a concerned citizen with an opposing view. He commented and said there was, I quote, "A Black union soldier whose name is inscribed on there and a Native American soldier." Does the name of two people of color really represent the statue and the entire cause of the conflict of the Civil War? I think not. That war was to dissolve the union and preserve slavery. In that era, I can imagine those two individuals not making a choice of their own. The Civil War was not about the United States, it was about ownership of Black people. It is good conversation when there are

different opinions; however, I feel that conversations are good when the true facts of discussions are talked about. The fact is why was this monument erected and its purpose. Why is it sitting on public property in front of the courthouse of justice that should administer justice equally to all its citizens in an unbiased way? At the last board meeting, one member stated that this is something the board must investigate, and the others were silent. My question is, how much more silence and stalling the board is going to do when the investigation has been basically completed? Last board meeting, I mentioned that the county attorney, Mr. Brittin, who say there's no definitive deed or title associated with the statue, and it was lawfully placed there on county property. You have the information you need, why is the board now silent on the issue of importance to some of the same constituents that you represent? I hope the board makes a decision based on what their constituents are saying and not their opinion. Why can't you act lawfully and move it to its proper place? It's a cemetery, where those who support it and those who wanna memorialize those individuals whose name is on there, they can go at any time. I look at the board on this day, and I hope that this board represent all the constituents in this community. That's all I have.

0:04:19.1 Madam Chair: Thank you, sir. Next up, Jolicia Ward.

0:04:28.9 Jolicia Ward: Okay. Hi, good evening board members. Okay. My name is Jolicia Ward, and I'm an advocate/activist, but most important, I'm an official candidate for the Virginia House of Delegates right here in District 99. I'm here in solidarity with the King George NAACP, and as a recent member to this organization, I would like all of you to know that I support the organization's mission in removing the confederate statue currently located on public property on the front lawn of the courthouse to another location, and I will personally tell you why. I started my journey as an advocate helping a grieving mother fight for justice for her 17-year-old African-American son, who was murdered by a Caucasian Virginia Beach Police Officer 15 years ago. His name was Demario Joyner. After his case and my work became public, I was led on board to help other families who have suffered from injustice here in the Commonwealth of Virginia; Cameron Millias, 26-year-old African American who died from COVID after his health care was neglected in the Virginia Beach jail; Coleman Sample, 23-year-old African American shot in the back of his head by a Virginia State Police officer in Virginia Beach, Virginia; Xavier Hill, 18-year-old African-Americans shot in the neck and hand by a Virginia State Police officer in Goochland County, Virginia; TY Gregory, 24-year-old African American unlawfully attacked by Skyline Drug Force causing his left eye to be completely removed and currently going blind in his right in Waynesboro, Virginia. I don't have enough time, because you guys gave me three minutes to continue this list, but this is just a small portion behind the scenes of the mothers I work with on a regular basis. I go to funerals with these mothers, police stations with these mothers, city councils with these mothers, but most importantly, I go to court with these mothers who are seeking justice for the death and severely injuries of their children. Court, let that sink in. So how do you expect me to help these families heal and help these families have trust and faith in the justice system if you expect them to walk past an offensive confederate statue on public property on their way into the courthouse where they're supposed to feel that they will be represented equally and justly without prejudice or influence to fight for transparency of the death of their loved ones? How? If you can answer my question today, please reach out to me at missjoliciaw@gmail.com. Thank you, and I appreciate your time today.

0:06:45.5 Madam Chair: Thank you, ma'am. Wayne Bushrod.

0:06:53.7 Wayne Bushrod: Good evening, I'm Wayne Bushrod, 10144 Deer Lane, King George. Good evening, Madam Chair and fellow board members. The King George branch NAACP is

requesting the removal and relocation of the Confederate statue that currently sits on the front lawn of the courthouse. This serves only as another example for people of color and minorities to be consistently reminded of pessimistic, unjust, and segregated times that our ancestors were forced to endure. Our ancestors did not have options on how their lives were to be lived or impacted by the way they were treated; that was pre-planned by others who did not have their welfare at heart, but only to see how much labor could be gotten for little to no cost. This is not a period in history that people of color are proud of as we are continually being reminded of the past. This is the 21st century. Let us move forward together by relocating the statue to a more appropriate location and stop living in the past. Thank you.

0:07:52.3 Madam Chair: Thank you, sir. Carolyn Davis.

0:08:02.5 Carolyn Davis: Good evening. I am Carolyn Davis. My address is 4315 Danube Drive. I am a member of King George County. I have lived here since I was 5 years old. I wanna tell you that my stand on this is... Someone said to me, "Oh, they should just destroy it." Definitely not. We should always be reminded of where we came from. But I don't think when I enter the courthouse I should be reminded that my ancestors were slaves. I don't feel my children should have to take that burden on, that they are reminded that once family members were owned by people. I think we have passed that by now as King George constituents. I feel like that our board was put in by us. We all, not just one race, but all races, voted to get you in. And I just feel like that we should take this time to reevaluate how we are representing our constituents. And I do feel that that monument should be moved, but I definitely don't feel like it should be destroyed, because we should never ever forget from where we came from just to ensure that we never go back there again. Thank you.

0:09:27.7 Madam Chair: Thank you, ma'am. Marsha Stonehill.

0:09:35.3 Marsha Stonehill: Madam Chair, supervisors of the board, Marsha Stonehill, 17094 Ferry Dock Road. Regarding the Confederate monument, for educational purposes, I would like to direct people to the npr.org article written August 20th 2017, titled, "Confederate Statues Were Built To Further A White Supremacist Future". Also, please take the following into consideration, delays have meaning and speak volumes. Many constituents wonder why it is even a question whether to move this monument. We want leaders who are aware of the intricacies of systemic racism. We want you to remember that not everyone has the best in mind for all. Oftentimes, those people were in leadership positions, and hence, had the power to do things on the sly, or they had financial power to take sly and cunning measures to deliver messages that would be missed by those who were not affected by the messages. Remember, implicit bias cannot be hidden; it comes rolling out. We hope each of you as leaders are holding yourselves personally accountable to understand the progressive state of awareness we are being asked to move along with. King George already has a reputation for being a little backward. I believe you are the right leaders to help change that.

Next, with RBAHC to properly acknowledge and publicly honor all the determination, persistence, and effort that has gone before RBAHC, here is a concise list. More details are available upon request and, of course, are a part of the public record already. From 1998-2006, it's noted that the supervisors and school board went round and round about what to do with the building. Not until 2006 was the building placed on the National Historic Registry because of the work and effort of the Ralph Bunche Alumni Association. On April 10th 2010, a partial renovation concept plan is presented by Wiley Wilson. On May 15th, 2012, there is a presentation by the Ralph Bunche Alumni Association. Again, on August 4th, 2015, there is another presentation of the Ralph Bunche

Cultural Center and Museum. Then, in December 2017, there is a proposal from Echelon for condos. In reality, the building has not been properly maintained, nobody can go into the building. Take the following into consideration, please: Money could not be allocated toward the renovation and purposeful use of a building on the National Historic registry, but at the same time, money is prioritized toward other building projects. Why were these other projects prioritized? Wait, we know you can't answer that. But before you answer that, really think about what has happened over and over and over since 1998. How is this justified? RBAHC believes you are the right leaders to build a cooperative effort to help our county get out of this vicious cycle. We look forward to honoring African-American heritage and to bringing unduplicated services to King George with your cooperation. Thank you.

0:12:51.6 Madam Chair: Thank you. Mr. Don Shelton.

0:13:00.0 Don Shelton: Good evening, everybody. I'm Don Shelton. I live at 9430 Ashman Court. Some information to share with you. I met with this group multiple times. I've heard their stories, and they speak from the heart. But they're also part of a group called the Monument Movement that is getting paid to do this. Now, some information about the people on the monument. One of them is my grandfather's grandfather. His father was Indian, his mother was Black. Both of them were slaves in Maryland. So one of the people in that monument descended from slaves. There is 22 other people on that monument that's my blood relatives. They're descended from Indian slaves, Irish slaves, and Black slaves. So again, this is not a monument towards your Confederacy. It is a memorial, it is a tombstone to the family members and the people that this county knew had died for a cause they didn't really want to fight. Now, it's got the attention of a state group and a national group. They're gonna get involved now... There's some lawsuits and stuff like that. So what I'm asking you tonight to do is make a motion. Table this until the courthouse is built. Then, we'll look at this building courthouse, and like I said two weeks ago, let's make this a cultural center to honor all our people. The Indian history has not been told. My people was massacred in 1666 by Nathaniel Beach. They was all killed and massacred, and I'm survived from those who have married in White family. The Black history in this county has not been told. We could have an opportunity to use this courthouse to tell the whole story. People comes from Fredericksburg down to the other historical sites like Washington's Birthplace and stuff, this could be a stop to tell the whole history. We have an opportunity to do this. Please make a motion tonight to table this until the new courthouse is made, and then we'll discuss this... so this courthouse for the history of all the people of King George. And as a president of the King George Historical Society, I am gonna lead this organization to try to get it done. Thank you very much for all the hard work you do for the King George. Thank you.

0:15:36.6 Madam Chair: Thank you, sir. Next speaker, Mr. Bob Baird.

0:15:43.9 Bob Baird: Good evening, Madam Chairman, ladies and gentlemen. I was asked the other day to take on a project on behalf of Shiloh Church, and that is to be the narrator for our Memorial Day celebration. In preparing for that, I came to the realization that of the 32 citizens of King George county that were killed between World War I and the Korean War, 25% of them were Black. Where have we recognized them? Where have we honored their sacrifice? I totally concur with Mr. Shelton, that we have done a poor job there, and we need to not hide our history but to enhance our ability to tell the history of all our citizens. I want to say that I don't believe we should move the memorial. I believe that we need memorials, we need to understand our history. It causes us to think, to remind us of the rights and wrongs of the past, to remind us of those who have put

themselves out there for a cause, any cause. And it serves us to learn from the mistakes of the past as we work to build a better future.

I would recommend that we follow the words of Dr. Martin Luther King in that, "Take the long view, but take it quickly." We have an opportunity now. We are two-and-a-half years away from the projected completion of a new courthouse. This is no longer going to be the court's house of King George County. Considering 300 years of history of King George, two-and-a-half years is inconsequential. I believe we need to start planning to move the courts to the new facility and turn this into a cultural center, a historic center, for us to learn and study and recognize the history of this county as it is. I believe tonight that the board should move to reaffirm its commitment to fair and equitable treatment for all. I believe that the board should immediately take action to recommend continued study for the adoption of the plan proposed by the Infrastructure Planning Committee to turn these buildings into a cultural center. I believe that we need to take this opportunity that's in front of us to move forward, and that we all work together, again, in the words of Dr. King, to learn from each other to and understand each other and understand our real needs as we move forward to a brighter future. Thank you.

0:18:24.0 Madam Chair: Thank you. Ms. Koontz Campbell?

0:18:35.3 Koontz Campbell: My name is Koontz Campbell. I live in Vernon Woods. I will admit that I'm a little confused because I thought this was a Confederate statue. The last two people that spoke are indicating it's a statue representing many other things. As a Confederate statue, I think it should be removed. Not only are Black people offended by the abhorrent evil conduct of slavery, not only are they offended by the fact that Confederates, so young men, fired on and killed thousands of American boys, so that they could continue with this abhorrent practice of slavery, as a White person, I find that offensive also. I know that there are people there that have relatives, descendants here. Unfortunately, I'm not proud to say I'm a descendant of families that owned slaves. But it's not something that I go around bragging about because I don't think it's anything to be proud of. Fortunately, the other part of my family was Yankee and they ruled in my family. If this is not a Confederate statue, then I don't really understand what the discussion is; if it is, then it should be moved. It doesn't need to be at this courthouse or the other courthouse or any other courthouse for Blacks or Whites to come by and see and be reminded of the fact that American soldiers died to put an end to this abhorrent practice. I think it should be put somewhere, I agree with Mr. Ashton that the descendants... There are cemeteries, there are many places in the county that the this statue could be put that they could go see, pay respect to their ancestors, if their ancestors aren't buried here and already in the cemetery. But I see no reason for it to be out in public and that's not something I would wanna advertise. Thank you.

0:20:56.5 Madam Chair: Thank you. So that is the last name on the public comment sign-up sheet. Is there anyone else physically present here in the boardroom tonight who wishes to provide public comment before I turn it over to online? Seeing none. Mr. Dines, you did provide me with one name. Has anyone else joined in since then?

0:21:20.4 Chris Dines: No.

0:21:20.5 Madam Chair: Alright, so I'll now call Ms. Amber Kintz for public comment. Ms. Kintz, can you hear me, ma'am?

0:21:32.4 Amber Kintz: Yes, I can hear you.

0:21:33.1 Madam Chair: Alright, ma'am, go ahead. You have three minutes and please state, again, your name and your address.

0:21:40.1 A. Kintz: Okay, good evening to all of the members of the Board of Supervisors and thank you for allowing me to speak. I'm also sending you a copy of my comment via email. My name is Amber Kintz, and I reside at 14368 Chastine Drive in King George, Virginia. I am a historian with a degree in History and a Minor in Museum Studies from the University of Mary Washington. I'm currently studying for my Master's in Military History with a concentration in the American Revolution at American Military University. I'm also a veteran of the United States Air Force. I support the NAACP and the proposal to move the Confederate statue that is currently located in front of the King George County Courthouse to another piece of land. I believe that all history should be told, but I also believe that history should be told as it happened. The war between the United States of America and the Confederate States of America, what we call the so-called Civil War, was fought primarily over slavery and constituted treason against the United States of America. Our country fought another war that began almost exactly 86 years prior to the Civil War, we know it as the American Revolution. If we had lost that war, the United States would not exist in its current form, if at all, and we would regard George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Alexander Hamilton, and all the others who fought to make this nation free as treasonous traitors. While it's important to remember, and I don't support the destruction of any piece of history, this statute celebrates people who chose to fight against the United States of America in order to oppress people who had a different skin color than theirs. This statue is not a gravestone. The people listed on this statue are not buried there. They're buried elsewhere, and their families can honor and celebrate them in those locations. This building may not issue judgements in the future, but it will always be a courthouse. Please move the King George Confederate statue from this property. Thank you.

Write-in Comments

Ana Maria Lovell: 10263 Roosevelt Drive, King George, VA 22485

Dear Annie Cupka and County Supervisors, on the 25th of April I read an article in the Free Lance Star about the future of the monuments. One of the members of a new working group formed to look at diversity issues in King George is asking county officials to remove a confederate monument on the courthouse lawn. I don't think the Supervisors should be given this weight. What should be done is to have a referendum to let the people of the county make that decision.

I don't think there are very many people in the county that agree with what these monument stands for and removing it will not change history, but it may make it easier for them to forget that history. The people of the county should have some say about where or not monuments are removed.

I have lived in this county for forty-six years and have always found people friendly and courteous. My two children grew up here and always found it to be a friendly place to live and go to school.

Mr. Wayne Bushrod of the NAACP said that he always had high regard for King George County and I agree with him. We should not let this diversity issue divide us. I love this county and would not want to live anywhere else.

Yvonne Richards and Susan Parks:

I'm writing today to state my support of the KG NAACP's request to remove the Confederate monument from the courthouse grounds. Our county should not honor those who fought to preserve slavery and white supremacy. Instead, let's recognize local figures who have made positive contributions to our county, such as Gladys West, who was a pioneer in computer science at Dahlgren. There are plenty of people in our county's history who have worked to make life better for others. We are all created equal, and our public monuments should reflect that belief.

0:23:49.2 Madam Chair: Thank you, ma'am. One last call. Do we have anyone else who popped up, Mr. Dines?

0:23:54.5 C. Dines: No.

0:23:55.5 Madam Chair: Very good then. Do we have any members with correspondence from the public that they wish to read aloud? No? Mr. Stonehill, did you have... Okay, alright then. So I will note, again, I read this, I believe, at the last meeting, or perhaps the meeting before, per the bylaws adopted by the Board of Supervisors on January 5th, 2021, Page 19, Section Six, comments in writing. The Chair may also allow members of the public to submit comments in writing. Such written comments may be read in part or in whole or submitted to the minutes without reading at the discretion of the Chair or the member to whom the comments are addressed. All submitted comments shall be subject to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, FOIA. So we did receive two comments, I did go ahead and submit them to the clerk to be entered into the record. I will summarize both emails. I have an email received today, May 18th, 2021, from Ana Maria Lovell of 10263 Roosevelt Drive, King George. The summary is, "I don't think the supervisor should be given this weight to decide on the Confederate monument. What should be done is to have a referendum to let the people of the county make that decision." I would also note that Ms. Lovell is here in person this evening, and I did afford her the opportunity to read her comment aloud if she wished to do so. The second email I have is also dated May 18th, 2021. It is from Susan Park of 10064 Francis Folsom Drive. And she supports the King George NAACP's request to remove the Confederate monument from the courthouse grounds. So as I previously stated, both of these have been forwarded to the clerk in their entirety to be entered into the record and are available by Freedom of Information Act request. You have one?

[pause]

0:26:53.6 Jeff Stonehill: I have one more that was addressed to all of us, but I guess Ms. Cupka did not get it. It was from Yvonne Richard from King George County. And she's just writing in support of King George NAACP's request to move the Confederate monument from the courthouse grounds. And we will definitely enter that into the minutes as well. Thank you.

0:27:17.2 Madam Chair: Thank you. That could have gone to my prior county email address, is my guess, is what usually happens with that. But if you could, please send it on. And if you wouldn't mind hitting forward to me too, so I see it, because I did not see it. Thank you very much. All right. That being said, we will now close public comment and move on to reports of members of the board. Mr. Granger?

0:27:41.9 Richard Granger: Yes, ma'am. I'd just like to say thank you to everyone for coming out: Mr. Ashton, Ms. Ward, Mr. Bushrod, Ms. Davis, Ms. Stonehill, Mr. Shelton, Mr. Baird, Ms.

Campbell, Ms. Kintz, Ms. Lovell, Ms. Park and Ms. Richard, for your comments about the memorial and your stance on it. Thank you for coming in and weighing in. Other than that, on May 5th, I was part of the joint Bay Area Consortium Workforce Development Board and CLEO meeting. We set our budget for that meeting and not a whole lot of other business went on, it was just an organizational meeting. And then on Wednesday, May 12th, I had the opportunity to go to the middle school for a walkthrough. Principal Ms. Collins made it available. So got to see the finished product. It's a great middle school. I think it'll be great for the kids when they get to go to school next year. So I think Ms. Binder brought it up that this will be the... All the grades, it will be their first year in the school, since the eighth grade didn't have an opportunity really to be in the school this year... Or the seventh grade this year, which will now be eighth grade. So hopefully, it'll be a good year, next year for the kids. That's all I have. Thank you.

0:28:50.2 Madam Chair: Thank you, Mr. Granger. Mr. Stonehill?

0:28:55.5 J. Stonehill: Just wanted to say thank you for everybody coming out. Certainly appreciate public comment. We don't really... If we don't get to hear from the public what they want, it's hard for us to decide what they want us to do. And so, I know it's a very touchy situation for both sides. We're definitely gonna... Like I said before, we're definitely gonna address it at some point here in the near future. And we'll try to figure the best thing out for all of us. Saturday, May 8th, myself and Mrs. Cupka participated in our second King George's litter cleanup here for the county. We were over on Comorn Road with the Friends of Rappahannock, and we went on over there. In just a few hours, we picked up over 70 bags of trash along Comorn Road. It was pretty much a mess. And I just wanted to say thank you for everybody that came out and volunteered their time. It was a beautiful Saturday morning. And I just... One more time, to remind people, as you're driving, especially to and from the dump or wherever, please cover your loads and empty pickup trucks. People throwing in straws, trash, things like that flying around out of the back of the truck really adds up. I can't tell you how many straws and soda containers that we picked up. So just wanted to say just thanks again for everybody that helped out. And that's all I have.

0:30:30.4 Madam Chair: Thank you, sir. Ms. Binder?

0:30:33.1 Cathy Binder: Yes, I wanna thank, as my colleagues have said, everyone who came out and spoke in-person and online. Thank you very much for coming out and letting your voice be heard. I wanna bring out a couple of informational items. The Smoot Library would like you to know that some of their rooms are now open for limited use. So if anybody wants to have a meeting or such, there are certain rooms they can't use 'cause they're too small right now, but for restrictions for COVID. But some of the rooms are open and with proper social distancing, so if anyone would like to use them. I did participate on May 12th with Mr. Granger on the middle school tour. We had two school board members with us including Ms. Hock, who... I think we were the only two who remembered it really when it was a high school. And it was interesting to see how it was adapting and I think improved in a lot of areas, especially the old library that has now cool collaboration space that teachers can bring students down to do some positive things. And my daughter particularly liked the library that had... She was, she loved it and I think a lot of students are gonna appreciate what they can do in there, not only read books, but 3D image... 3D printers and Lego make a space, and it's really gonna be a cool thing for all the residents and students in our community to use. I also want to thank our county staff, particularly Ms. Hahn in finance and Amanda Sumiel our HR director, Lorrie Gump, Board of Elections, and Louis and Sierra in our Community Development Department, who entertained Troop 4208, which my daughter is a part

of, the Girl Scouts, and explain what county government is to earn a civics badge. And I would love to host other Boy Scout or Girl Scout troops or any other group that wants to learn about civics and what our local government does. And I think there was one young lady who might be interested in being an accountant because she had a lot of questions for Ms. Hahn and her eyes lit up. And I think it's really important because sometimes young adults don't know what other jobs are in certain... I'm gonna give community development as an example. In other places, it's called the community zoning. And so, it's neat to have somebody come and explain all the different jobs that are in that department. I wanna thank Mr. Beale who's here, who assisted me on Alden Road, on the citizen comments, I really appreciate his hard work working throughout one section that has come up many times and he helped me out and I really appreciate... And the constituents on the road really appreciate, 'cause there's quite a few older folks on that road that when that swampy area gets washed out, it can be an issue for them to get to and fro wherever they need to go. One other last thing I would like to mention is, and Miss Davis brought it to my attention earlier, because she's the lady in charge of our... Making sure our students are healthy and safe, and have meals, is that next year, the students that the lunch will be able to be provided, and also that any citizen who has children 18 and under can go to any school, except King George Middle School from 1:30 to 5:00 every Wednesday and get seven days' worth of lunches. They're frozen and you heat them up. And I think it's really important because there are residents in our community that have been struggling during the pandemic, and letting them know that there is a place that they can come and get a meal is really important. And the last thing I wanna say is, we have quite a few boards and commissions that are available for citizens to be part of and I would love... I have quite a few open and there's some... Or the county has with an outside agency like GWRC and Healthy Generations, which helps elder people, and the big thing is if anyone would like in our community to be in one of those boards, just reach out to us or call the County Admin office to find out what boards are available and we can help out. I'm looking for people that are interested in the thing, like Healthy Generations, you're really into helping elder people, help have mobility and have meals and stuff, so please reach out to us if you'd like to serve on a board in the Shiloh District or for my colleagues who have seats open, thank you very much. That's all I have.

0:34:39.2 Madam Chair: Thank you, Ms. Binder. Mr. Bueche?

0:34:42.1 Jeff Bueche: Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you to everybody who came out this evening, taking your personal time to come here and participate in your local government. A couple of things I'd like to address. So Ms. Stonehill was speaking about the Ralph Bunche Arts & Humanities Center, and you pointed out the timeline for the Ralph Bunche School. So, I, as well, followed along with all those things that came through. A lot were things that sounded good, that felt good, empty promises, plans that were presented with benchmarks that simply were not met. There were requirements that developers came in with these grandiose ideas and it sounded so great that we would finally be able to get things accomplished, and they simply fell through. I don't believe that it was anything to do with the board not wanting to see anything come to fruition with the Ralph Bunche School. I know, personally, I would love to see that addressed. I voted in favor the last time of the last plan to move forward with this, but it's simply that things have not been met. As far as other projects that have been done while Ralph Bunche was out there, it's simply a need versus desire. Would it be nice to utilize tax dollars to revamp that school and make it a museum or do we wanna enhance the current facilities that are educating all of our children right now? And it's simply a matter of need versus desire. So I just wanted to bring up that point. I think there was some good discussion tonight regarding the memorial. I think there's room for further discussions. I did really... I was put at ease when I heard we don't wanna destroy it, that we

need to remember our history, that we don't repeat that. But again, we today as King George County, are not guilty for the sins of our fathers. No one in this room was ever a slave and no one in this room ever owned a slave, but we all need to be cognizant and aware of what did happen in our history to make sure that we never, ever get to that point again. As I've stated before, slavery was an abomination, still remains an abomination in this world today, and we constantly bring up things that bother us, that make us feel insecure in our past, but what are we doing today to actively heal it? Are we simply making a move to remove symbols or are we taking an active role to heal as a community? I can't speak for the board, I can speak as an individual elected official, but I am open to the discussion of a referendum, the one reason that I'm specifically open to that for is I don't like outside organizational or activist influence in my community. We are all King George citizens, and if there's something that's gonna happen that needs to happen on the ballot that is voted on by King George citizens, we dictate what happens in this county as a community at the nation, at state, at our organizations, but we as individual citizens of King George County. So I would be open to furthering that discussion, it is contentious, and anybody that doesn't think so and doesn't think that there's passion on either side of this is just oblivious. There is. So I think we should all take pause when we do have conversations. There are issues. There's a picture in the county administrative office that shows that statue, so when we're talking about history, that statue used to be located across the street. Now, how did it move? Why? It was located where Route 3 currently is. Was that something to do with when they put in Route 3 and things? I don't know. That's part of the legal issues that I was talking about a couple of weeks ago. That all has to be cleared up. But I appreciate discussion, and I appreciate the manner in which the discussion's occurred. So with that, I'd just like to remind everybody, we're all King George, and I think we have a pretty damn good community, and I'm very proud of it. So Madam Chair, with that, that concludes my comments. Thank you.

0:39:49 Madam Chair: Thank you, Mr. Bueche, so let me start by thanking everyone who came out to give public comment this evening, I appreciate everyone of you taking your time to share your cares and concerns for our community with us. Everyone on this board understands how important this issue is, and that a decision needs to be made and it will be. We and my colleagues do not know this and I apologize, but I set the agenda, Mr. Quesenberry and Mr. Britton are aware of this. We have a slot for the June 1st meeting, for a closed session, because we have some more information that Mr. Britton needs to provide us with. But we just finished a very long budget process with, well, three different county administrators, quite frankly. Thank you, Mr. Quesenberry, for getting us to the finish line. That was just at our last meeting. This evening, we weren't able to do it tonight because tonight, we have a very lengthy closed session after this meeting, where we will vet county administrator candidates, because our goal is to have a new permanent county administrator seated by July 1st. So we have a great deal of very important business to address for our community. I am confident that a decision will be made soon thereafter. With regard to the Ralph Bunche building, I just wanna remind you that I've been in my seat for about 16 months, I feel very strongly that I personally have been a fierce advocate for that building. In 2018, while I was on staff as the grant writer, I tried to write for a National Park Service grant, and unfortunately, was not able to do so, as it seemed there was another plan for that building at the time, and then it fell into private hands for a very short period of time. Last fall, I brought the National Park Service Grant opportunity for \$500,000 to my colleagues for their consensus, and they provided unanimous consent to have staff move forward with the grant application. I personally requested letters of support for that grant application and received them from United States Senator, Mark Warner, US Representative Rob Wittman, and our governor's office. We should be hearing about that grant application, the results of the competitive grant application in June, so I'm very optimistic about that opportunity. I also wanna let you know, and this was actually

in my board report already, but it's relative to the same topic, that last week our Ralph Bunche High School was recognized as one of three schools nominated to Preservation Virginia's Most Endangered Historic Places List, 2021. One of the photographs on the website is the current condition of the gym at the school. I personally took that photograph when I toured the school last fall and took many photographs to support staff's grant application. So I wanna thank Economic Development and Tourism staff for submitting the nomination, and you have my commitment that I will not stop until we come up with a solution for Ralph Bunche High School. Thank you for that comment. Alright, moving forward, not to switch to a lighter subject, but I did participate in the cleanup day, and I would just note that in addition to the 70 bags of trash we picked up from the shoulders of Comorn Road. I personally collected 17 diapers from about a quarter mile stretch on the south bound shoulder. We can do so much. I know this was not any of you all, but I just wanna make a point, we can do so much better for our community. Visit our website on May 12th, 2021, on the bottom on the news flash on our county website, the FCC began accepting applications for its Emergency Broadband Benefit Program, and there is a link there and more information on the website. Last thing, I do have some appointments that I wish to make, and I did have information about these candidates forwarded to my colleagues this evening. To the Smoot Library Board of Trustees, I wish to appoint Mrs. Tracey Martin to a new term, beginning July 1, 2021. Mrs. Martin is a first grade teacher and grade level chair at Sealston Elementary School, and was honored as the King George County School Division Teacher of the Year in 2016, when I first met her while chairing King George Education Foundation. Mrs. Martin will bring a wealth of knowledge regarding early literacy to the library Board of Trustees.

0:44:54.4 J. Stonehill: Second.

0:44:56.2 Madam Chair: All those in favor, say aye.

0:44:57.1 C. Binder: Aye.

0:44:57.2 J. Bueche: Aye.

0:44:57.4 R. Granger: Aye.

0:44:57.6 J. Stonehill: Aye.

0:44:58.7 Madam Chair: Any opposed? Chair votes aye. Motion carries. Thank you. And I wish to thank Ms. Elody Shojinaga for her service on the Smoot Library Board of Trustees, particularly as its chairwoman this year, as her term expires on June 30th, 2021. Mr. Quesenberry, could you direct staff to send a letter thanking her for her service, please. Thank you. And as for the Parks and Recreation Citizen Advisory Committee, I wish to appoint Mr. Jeff Shapiro to fulfill the remainder of the term that expires on February 28th, 2022. Mr. Shapiro is a veteran and officer of the newly formed Sergeant Nicholas C. Mason King George VFW, has been a volunteer youth coach for Parks and Rec since 2015, and has also served as a referee and assisted with player evaluations. And outside of King George, he's coached youth and inter-mural basketball, football, and soccer for over 20 years in various military installations and places throughout the country.

0:46:02.1 J. Stonehill: Second.

0:46:03.6 Madam Chair: All those in favor, say "Aye."

0:46:05.2 C. Binder: Aye.

0:46:05.3 J. Bueche: Aye.

0:46:05.4 R. Granger: Aye.

0:46:05.5 J. Stonehill: Aye.

0:46:05.8 Madam Chair: Any opposed? Chair votes aye. Motion carries. Thank you. And I wish to thank Mr. Daniel Hughes for his service, as he recently resigned from his appointment of 2019. Likewise, Mr. Quesenberry, please direct staff to issue a thank-you letter to him as well. Thank you very much. That's all I have. Alright, we'll move on to the consent agenda.

0:46:31.5 R. Granger: Move to accept as presented.

0:46:31.4 J. Bueche: Second

0:46:35.3 Madam Chair: All those in favor, say "Aye."

0:46:36 C. Binder: Aye.

0:46:36.3 J. Bueche: Aye.

0:46:36.5 R. Granger: Aye.

0:46:36.8 J. Stonehill: Aye.

0:46:37.8 Madam Chair: Any opposed? Chair votes aye. Motion carries. Folks, if you'd like to stick around, we have a great deal more to talk about this evening. We would love to have you and have your input at a later meeting. Alright, let's move on to... Thank you, ma'am, I forgot to grab that one... County officials' reports. I do not see any constitutional officers present in the boardroom this evening so we'll move on to the report of the county attorney, Mr. Britton, sir.

0:47:13.5 Matt Britton: Madam Chair, I just have one thing. I received actually today, a Columbia Gas order of noticing comments, so I thought I'd bring it up just to give folks more time if they wanted to meet the June 1st deadline. And basically, these notice and comments come from utilities and quasi utilities when they want to do infrastructure and get paid back basically by raising rates or having a rate. So this one is for approval to extend the following three conservation energy efficiency programs over a three-year period: Web-Based Home Audit Program, Home Savings Program, Residential Income and Age-Qualifying Program. They say they're gonna spend \$5.3 million over three years, costing the average residential customer using 63.6 dekatherms annually, approximately \$6.74 in 2022, and they're asking for a billing unit to begin January 2022 cycle. Anyone who wants to make comments about that, the deadline is June 21st of this year, and you can file that at the State Corporation Commission at scc.virginia.gov, and I can put this into the record so that people can do that. Maybe we could post. Usually, I think we post it on our website if they wanna make comments.

0:48:42.9 Madam Chair: Yes, if you could please post it on the website too. Thank you.

0:48:46.5 M. Britton: That's all I have, Madam Chair.

0:48:47.6 Madam Chair: Very good. Any questions for Mr. Britton? No? Alright, then we'll move on to public hearings. We have a...

0:49:00.3 M. Britton: I believe that's Mr. Dines' phone.

0:49:05.6 Madam Chair: We have a public hearing on the proposed Virginia Department of Transportation Secondary Six-Year Plan, Fiscal Year '22 to '27, will be presented by Mr. David Beale. Allow me first, sir, to read the public hearing statement. The King George County Board of Supervisors will now hold a public hearing that has been properly advertised to receive public input regarding the proposed Virginia Department of Transportation Secondary Six-Year Plan, Fiscal Year '22 to '27. We will first have a presentation by Mr. David Beale from VDOT. 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. Mr. Beale.

0:50:05.5 David Beale: Thank you, Madam Chair, members of the board. My name is David Beale, I'm the Northern Neck Residency... Resident Engineer for VDOT. For the members of the public, if you watched or were here last month, I presented a similar presentation in the work session and I'm gonna run through these slides again for the benefit of those who may not have been here. We're here tonight for the Secondary Six-Year Plan public hearing, this is a code requirement of Code of Virginia, the VDOT and the county hold a joint public hearing and passed a secondary six-year plan. The plan announced for fiscal years 2022 through 2027, and these are secondary routes, so these are the routes with route numbers 600 and above. Routes like Route 3, 301, those are your primary routes, they are not part of this plan. This funding is not maintenance funding, so it's not pot holes, it's not grass, it's not snow removal. This is for projects on the secondary routes, and traditionally, this money is used to surface treat gravel roads that are already in the state system. So we're not adding new roads to the state system, we're taking existing gravel roads that VDOT maintains and hard surfacing them, which improves the performance of the road and minimizes maintenance costs and provides a benefit to the citizens that use those roads. There are two sources of funding, you can see them there in the slide. One is tele-fees, and one is a district grant for unpaved roads. There's almost a million dollars to be allocated between FY'22 and '27, and I believe there's about half a million dollars of previous funding that's already in the plan from prior years.

If you go to the next slide, again you see the projects that are already in the six-year plan: Rokeby Lane and Ivy Hill Loop, those are two. The design packages were on my desk last week and they've been approved and we'll start them later this summer. The next two are Rixey Road and Chestnut Hill Loop, those are fully funded in FY'22. And then at the work session... Would you skip a slide? I think we have the... That's last month's presentation or we missed a slide, but anyway, at the work session last month, we identified Prim Road and Canning Way, we had estimate of \$550,000 for 1.6 miles of Prim Road, that goes from Round Hill Road to Big Timber Road, there's an intersection there. Prim Road, I think is 2.95 miles in its entirety, so we had talked about breaking that up into phases so we didn't have to wait to fund the entire road. And then Canning Way is... I believe it was

a quarter of a mile. That estimate is \$100,000, and that road continues on at the end of State maintenance down to a private road.

The next slide is the county-wides. These are kind of placeholders for traffic services right away in engineering and survey. You can see that last year we didn't have a public hearing because of the COVID, and we parked all your money from last year in the county-wide engineering and survey, so that's why there's so much money in that fund. It's good to keep some money in each of those for things that may come up, speed studies, or signs, or things of that nature, but I'm not aware of any big-ticket items that would require a large amount of funding.

On the next slide, we just have some general requirements about the Rural Rustic Roads. It isn't on paper, but it's already in the State system. It can't carry more than 1500 vehicles per day. It has to be a priority as a line item in the Secondary Six-Year Plan, so that's what we're doing tonight, is adding roads to the Secondary Six-Year Plan. It has to be predominantly for local traffic, so if the Board was aware of a rezoning, or a large development, or something that was gonna occur, or plan to occur, or was in your comp plan on one of these roads, then it may not be a candidate for the Rural Rustic Program. We would ask that it be hard serviced in another way. We do accomplish minor drainage improvement, so a lot of times we'll replace driveway pipes, or cross pipes, depending on their condition, before we hard surface that road. We also clean the ditches, and dress the road up, and add stone. And then there's a website there that gives all the details on the Program.

The next slide identifies all the gravel roads in the County that VDOT currently maintains. The column there, SYIP, Six-Year Improvement Program. The ones with the Y are the routes that are already in the Secondary Six-Year Plan, and the draft Plan presented tonight adds Route 660 Canning Way, and Route 625 Prim Road. And again, Prim Road, there's just a portion of that 2.95 miles from Round Hill to Big Timber, about 1.6 miles. The routes highlighted there in yellow have more than 50 vehicles per day, so that we ask that as long as you have routes that have at least 50 vehicles per day that you concentrate on those, before we start knocking off the lower volume ones. That is everything I had, and if you all have any questions for me I'm happy to answer them.

0:56:19.7 Madam Chair: We'll go ahead down the line. Mr. Granger.

0:56:21.4 R. Granger: Yes ma'am. Mr. Bill, I appreciate you being here. I know we have some people in attendance... I know I was the one who advocated for putting Canning Way on. I thought it'd be nice to have it paved, but there are some challenges with it, and I think they're gonna come to speak. I believe it's Google Maps identifies that as a throughput, and so they have tractor-trailers that come down that road and then go down their private drive, and I believe they're turning around in their field. And so I believe the feeling is, is that I am sure they'll be able to speak tonight, so I'll just be brief, that if it's paved it's gonna encourage even more trucks to come down. So I guess my question would be, you said traditionally it's for paving, and I know we talked momentarily before the meeting, but is there other infrastructure that could be done? Like is there a possibility to do some kind of infrastructure to allow like a turnaround at the end of the State maintained area so that the trucks won't come down and then be stuck and have to pull on to private property? Could something like that be done?

0:57:19.0 D. Beale: Yes, you can really use it for most any project you wanna do on a secondary route. So if you wanted to add a turn lane, if you wanted to add a turnaround, you can buy right-of-way. I did drive Canning Way when you all added it last month, and at the end of the road there are some grade issues, so it would be a bit of a challenge to get a turnaround in there, even for a car, much less a tractor-trailer, there's gonna be a significant amount of grading and a right-of-way that would be needed or easement that would be needed to accomplish that. So that wouldn't be an

easy...

0:57:48.2 R. Granger: A heavy lift is what you're saying?

0:57:50.9 D. Beale: Yeah.

0:57:51.4 R. Granger: Okay. I'm not gonna ask my colleagues to say let's do this tonight, but would you be at least willing to entertain the investigation to find out what it would cost, just so we are educated in knowing what it would be to do some kind of infrastructure like that, to make an informed decision? Is there a cost for just asking you to investigate that, or...

0:58:12.6 D. Beale: You probably get what you pay for.

[laughter]

0:58:16.5 R. Granger: Understood.

0:58:17.5 D. Beale: We can come up with an estimate just a real rough, back of the notebook...

0:58:21.5 R. Granger: Yeah, a ROM, Rough Order of Magnitude.

0:58:23.1 D. Beale: I think if the issue is... We don't control Google Maps...

0:58:30.1 R. Granger: I understand.

0:58:30.6 D. Beale: And the road continues on, but if it would help to put up a sign that said, "Dead End Road" or "No through trucks" or... I guess we couldn't do "No through trucks" without an official through truck restriction, but we could look at trying to do some signage at the beginning of the road to address that issue, to try to minimize the amount of traffic that was coming down there that wasn't appropriate.

0:58:50.3 R. Granger: Okay. Well, I guess we'll continue this offline, I'm just asking. And everyone's welcome to speak about it, so don't feel like you can't, during the public hearing, but I think that kind of covered the idea of the concerns, but thank you.

0:59:03.5 Madam Chair: Thank you, Mr. Granger. Mr. Stonehill?

0:59:06.9 J. Stonehill: I have no questions. I just wanna say thanks for coming out and giving us this presentation.

0:59:12.0 Madam Chair: Thank you, Mr. Stonehill. Ms. Binder?

0:59:13.9 C. Binder: Yes, Mr. Beale, once again, I wanna thank you for your help, but I did drive Alden and Prim, and I didn't realize, 'cause I had driven it a couple of years before that, that that one area where it's swampy is pretty bad, and you have to put up cones to show people obviously that that's an area of concern. So that area will be addressed, correct? Thank you.

0:59:38.7 Madam Chair: Thank you, Ms. Binder. Mr. Bueche?

0:59:42.8 J. Bueche: Thank you, Madam Chair. Initially, I didn't have anything, thank you, Mr. Beale, for coming out, but I would like to continue along the line of what Mr. Granger was discussing. I can understand that concern, however I think a sign would be most appropriate, because if we were looking at utilizing other monies, that's to further enhance that road, where a sign could address it while we still have other gravel roads that still need to be addressed with those monies. I know I experience it when people simply come to my house, they go down Dixon and they wind up having to find a way to turn around. So, I would like pursue the sign avenue instead of further improvements. But that's all I have, Madam Chair.

1:00:30.6 Madam Chair: Thank you, I just don't want us to go too far into discussion without having the public hearing. Thank you, Mr. Bueche. Alright then, I'll now call the public hearing. I'm gonna open the floor for public comment. I have a sign up sheet, I do have one name on it. Miles Hastings, if you would like to come forward, sir, please state your name and address, and you have three minutes, sir.

1:00:52.1 Miles Hastings: Thank you. I'm Miles Hastings, 15057 Canning Way. Thank you for your work, Mr. Beale, and board. Evidently all had put some thought into this. But... This is a strange request but I'd ask that you not include Canning Way on the list. The reason being is, we are the destination for all 195 miles of the Rappahannock River. We've had people as far away as New Hampshire come in to visit us, and while it's great stopping your work, and talking to these people, most of them are very nice, but we've had a few incidences. And so, it's not the most comfortable thing, and we feel like if you paved the door that it's gonna open up the way where people will feel that it's where they need to go. Also, we have quite a few trucks, tractor trailers come in there to remove grain off the farm, with overload from it. I don't know, as far as engineering. And also, when I haul grain across the highway, I would prefer a gravel surface compared to an asphalt surface while I'm pulling with the tractor, just for traction issues. For me, that would be better. But having talked to everybody that lives down in there and our residents, we're all in agreement that we'd prefer to see it stay the way it is. But while I've got your ear, at 607 and Port Conway, there, Poplar Hill Road, and Canning Way, there is a line of trees, on the south side, more towards Poplar Hill Road, and it's like looking in a dark hole when you try to pull out of either driveway. People, on both sides of the road, have been having issues with almost being tail-ended or t-boned at that intersection, and it's becoming quite a concern. I spent three hours out there today getting a good case of poison ivy cutting [chuckle] stuff off on the state right-of-way, because we just can't see, to get out of there, and the traffic on 607 has gotten worse and worse. Thank you for your time.

1:03:24.0 Madam Chair: Thank you, Mr. Hastings. Thank you very much for coming out and sharing your concerns with us. Is there anyone else physically present in the boardroom tonight that wishes to speak at this public hearing? Mr. Dines, do we have anyone online?

1:03:38.0 C. Dines: No.

1:03:40.4 Madam Chair: Thank you. Board members, did we receive any written correspondence, regarding this public hearing? Mr. Quesenberry, did we receive any in the administration office?

1:03:51.3 T. Quesenberry: No, Ma'am.

1:03:52.3 Madam Chair: Thank you very much. Alright, I will now close the public hearing on

this matter, and will open it up for discussion by the board. Go ahead, Mr. Granger.

1:04:00.8 R. Granger: I was gonna ask to remove Canning Way, is everyone amenable to taking that off the resolution?

1:04:07.3 Madam Chair: So, if I can just make a point to clarify what we would need to do then. Because we do have three resolutions, one is for the secondary Six-Year Plan, and then, the two accompanying, there is a separate one for... A separate resolution to add Prim and to add Canning. So, I will take out, if it is the consensus and the will of the board, we will remove, I will not read the Canning resolution for adoption. So, we would just be looking at Prim Road and then the Six-Year Plan as a whole.

1:04:42.3 R. Granger: Correct. And the resolution, we'd have to say to adopt it as presented with the removal of Canning Way from the Six-Year Secondary Plan.

1:04:49.6 Madam Chair: Yes, correct. So, I'll read it, but whoever moves...

1:04:55.1 R. Granger: I can...

1:04:55.1 Madam Chair: Needs to move with that note. Mr. Granger, you offered a suggestion there. Would you like to go ahead and move so we can further discussion then?

1:05:07.4 R. Granger: Sure. I move to adopt the Virginia Department of Transportation secondary six-year plan as presented, with the one modification of removing Canning Way from the list to be added.

1:05:20.0 J. Stonehill: Second.

1:05:22.3 Madam Chair: Alright, further discussion? Mr. Stonehill, did you want to add anything? I'm just gonna go down the line, real quick. Ms. Binder?

1:05:32.4 Madam Chair: Mr. Bueche, go ahead.

1:05:33.4 J. Bueche: Thank you, Madam Chair. With the removal of Canning, can we take what we were gonna allocate towards Canning Way and apply that to Prim Road so we could do more on Prim Road? And that puts us further along in that process. So, I'd like to reallocate, if that's something that's feasible, or even possible?

1:05:55.4 Madam Chair: Please advise us, Mr. Beale.

1:05:57.1 D. Beale: The intersection of Prim Road and Big Timber from a traffic safety standpoint is a good place, has a curve there, and the signage... It's a good place to stop the phase. You're not gonna lose any funding, we're gonna put that money in the county wallet and you can reallocate it when we can do more with Prim, a longer segment. So, if we wait a couple years and accrue enough funding, we could just finish Prim Road at that point, and not just end it at some random spot in the middle of the road. The intersection's a good terminus.

1:06:28.1 J. Bueche: I'm fine with that. Thank you.

1:06:31.8 Madam Chair: So then, your recommendation, is to just bank it, for now?

1:06:34.9 D. Beale: Yes, ma'am.

1:06:35.4 Madam Chair: Okay, very good. Thank you for that. Alright. Mr. Britton, do I need to read both of these in their entirety?

1:06:46.0 M. Britton: No, Madam Chair, you can... The motion was to adopt the resolution as presented with the exception of Canning Way and put them... Resolutions in the record, you do not need to read the resolutions.

1:07:00.3 Madam Chair: Very good. All right then we have a motion properly seconded, any further discussion? All those in favor say aye.

1:07:07.5 C. Binder: Aye.

1:07:07.5 J. Bueche: Aye.

1:07:07.7 R. Granger: Aye.

1:07:08 J. Stonehill: Aye.

1:07:09.1 Madam Chair: Any opposed? Chair votes aye, motion carries. And we do have to record it, so Mr. Quesenberry if you can make sure it gets recorded as unanimous for the record, thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. Beale, do you have anything else you might like to share with us while you're here tonight, sir?

1:07:29.6 D. Beale: Yes, thank you so much. I do have my maintenance report, it's in your packet. I know you have a busy meeting, so I'm not gonna go through the entire report, I just wanna touch on three things. I emailed Mr. Quesenberry today. We are closing Jersey Road effective Thursday morning at 7:30. We estimate that repair on that pipe crossing will be about 10 weeks. The detour sign, you may have noticed the message board's up today, the detour signs are turned and we'll turn those and make them active Thursday morning. So I regret that closure. There's pretty significant storm damage there at that crossing, and it's gonna be a big repair, but we're gonna get it done and work to minimize that closure.

The other thing I wanted to touch on is mowing and starting a mowing season. We've started litter pickup, we're doing litter pickup on all the secondary routes, and I appreciate your work down at Comorn and one day we'll share stories about all the things we find on the side of the road, but if you can imagine it, it's there. So the mowing is starting, will start immediately after we finish litter pickup. By the first of the month, we should be well underway mowing every... Mowing both the contractors doing the secondary routes... I'm sorry, contractors doing the litter on the secondary routes, state forces are doing the mowing on the secondary routes, contractors doing the mowing on the primary routes, and they'll get started first of the month. The last thing, I was notified today, there's a quarterly meeting with update on the Nice Bridge Project, and they're having an issue with citizens entering the work zone through the park, and they just asked that we emphasize to the citizens that that is an active work zone and I know that's a county beach, but we would just ask that citizens stay out of the work zone until that project is complete.

And then one other plug, any VDOT concerns, site distance, potholes, anything you can think of on the road, if you have a question about a study, if you wanna get a hold of me and you can't remember my name or my phone number, citizens are just encouraged to call 1-800-FOR-ROAD. F-O-R, R-O-A-D. If you just dial that number 24/7 and tell them what your VDOT concern is, it'll get to where it needs to be and we'll work to answer it, so I just wanna make everybody aware of that. That's all I had. Thank you all.

1:10:03.5 Madam Chair: Thank you, Mr. Beale and yes, I had to remind people of their ability to do that again yesterday. Thanks for everything you all do for us. We certainly appreciate it. So in abundance of caution, we just wanna make sure it's clear for the record, Mr. Granger, go ahead.

1:10:20.4 MG: I'd like to make a motion to adopt the resolution for Rural Rustic Road project Route 625 Prim Road as presented.

1:10:29.6 C. Binder: Second.

1:10:31.3 Madam Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor say aye.

1:10:34.9 C. Binder: Aye.

1:10:35 J. Bueche: Aye.

1:10:35.5 R. Granger: Aye.

1:10:35.7 J. Stonehill: Aye.

1:10:36.5 Madam Chair: Any opposed? Chair votes aye, motion carries. Thank you, Mr. Beale, see you at the field. Alright, we'll move on to presentations and reports. Presentation by Mr. Pete Kisner, waste management. Good evening sir, welcome.

1:10:58.0 Pete Kisner: Thank you, Madam Chair. Good evening, good evening members of the board. Mr. Quesenberry asked me to stop by and introduce myself. My name is Pete Kisner, I'm the new district manager for waste management, covering the King George landfill. I'll keep it brief as I know you have a lot of business in front of you this evening. Born and raised here in Virginia. I spent most of my career here in Virginia, the last couple of years, I've been down south of Mississippi and South Carolina, and then recently an opportunity presented itself for me to come back home with my family here to King George, so we were all very excited about that. As we get settled in and I get up to speed with everything, I certainly look forward to working with you. I'll coordinate with you offline, Mr. Quesenberry, as far as the cadence of things going forward, what information you would like and the frequency, and that sort of thing. Did you have any questions for me at this point?

1:11:51.8 Madam Chair: Mr. Granger, I'll start with you because the landfill is in your district.

1:11:55.9 R. Granger: I don't have any particular questions at the moment. I appreciate you coming though and introducing yourself, I'm sure we will be speaking. It's always... It can be a controversial topic, the landfill, so I'm sure you understand that.

1:12:08.1 P. Kisner: Yes, sir.

1:12:08.4 R. Granger: But I appreciate you being here and look forward to having a good relationship with you as well, like I did with Mr. Howard. So thank you.

1:12:15.6 P. Kisner: Yes sir, thank you.

1:12:17.4 Madam Chair: Mr. Stonehill?

1:12:19.3 J. Stonehill: No questions, just thank you for coming out and welcome to King George and once you get settled, I'm sure we'll get to see you more often.

1:12:28.4 P. Kisner: Absolutely, thank you.

1:12:29.6 Madam Chair: Thank you, Ms. Binder?

1:12:31.4 C. Binder: Just welcome. Thank you very much.

1:12:33.0 P. Kisner: Thank you.

1:12:34.1 Madam Chair: Mr. Bueche?

1:12:36.2 J. Bueche: Thank you, Madam Chair. I just wanna say welcome to King George and you're gonna be working with some wonderful people most of them from King George, so thank you very much.

1:12:45.9 P. Kisner: Thank you, sir.

1:12:47.6 Madam Chair: Mr. Kisner, it's good to see you again, we actually met at an informal function last week. We're looking forward to working with you and hearing from you in the future. Thank you for coming out tonight. Thank you.

1:13:00.2 P. Kisner: Yes, ma'am, thank you. Have a good evening.

1:13:05.1 Madam Chair: Alright, moving on to action items. Department of Economic Development and Tourism, Tourism Advisory Committee Application, Parks and Recreation. Mr. Nick Minor, Director of Economic Development and Tourism.

1:13:19.1 Nick Minor: Yes, thank you, Madam Chair and members of the board. I'm here requesting funding from the tourism fund for the King George Parks and Recreation, for \$40,000 for the fireworks and festival event at Sealston Sports Complex on July 10th 2021. The event will include vendors, sponsors, music and fireworks. Funds will be needed and used between May 15th 2021 and July 15th 2021. It will occur the weekend after the holiday on July 10th 2021 and provide a family atmosphere outing for County residents. As an added benefit, the event will coincide with the Little League 9/11 Tournament being held in King George County, and therefore is a potential draw for visitors outside the County. After review, the TAC recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the \$40,000 funding for the King George County Parks and Recreation application. Staff also agrees with TAC's recommendation. If you guys have any questions, I'll be

happy to answer. Thank you.

1:14:16.3 Madam Chair: Thank you, Mr. Minor. Questions? Mr. Stonehill?

1:14:23.0 J. Stonehill: Same company, from last year, Mr. Minor?

1:14:27.3 N. Minor: Yes.

1:14:27.7 J. Stonehill: Okay, great. Those guys did an awesome job so looking forward to it.

1:14:32.9 N. Minor: Thank you, sir.

1:14:34.2 Madam Chair: Ms. Binder? Mr. Bueche? I don't have any questions. Is there a motion?

1:14:40.8 R. Granger: Move to approve the \$40,000 funding request for King George County Parks and Recreation application for the fireworks display to pull from the TAC fund.

1:14:51.4 J. Stonehill: Second.

1:14:52.8 Madam Chair: Further discussion? I do actually have a question for Mr. Quesenberry. In our budget process, I do believe, we did budget \$25,000 under Administration to support the fireworks so we could then find other uses for that line item in Administration because... Or it was Parks and Recreation?

1:15:19.8 T. Quesenberry: It was Parks and Recreation.

1:15:19.9 Madam Chair: I know it came from somewhere, 'cause we built it in, but we could use the tourism funding now if we approve it. Right?

1:15:26.5 T. Quesenberry: Right.

1:15:27.5 Madam Chair: Very good. Okay. So, we have a motion properly seconded. All those in favor say aye.

1:15:32.9 C. Binder: Aye.

1:15:33.2 J. Bueche: Aye.

1:15:33.4 R. Granger: Aye.

1:15:33.6 J. Stonehill: Aye.

1:15:33.7 S1: Any opposed? Chair votes aye. Motion carries. Thank you very much Mr. Minor, and thank you Mr. Clark for your work to put in the application. Thank you.

1:15:46.1 N. Minor: Thank you, Madam Chair.

1:15:49.5 Madam Chair: Alright, we don't have any discussion items this evening, lets move on to

County Administrator's report. Mr. Quesenberry.

1:15:54.8 T. Quesenberry: Thank you, Madam Chair. Only two items. At the next meeting, I'll be bringing multiple annual engineering contracts authorized from the County Administrator to move forward with executing those contracts. So that'll be on the agenda for your next meeting. The second item is that, now that you've finished the operating budget, it's time to start the CIP process, so we will be sending the requests to the departments this week and getting that process started. That's all I have.

1:16:26.7 Madam Chair: Very good. Thank you. Questions for Mr. Quesenberry? No? Mr. Bueche? No? Thank you very much, sir. Alright then, please note the information items, Department Director reports were in there, and we do have some additional open seats on Citizen Boards, and with that, I'll entertain a motion.

1:16:56.6 J. Stonehill: I move that the King George County Board of Supervisors convene in closed meeting pursuant to VA Code Section 2.2-371 (A)1, for discussion, consideration or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment or appointments of specific public officers, appointees or employees, namely the County Administrator; State Code Section 2.2-3711 (A)5 and 6, for discussions concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facility in the community, discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected. And State Code 2.2-3711 (A)7, for consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consulting or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect negotiating or litigating posture of the public body regarding a notice of claim. I invite the County Administrator, County Attorney, Mr. Minor, members of the Berkley Group, because they are deemed necessary, and/or their presence will reasonably aid the board in its consideration of the topics to be discussed, pursuant to VA Code Section 2.2-3712 (F).

1:18:36.9 C. Binder: Second.

1:18:38.0 Madam Chair: All those in favor say aye.

1:18:38.8 C. Binder: Aye.

1:18:38.9 J. Bueche: Aye.

1:18:39 R. Granger: Aye.

1:18:39.1 J. Stonehill: Aye.

1:18:39.3 Madam Chair: Any opposed? Chair votes aye. Motion carries. We are in closed session.

[Pause]

1:18:39.8 J. Stonehill: I move that the King George County Board of Supervisors return to public meeting and certified by vote that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open public

requirements by Virginia law, and only such public business matters as was identified in the motion convening the closed meetings were heard discussed or considered during the closed meeting.

1:18:49.7 R. Granger: Second.

1:18:52.5 Madam Chair: Can I have each member so certify?

1:18:57.3 R. Granger: So certify.

1:18:57.8 J. Stonehill: So certify.

1:18:58.3 C. Binder: So certify.

1:18:58.7 J. Bueche: Certify.

1:19:01 Madam Chair: So certify. We are in open meeting. I wish to make an announcement on behalf of the Board of Supervisors pursuant to Code of Virginia Title 2.2... FOIA Section 2.2-3712 closed meetings procedures, certification of proceedings. For the purpose of a meeting of the public body to interview candidates for the position of Chief Administrative Officer. I am hereby notifying the public that this board will conduct a closed meeting at a disclosed or undisclosed location within 15 days after today. Do I have a motion to adjourn?

1:20:23.2 R. Granger: Move to adjourn until June 1st at 6:30 PM in the boardroom.

1:20:28.3 J. Bueche: Second.

1:20:28.3 Madam Chair: All in favor?

1:20:30.0 C. Binder: Aye.

1:20:30.5 J. Bueche: Aye.

1:20:30.6 R. Granger: Aye.

1:20:30.6 J. Stonehill: Aye.

1:20:30.7 Madam Chair: Chair votes aye, motion carries. We are adjourned.