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At a regular meeting of the King George County Board of Supervisors, held on Tuesday, the 15th day of June, 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

0:00:26.8 Madam Chair: I hereby call to order this meeting of the King George County Board of Supervisors. Are there any amendments to the agenda, Mr. Quesenberry?

0:00:37.9 Travis Quesenberry: No, ma'am. No amendments.

0:00:38.0 Madam Chair: Thank you. We'll move on to public comment. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person in order to afford everyone an opportunity to speak. If comments relate to a specific public hearing item, we ask that you offer those comments at the time of the public hearing. I will start with all those who signed in on the sign-up sheet and then we'll move on from there. Mr. Robert Ashton. And Mr. Dines, do you have the timer up? Okay.

0:01:12.2 Chris Dines: Okay.

0:01:58.9 Madam Chair: Alright sir, you may begin whenever you'd like.

0:02:00.7 Robert Ashton: Okay, Madam Chair and Board Members. First, I wanna relay a message from Wayne Bushrod. He said, "Please, relay to the board of supervisors, my apologies for not being able to attend and my gratefulness for them stepping up and making a move forward and relocating the monument. He has a doctor's appointment at 6:15." Okay. First, I thank you for making the decision you did regarding the confederate monument. I have a different perspective on the issue after observing the board, I know it's in that one sentence statement the chair made. She directed staff to work with Historyland Memorial Park about relocating the confederate memorial, to determine the costs of the relocation and to work with community groups to raise the necessary funds. To me, it appeared that the onus was directly pointed to the NAACP to come up with the funds to have it moved. I recalled how the board disagreed with one of your members regarding road work. He stated it would cost around \$120,000 and wanted the board to support it. That

statement made me aware of when the board wants to come up with the funding, they can if they want to. You didn't agree with your member, but if you could have sent your expression as to say why do this at this time, knowing that we have something further to discuss later. Why is it necessary for groups to raise money to remove the monument when the board had come up with a creative way of finding the funds? If the board puts out bids to see how much it would cost to remove the monument, this process can move along quickly and smoothly and the board itself can show their responsible leadership again. I thank you for the decision you made to have the monument moved. Now, how soon can you get started on the funds to have it removed? Thank you.

0:04:00.5 Madam Chair: Thank you, Mr. Ashton. Miss Marsha Stonehill.

0:04:11.2 Marsha Stonehill: Good evening, Madam Chair, Supervisors, Mr. Quesenberry and Mr. Britton. Marsha Stonehill, 17094, Ferry Dock Rd. First, thank you. Thank you, thank you for hearing your constituents in regards to relocating the Confederate monument. We are very grateful for this leadership decision and for this type of progress in our county. Can you please notify us as to how the public will be kept informed of the progress of this move? Second, in continuation of moving forward with the RBAHC strategy for the revitalization of the Ralph Bunche High School, RBAHC remains motivated and on standby. It is our understanding that once the county administrator has completed a review, we will be contacted by the county administrator with questions. Of course, we welcome all questions, concerns or clarification of the work we have been doing, and we welcome this from anyone. We look forward to getting proper documents in place, so we can proceed with the capital campaign. Please answer, not for me, but for the public. When an organization is soliciting for millions of dollars for a county-owned building, is a letter of intent the appropriate document to demonstrate credibility when approaching a foundation of philanthropists for such large sums of money? Would you give large amounts of money to an organization with only a Letter of Intent? Or would you say, "Come back when you have your option agreement?" In regards to the National Park Service Grant, Madam Chair, during your work on that grant, you had requested a letter of support from RBAHC which was provided. We understood you to say that you were also getting letters from government officials and the Ralph Bunche Alumni Association. In a previous board meeting, you mentioned getting support from the government officials. When you submitted the application packet to the National Park Service, did you include the letters provided to you from RBAHC and the Ralph Bunche Alumni Association? Again, RBAHC remains motivated and on standby, we look forward to working with you. Thanks.

0:06:29.8 Madam Chair: Thank you, Miss Stonehill. I don't have anyone else on the sign-up sheet. Is anyone else present here in the boardroom who wishes to provide comment? Go ahead and come forward, Mr. Shelton.

0:06:43.5 Don Shelton: Don Shelton, Aspen Court. Can you explain, what's the... I understood that the agreement was supervisors to just to look what it would cost to move it. Was it actual vote to move the monument? Did you vote to move the monument behind closed doors? Please explain what that was all about. Thank you.

0:07:13.7 Madam Chair: Anyone else here in the boardroom for public comment? Mr. Dines, do we have anyone online for public comment? Alright. Members of the board, do we have any written correspondence?

0:07:27.0 Richard Granger: Yes, ma'am. I had a... From several weeks ago from Miss Brenda

Hinson. I've already forwarded it to staff and asked them to add it to the record. She just asked that her email be included in the record, it had to do with the Civil War memorial. So I've sent it on and it should be part of the minutes from here.

Write-in Comments

April 25, 2021

Supervisor Granger,

I just finished reading the article in the Free Lance-Star regarding the “Confederate” Monument on the lawn at the King George Courthouse. I think that you made a good point that once the new courthouse is built there are no plans for the said monument to be moved to the new Courthouse site. I don't think a lot of people would get that...however, even if they do – I don't think that will make a difference in resolving the issue.

In any case, you made a sound/sage point as stated in the Free Lance-Star! If this situation could be turned to a teaching moment regarding race relations that would be positive for all people.

If it is determined to let the monument remain, at the current site, it seems that it would be doable to place an interpretive sign at the location explaining the history of the monument, maybe even history of about the “Jim Crow” period and race relations after the American Civil War.

I do thank you for your service in King George County as a Board of Supervisor (James Madison District). It is greatly appreciated!

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0:07:45.6 Madam Chair: Okay, thank you very much. Anyone else? Alright, I'll now close public comment and move on to reports of members of the board. Mr. Granger?

0:07:57.5 R. Granger: Yes, ma'am. Just like to say thank you to everyone who came out. Mr. Ashton, thank you for sharing Mr. Bushrod's information as well, so I appreciate that. I'll speak to the road you brought up, the \$120,000 road, that was myself. So to explain the situation, the developer had put together a site plan for home development, and part of it had to do with putting the road in the VDOT system. It's been 15 years and he has still not been true to his word on accomplishing that action. And so there's a letter of credit, there's litigation going on, so I'm not going to go into the details of it. The county has decided that this is a long time. We would take on the risk, and then we would take it to the developer and the bank who has the letter of credit to get the money back, and so it's not... Really looking at it from the perspective of just finding money, this was supposed to have been done originally by the developer and the developer has been delinquent. So this was a way to get that resolved based on the fact that when the people were moving in, that was what the proper way, so just to try to...And the reason I came forward for the 120,000, I did meet with the citizens, they explicitly asked if I would at least request. I told them at the time, "I will ask, please be aware that it's gonna be very unlikely that this will be accepted by

my colleagues," and I told them, "I'm not even on board with this, we're trying to get this into the VDOT system, part of the requirement of the site plan that was originally proposed." And so just to provide a little bit more information, that request was just because I was explicitly asked, but I was very candid with them when I spoke with them, I was like, "I really can't even get on board with this, but I'll, at least, share it with my colleagues, and..." Because they asked me to, and I was trying to represent them. So I certainly don't mind anyone asking for... If the funds can be made available. I can't always say that they will be, though. Other than that, everyone else, thank you for coming and providing public comment. Mr. Shelton, the only thing I'll say is, votes can't happen in closed session. We don't hold votes in closed sessions, so no, there's no vote in closed session. Other than that, the only thing I have is that I would like to... I sent an email out to everyone. I have Miss Sparbel of the Library of Board of Trustees, she contacted me last couple of weeks, and so she has asked to step down and she was very... I know she's very passionate about the library, and so she has asked that Miss... That I appoint Miss Elody Shojinaga to fulfill the rest of her term, because she's currently serving as the chair of that board. I spoke with Miss Shojinaga and she was amenable to still serving. I know it's probably difficult for Miss Sparbel to step down, because she does have a lot of passion, but... I thought, "Okay, this is really important to you and you think this woman is providing a lot of value, then I'll move forward with that." And Miss Shojinaga seemed to be amenable well. So I'd like to make a motion to... And Miss Sparbel also put in her official resignation. But I would like to make a motion to appoint Miss Elody Shojinaga to the remainder of the term being... That had been served by Miss Sparbel.

0:11:05.4 Jeff Bueche: Second.

0:11:08.9 Madam Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor say aye.

0:11:12.4 Cathy Binder: Aye.

0:11:12.4 J. Bueche: Aye.

0:11:12.5 R. Granger: Aye.

0:11:12.5 Jeff Stonehill: Aye.

0:11:12.6 Madam Chair: Any opposed? Chair votes, aye, motion carries.

0:11:15.0 R. Granger: And I apologize. I'm sure I mispronounced her name, and if I did, I apologize, that was certainly non-intentional. But that's all I have the report. Thank you.

0:11:23.2 Madam Chair: Thank you, Mr. Granger. Mr. Stonehill?

0:11:29.9 J. Stonehill: I just wanted to say thank you for everybody coming out to speak up. This is definitely the time for the public to come and speak to us and tell us what they're thinking or what they're wanting or... So this is the time, so I do appreciate for everybody coming out and they can come anytime they want. Saturday, June 5th, I attended a Friends of Rappahannock meeting, out at Echo Dell Farm on the Rappahannock. The speakers there for Friends of Rappahannock talked about the mission of the river, and how they served the river, and all the communities that are on the Rappahannock River, and how all the communities and all the counties make up part of this river. I did want to thank the Baldwins for hosting the event at their beautiful riverside house, just... It was

a great event. And the Friends of Rappahannock's litter event, their next litter event is a week from this coming Saturday in Dahlgren, there's a sign up... There'll be on my... I know on my social media pages and on the Friends of Rappahannock pages.

This week, we just had an unbelievable rain event, and in my rain gauge, I had 9.6 inches in Dahlgren and I did hear that some places had even more than that and that's tropical storm hurricane-type rains. Many folks called and emailed about the flooding situations down in our usual spots in Dahlgren, Bayberry and some of our other usual places along Potomac Drive. Those have all been passed on to VDOT and they're aware of it. They continue to help ditch and clean out everything they can. They also advise to just please send comments and complaints to them by phone or their website, and they can then follow up on citizens' calls, that's the best way to get them. There was very little that could be done, nine, 10 inches of rain in 24 hours. Another thing that is really helpful, please keep ditches clear in front of your house. I went out and cleared ditches in front of my house as well. We did have some flooding. There was a house down on Potomac that I had seen they had built a bridge out of logs across the ditch, it doesn't help for draining for the water through there. So the best thing to do is just, everybody help clean up, and it's a community thing, try to keep the water from backing up into people's yards. And that is all I have.

0:14:22.0 Madam Chair: Thank you, Mr. Stonehill. Ms. Binder?

0:14:24.5 C. Binder: Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Mr. Ashton and Miss Stonehill and Mr. Shelton and Mr. Bushrod, Mr. Ashton delivering his message. Thank you for coming out and talk. I wanna talk to everybody about today, about... I had a couple of people call asking about the values for their vehicles and personal property taxes. And some people might not know, due to all the rising inflationary prices, the value of used cars has gone up. So if you have a question, please contact the Commissioner of Revenue, because you might be surprised at how much your car is valued at now, as opposed to in the past. I was shocked at what my car was valued at, but that also goes to the personal property tax. So if you have a question or concern, please go to the Commissioner of Revenue and they'll show you what the valuation of your car is, and it might explain it a little better. I also... This will be my last, well, my last meeting the other day at the Smoot Library Board of Trustees, I really appreciate the time I was on the board. I'm gonna step aside to let a citizen be on the committee and take my place. But I wanted to pass along a couple of things that they're doing at the library.

Number one, in August, they're gonna have a book sale where they... It's been very successful, especially last year during COVID. They raised a lot of money, though, they are looking for donations. So if you guys are still trying to clean out your houses, because of COVID, bring books over there to donate. And they raise money by then putting them all together a couple of days, and they sell them by the bag. So if you have any books to donate, look out for the book sale in August. And the friends of the Rappahannock run that, and with that, they're gonna help to pay for a couple of metal tables to put outside of the library so people can use the Wi-Fi outside, or students or parents just want to go outside and do an activity. So please help support the friends of the Library so that they can do those things. With that being said, I have a couple of board appointments, as I just said. I'm stepping down and I would like to nominate Ms. Dixie Washington, who has moved into the Shiloh district to serve the... From July 1st, it's a four-year term.

0:16:29.1 R. Granger: Second.

0:16:30.9 Madam Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor say aye.

0:16:31.0 C. Binder: Aye.

0:16:31.1 J. Bueche: Aye.

0:16:31.3 R. Granger: Aye.

0:16:31.5 J. Stonehill: Aye.

0:16:31.6 Madam Chair: Any opposed? Chair votes aye. Motion carries.

0:16:38.3 C. Binder: I also would like to appoint... We have a vacancy on the tourism committee, and since this nominee is in my district, I would like to appoint Jeron Hayes to... For the citizen... Civic organization category for the tourism committee.

0:16:54.0 R. Granger: Second.

0:16:57.0 Madam Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor say aye.

0:16:57.3 C. Binder: Aye.

0:16:57.5 J. Bueche: Aye.

0:16:57.6 R. Granger: Aye.

0:16:57.8 J. Stonehill: Aye.

0:17:00.9 Madam Chair: Any opposed? Chair votes aye. Motion carries.

0:17:03.5 C. Binder: And last but not least, I had spoken to Elody earlier and I'm gonna probably butcher the name also. And she had expressed interest as I had put up a flyer of all the different positions that we have open on our boards, and she expressed interest to being on the Landfill Advisory Committee and she seems very passionate about it and that's one of those committees that we can't find a lot of volunteers. So I would like to nominate Elody Shojinaga to be on the landfill advisory committee.

0:17:33.3 R. Granger: Second.

0:17:34.3 Madam Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor say aye.

0:17:38.2 C. Binder: Aye.

0:17:38.3 J. Bueche: Aye.

0:17:38.4 R. Granger: Aye.

0:17:38.4 J. Stonehill: Aye.

0:17:38.5 Madam Chair: Any opposed? Chair votes aye. Motion carries.

0:17:41.3 C. Binder: Thank you, that's all I have.

0:17:43.0 Madam Chair: Thank you Ms. Binder. Mr. Bueche?

0:17:46.0 J. Bueche: Thank you, Madam Chair. So I have a couple of talking points I'd like to hit on this evening, but I'll start off, first, I'd like to make a nomination to the Smoot Library Board of Trustees and nominate Mr. Weldon Burt Jr. for appointment.

0:18:01.8 R. Granger: Second.

0:18:03.0 Madam Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor say aye.

0:18:06.8 C. Binder: Aye.

0:18:07.0 J. Bueche: Aye.

0:18:07.1 R. Granger: Aye.

0:18:07.2 J. Stonehill: Aye.

0:18:07.3 Madam Chair: Any opposed? Chair votes aye. Motion carries.

0:18:11.8 J. Bueche: So Sunday, I attended a meeting with Fairview Beach residents at the home of Mr. Mike Bennett and his wife Gloria along with my colleague, Ms. Cupka and Sheriff Giles and Deputy Weston. They conveyed some concerns that they had, I think it was a very fruitful discussion. It was good to interact with constituents and that's the way it works. You contact your local representative and you schedule a sit-down and chat, that's what local government's all about. That's the difference between congress, senate, federal government, even state level. We're your neighbors, we're subject to the same ordinances and laws that we pass, we're subject to those as well. So it's always good to have a conversation with your representatives and from our standpoint, with our constituents. Many people are familiar with what's going on at Potomac Overlook and the development over there. When I came to office, that was a very contentious issue, was the zoning by right development of Potomac Overlook. And I did make a promise at that point to the residents of Potomac Landing, that throughout this development, I would continue to monitor the situation and see what storm water runoff and impacts from the development would be on current residents. I have kept true to my word on that throughout these last three and a half years, and following the rains that Mr. Stonehill described in his district, I took a drive to Potomac Landing, and up and down Potomac Drive and looked at the impact from the rain and the storm water ran off as expected and as it should. So I'm very happy to have seen that. I will like to read an email from Chief Moody that he asked me to pass along. "Our crews will be conducting the live fire training drills at this residential property located at 3481 Belvedere Drive. This property is facing the Potomac River and can be easily seen from the river. It is over 10,000 square feet and has a four-car garage." He's attached a few pictures. "We will be conducting live fire training for all three of our shifts along with naval District of Washington Fire. This will occur starting tomorrow, Thursday and next Monday. On Monday, we'll be burning the entire structure and the owner will be on site to demolish it soon after. We have been working with the owner for several months to conduct this training. The future plan for this property and the owner is to build a new residence." I bring this to your

attention, because it is on the Potomac River and it will probably be very visible. So I want people to be aware and my colleagues to be aware that this is going on to try and limit the calls to 911 or anything for this exercise.

So to public comment, thank you to everybody who came out tonight. So first off, a vote never happened in closed session. The board came out and we are looking to see what the cost would be to relocate the Confederate Memorial, a vote never took place with a definitive that we are moving the Memorial, we are looking at the cost. Now I am of the particular opinion, speaking for myself, that we should relocate all of the artifacts in front of the current courthouse, and the reason being is we do not know what the future of that courthouse is. We are currently building a new courthouse, we do not know if this current courthouse is gonna be a future museum, is it gonna be a future county office space, or is it gonna be torn down, because it's inhabitable. We don't know yet. So to protect the integrity of all the memorials and to make sure that they still remain accessible to the public, I believe that the cemetery would be the appropriate place for these memorials to be displayed, and I think that should make everybody happy and that would be our due diligence with that.

And then as far as the Ralph Bunche High School, I understand this keeps coming up and at this point, I would be interested in pursuing or looking at another RFP, but as it stands right now with Ralph Bunche Arts and Humanity Center, none of the benchmarks have been met, there is no relationship formally with the county, and we are basically starting from scratch. I bring that up because that is one of many county properties within King George County, and if we... Those who pay attention to the school board, and I happen to do that because the school board accounts for over 50% of the county's budget. So the school board, in their CIP discussions at their last meeting was talking about a new pre-school and the need of a new elementary school, just a pre-school that was presented was a price tag of nearly \$16 million. So with that in mind, I would say that right now, any county investment into something that isn't serving our current population and our current students would be folly. I believe that we need to start planning and looking at what our real needs are to serve our citizens on a day-to-day basis. Thank you, Madam Chair, that's all I have at this point.

0:24:14.0 Madam Chair: Thank you, Mr. Bueche. So I wanna start out, I do have a written report, but I wanna start by thanking everyone who came out for public comment tonight. Mr. Shelton, the first thing I would like to do is I will re-read the statement that was read at the conclusion of that meeting, "With consensus of the board of supervisors, I direct staff to communicate with Historyland Memorial Park regarding relocation of the Confederate Memorial to determine the cost of the relocation and to work with community groups to raise the necessary funding." I will reiterate what my comments stated there was no vote taken in closed session. Mr. Ashton, I do wanna thank you for coming out and providing public comment and also reading Mr. Bushrod's statement as well. As I just said, I read the statement again. And yes, at the end of the statement, it said, "And to work with community groups to raise the necessary funding." I will note that in previous public comment, your organization said, "Let us move forward together," and we are willing to do that. I wrote that down, it was May 18th, and I put quotation marks, because I was very struck by what Mr. Bushrod said, because we do need to move forward together. So I will own it, I don't mind telling you, I did reach out to Mr. Bushrod to see if he had any resources in the community, he had any suggestions of any groups or companies that had equipment that might like to donate their services. I will own that, I did that, so that's where we're coming from with regard to that. We do wanna move forward together as a community to accomplish what it is that we're set out to do, but no public vote has been taken at this time. I think later in the county administrator report, there may be some more information, if you wanna stick around for that, that would be great, it will probably

be enlightening. So, Ms. Stonehill, thank you for your comments about the possible relocation of the memorial and with regard to the grant application, yes, I did acknowledge the three elected... Well, two of them are elected and one is appointed by the governor, I guess, but, yes, we did receive letters of support, I did personally request those. We did also receive a letter of support from the Ralph Bunche Arts and Humanities Center. I can tell you that when I sat down with staff and read through their grant application, staff's recommendation was, at that time, not to include the letter of support from your... I'm sorry, I said, "Your." From the Ralph Bunche Arts and Humanities Center, because there was no option agreement, there was no option agreement in place at that time, and therefore we could not rely on a public-private partnership. We can't say that to the National Park Service if we don't actually have one. And so, I don't mind telling you that, I don't believe that your letter of support went on in that packet. I will have to check. I think at the time it was proposed to me was that the Ralph Bunche Alumni Association also provided a letter of support, and I believe that was to be included in the packet, but I would ask Mr. Quesenberry, could you follow up with staff and confirm what was actually filed on grants.gov, please? Thank you.

Alright, let me move on. I also attended the Friends of the Rappahannock event on June 5th at Echo Dell Farm and wanna reiterate what Mr. Stonehill stated about appreciation for that organization and for the hosts. Sunday, June 13th, did also attend the meeting with Mr. Bueche with some Fairview Beach residents to discuss quality of life concerns. I would like to commend our Department of Fire Rescue and Emergency Services, and specifically our special rescue team, consisting of Battalion Chief Jay Hinson, Lieutenant Ryan Passera, technician, Philip Carter and driver/operator, Steven Self for their extraordinary selfless action and teamwork with multiple jurisdictions and agencies in rescuing two occupants of a vehicle overcome with water due to flash flooding on Friday, June 11, at the Westmoreland and Richmond County line. County investments in our personnel and equipment answered the mutual aid call of a neighboring jurisdiction and saved two lives, and perhaps some time they will return the favor. I would reiterate as Mr. Stonehill did, we are in the stormy season, no doubt, as a reminder, you can report road problems to VDOT at my.vdot.virginia.gov. I wish to make an appointment to the Germanna Community College Board, I moved to appoint Mr. Wayne Bushrod to the Germanna Community College Board.

0:29:53.8 R. Granger: Second.

0:29:53.9 J. Stonehill: Second.

0:29:55.2 Madam Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor say, "Aye."

0:30:00.0 C. Binder: Aye.

0:30:00.3 J. Bueche: Aye.

0:30:00.4 R. Granger: Aye.

0:30:00.4 J. Stonehill: Aye.

0:30:00.5 Madam Chair: Any opposed? Chair votes, aye. Motion carries. Mr. Stonehill touched on the litter clean up in his district, hosted by Friends of the Rappahannock and County staff. And one other thing I wanna mention, Belle Grove Plantation will host a river paddle with Friends of The Rappahannock on Saturday, August 7th, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM, and you can visit Belle Grove Plantation's Facebook page to sign up for that. It is not free, there is a fee to do so. And that is all I

have. Sorry, we will move on to consent agenda.

0:30:40.9 R. Granger: Move to accept the consent agenda as presented.

0:30:43.1 J. Bueche: Second.

0:30:44.5 C. Binder: Second.

0:30:44.6 Madam Chair: All those in favor, say "Aye."

0:30:45.9 C. Binder: Aye.

0:30:46 J. Bueche: Aye.

0:30:46.2 R. Granger: Aye.

0:30:46.3 J. Stonehill: Aye.

0:30:46.6 Madam Chair: Chair votes aye. Motion carries. Do we have any constitutional officers here this evening? No. Okay, report of the county attorney, Mr. Britton.

0:31:01.4 Matt Britton: Just one matter, Madam Chair, there is a routine deed of subdivision dedication, vacation and easement regarding Hopyard Tax Map Numbers 23-3-A4 and 31-1B-A-7 between Payne Street LLC, the trustees, the Service Authority in King George County, as well as the Hopyard Farm Homeowners Association. The same deed was presented as well to the Service Authority just a few minutes ago, and they authorized you, as the Chair, to sign it on their behalf, conditioned upon page 15, being signed by Mr. Peterson, one of the trustees has not yet signed, they need to sign in advance. Community Development is here as well. If there are any questions, we've reviewed this. It's in the correct form, all of the citations are correct, I've reviewed it as well. There's a concomitant subdivision agreement as well, that I would ask, in a separate motion, to allow the county administrator to sign. It is an appropriate form, and it has been reviewed and requires a bond of about \$400,000 to make the required improvements under the subdivision ordinance. So if you have any questions, Community Development is here, I can try and answer them as well, but it's one of the deeds of easement and dedication that you sign routinely on any large subdivision so that we can move forward. And then the subdivision agreement is in proper form as well. You don't need to sign that, Madam Chair. It would be direct... authorizing county administrator, so it'll be two separate motions.

0:32:41.1 Madam Chair: Questions for Mr. Britton from members.

0:32:45.7 M. Britton: Madam Chair, if it was to be a motion on the deed of subdivision, I would suggest that it would be to authorize the Chair to execute the deed of subdivision dedication, vacation, and easement between Payne Street, LLC, the trustees, United Bank, the Hopyard Farm Homeowners Association and King George County, Virginia for Tax Map Numbers 23-3-A4 and 31-1B-A7, and for the clerk to sign as well, conditioned upon the first signature of page 15 of trustee Peterson.

0:33:27.0 R. Granger: So moved.

0:33:27.2 C. Binder: Second.

0:33:27.3 R. Granger: Thank you, Mr. Britton.

0:33:30.4 Madam Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor say aye.

0:33:34.0 C. Binder: Aye.

0:33:34.0 J. Bueche: Aye.

0:33:34.4 R. Granger: Aye.

0:33:34.6 J. Stonehill: Aye.

0:33:35.2 Madam Chair: Any opposed? Chair votes aye. Motion carries.

0:33:37.8 M. Britton: Madam Chair, if there were to be a second motion regarding the subdivision agreement, I would suggest authorizing the county administrator to sign the county of King George subdivision agreement dated May 25th, 2021, by/and between Payne Street LLC and King George County, Virginia to come to an agreement at no cost to the county prior to May 31st, 2024, to construct and approve the county, all physical improvements required by the subdivision ordinance and/or shown on the subdivision plan as approved by the agent and with a bond in an amount not less than \$394,784 as presented.

0:34:19.1 R. Granger: So moved.

0:34:19.4 J. Bueche: Second.

0:34:21.0 Madam Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor say ", Aye."

0:34:24.3 C. Binder: Aye.

0:34:24.5 J. Bueche: Aye.

0:34:24.7 R. Granger: Aye.

0:34:24.9 J. Stonehill: Aye.

0:34:25.0 Madam Chair: Any opposed? Chair votes ", Aye," motion carries. Thank you, Mr. Britton.

0:34:29.1 M. Britton: Thank you Madam Chair, and nothing further.

0:34:32.1 Madam Chair: Alright, we'll move on to presentations, and... I'm sorry, we don't have any presentations or reports. Action items then 06-12, Department of Community Development, case number 21-02-E01. Special exception permit request made by Telecom Capital Group on behalf of Ronnie V. Posey, owner for a telecommunication facility consisting of a 195-foot monopole, plus a 4-foot lightning rod and 60-foot by 60-foot equipment compound, access off

Hobson Lane, State Route 659, parcel owned by Ronnie V. Posey, tax map 16, parcel 21, 18.4 acre zoned, A2 rural agricultural district. Mr. Pancotti.

0:35:23.4 Louis Pancotti: Good evening Madam Chair, and members of the Board of Supervisors. I am Louis Pancotti, Senior Planner, and I'm here to seek an action on special exception case 21-02-E01. This case is a request for a special exception to construct and operate the telecommunication facility. Per section 2.3.4 of the zoning ordinance, this use is permitted only by special exception in A2. The facility, and application must meet the requirements outlined in Section 4.12, Standards for Telecommunication Facilities of the zoning ordinance. The proposed facility will consist of a 195-foot monopole with a 4-foot lightning rod for an overall height of 199 feet and a 60-foot by 60-foot equipment compound. The facility will be located on parcel 21 on tax map 16 in the James Monroe district. This parcel is zoned A2 and is 18.4 acres in size. Direct access will be provided off of Hobson Lane off State Route 659. I have included the draft conditions which could be subject to change in the future, the application, the site plan, and the applicant statement of justification and the applicable zoning ordinance section in your packet. So per Section 5.4 of the zoning ordinance, the board may, at its discretion, refer the matter to the Planning Commission for a recommendation. I will now request that a decision on whether the board would like to forward case number 21-02-E01 to the Planning Commission to hold a public hearing and provide a recommendation to the board of supervisors, or for the board of supervisors to schedule a public hearing to hear case number 21-02-E01. I'd be happy to answer any questions you might have, and I believe the applicant is also online should you have any questions for them?

0:37:14.5 Madam Chair: Thank you, sir. First, questions for staff from our members. Anyone? Ms. Binder?

0:37:23.1 C. Binder: I drove down that road, is it that open land area, near... Behind where the Weeden Store was? You know where I'm talking about?

0:37:35.0 L. Pancotti: I'm not 100% sure, but when I drove by, it's fully wooded.

0:37:40.2 C. Binder: Okay.

0:37:40.5 L. Pancotti: Where the facility will go.

0:37:40.8 C. Binder: Thank you.

0:37:46.0 Madam Chair: Mr. Bueche, no questions?

0:37:47.8 J. Bueche: No questions.

0:37:49.2 Madam Chair: Okay. Any questions for the applicant? And I would just remind members of the board that we're just looking at the recommended action tonight, whether we retain it or we refer it to the planning commission. Okay, so I don't have any questions, but I would like to note regarding the special exception permit requests by Telecom Capital Group, action item 06-12, I am in receipt of a petition from Mr. John Allen and neighbors regarding same, and I direct the clerk of the board that it be entered into the record of this meeting, and I provided it to Mr. Quesenberry before the meeting started this evening. So with that, do we have a motion?

0:38:39.8 R. Granger: I move to forward case number 21-02-E01, special exception permit request made by Telecom Capital Group on behalf of Ronnie V. Posey, owner, for a telecommunications facility, consisting of a 195-foot monopole plus a 4-foot lightning rod and a 60-foot by 60-foot equipment compound to the planning commission to hold a public hearing and provide a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

0:39:03.5 C. Binder: Second.

0:39:05.6 Madam Chair: Any further discussion? Yes, Mr. Bueche?

0:39:08.5 J. Bueche: Thank you, Madam Chair. Being this special exception application is in my district, I have had meetings with constituents that live near the proposed site, and as I have always stated, I am a firm believer in property rights and by right, development. However, anything requiring special exception, or asking for variances from the county, there needs to be a demonstration how this... The project could truly benefit the county. So I just want it on the record that I have had conversations with my constituents, and I look forward to a recommendation from the planning commission, which will allow my constituents the opportunity to give public comment to the planning commission. Thank you, Madam Chair.

0:40:00.6 Madam Chair: Thank you, Mr. Bueche. Alright, so we have a motion properly seconded. Anything further? All those in favor say, "Aye."

0:40:07.7 C. Binder: Aye.

0:40:07.9 J. Bueche: Aye.

0:40:09.1 R. Granger: Aye.

0:40:09.1 J. Stonehill: Aye.

0:40:09.2 Madam Chair: Any opposed? Chair votes, "Aye," motion carries. Thank you, Mr. Pancotti. Alright, 6-13, Department of the Registrar. Resolution to request waiver from the Department of Elections for split precincts.

0:40:24.5 M. Britton: Would you like me to handle that ma'am?

0:40:26.0 Madam Chair: Yes, could you please, Mr. Britton, thank you.

0:40:28.1 M. Britton: I can, yes. So the general assembly passed a law that said that you had to consolidate split precincts for voting, but then because of reasons unbeknownst to me, they didn't get the information to the localities, I guess COVID maybe, didn't get the information necessitated to the localities in order to allow localities to be able to do that, and it doesn't look like you're going to be able to get that. The code section, allows for... The DOE, Department Of Elections, to grant waivers, specifically to grant waivers with respect to split precincts so that you can go forward. We do have two split precincts in King George County in Courthouse and Shiloh, but even if at this point, you were able to get the data, it would be near impossible to secure other locations. If it was a private location, to secure leases, to find public buildings if it was not, and to move them. I put them all in the resolution, I've gone over this with Ms. Gump as well. And my understanding is many...

All of the localities with split precincts, including Fredericksburg and others are in this exact same boat, and that the Department of Elections is going to be liberally granting these waivers. This resolution would ask for that, and this is required as well as the minutes, it's all set forth in the code, and I've gone through that with Ms. Gump. I also drafted this resolution on her behalf. She reviewed it twice and had... This is the final form of it, and so if there were to be a motion, that motion would allow to remain two split precincts in Courthouse and Shiloh, and it could simply be moved to adopt the resolution to get a waiver under Virginia Code 24.2-307 allowing King George County to have split precincts in the Courthouse (Senate) and Shiloh (Senate) districts.

0:42:45.4 R. Granger: So moved.

0:42:45.7 C. Binder: Second.

0:42:47.6 Madam Chair: Any further discussion? Alright, I need a roll call vote on this, please.

0:42:52.9 R. Granger: Aye.

0:42:53.1 J. Stonehill: Aye.

0:42:53.3 C. Binder: Aye.

0:42:53.4 J. Bueche: Aye.

0:42:53.5 Madam Chair: Chair votes, "Aye," motion carries.

0:43:01.7 M. Britton: Madam Chair, I'll work with Miss Gump to forward this... You can actually upload it, it's actually an easy process, this resolution as well as the minutes, any other material required and we'll bring back to the board what the... When the waiver is hopefully granted.

0:43:18.0 Madam Chair: Thank you, Mr. Britton. 6-14 Department of Finance, Professional Services Agreement for zoning and subdivision ordinance update, Ms. Turner.

0:43:31.4 Angela Turner: Good evening, Madam Chair, and members of the board, Mr. Quesenberry, and Mr. Britton. I'm Angela Turner, the procurement specialist. Subject, Professional Services Agreement for zoning and subdivision ordinance update. Authorize the county administrator to execute a professional service agreement with Berkley Group in the amount of \$159,680.90 for zoning and subdivision ordinance updates. At the February 2nd, 2021 Board of Supervisors meeting, the board authorized \$160,000 to be transferred from the funds balance to the general fund to contract out the updating of the zoning and subdivision ordinance. The purpose of this item is to overhaul and update the county's current zoning and subdivision ordinances. This shall include creating standard operating procedures, checklists for all applications, zoning, subdivision and building, and redesign current applications to create an effortless application process for our customers. In March 2021, a request for proposal was issued, and in May 2021, two proposals were received in response to RFP 05052021-1400 for zoning and subdivision ordinance updates. The proposals were evaluated by a selection committee consisting of Heather Hall, Matt Britton, and Louis Pancotti.

Based on the proposals, the interview, which was conducted on May 27th, 2021, and additional information provided by the firm, the evaluation committee ranked The Berkley Group as the most

qualified firm for this project. I recommend that the Board of Supervisors authorize the county administrator to execute a professional service agreement for zoning and subdivision ordinance updates in the amount of \$159,680.90 with The Berkley Group, subject to approval as to form by the county attorney.

0:45:30.3 Madam Chair: Thank you, Ms. Turner. Do I have questions for Ms. Turner from members of the board? So I'd ask... I see Ms. Hall, Director of Community Development is here this evening. Could you come forward, please, for a moment so we can see if members have any questions for you, ma'am? Thank you. Any questions from members? No. I had one question, I hope I'm... Apologize for bringing you up here, but that's why I brought up here, because I knew I had a question. So I note in the next item... The next action item, is a request to execute a good services agreement for community development software? Will whatever work, whatever product The Berkley Group develops, will it be compatible with this software that you're asking us to pay for next?

0:46:21.8 Ms. Hall: Yes, we did check with them, which is who we were hoping you will award that bid to that any new forms that we come up with, or new ordinances will be able to work with that new program, yes ma'am.

0:46:34.2 Madam Chair: Okay, thank you very much. Alright, with that, I believe we're ready for a motion?

0:46:41.5 R. Granger: I move to authorize the county administrator to execute a Professional Service Agreement with Berkley Group in the amount of \$159,680.90 for zoning and subdivision ordinance update, subject to approval as to form by the county attorney.

0:47:00.1 J. Bueche: Second.

0:47:00.3 Madam Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor say, "Aye."

0:47:02.7 C. Binder: Aye.

0:47:02.9 J. Bueche: Aye.

0:47:03.0 R. Granger: Aye.

0:47:03.0 J. Stonehill: Aye.

0:47:03.1 Madam Chair: Any opposed? Chair votes, "Aye," motion carries. Thank you, Ms. Turner. Are you on the next one? I thought so. Thank you. The 6-16 Department of Finance acceptance of an agreement for award terms for the US Department of Treasury Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, C-L-F-R-F.

0:47:26.0 A. Turner: Subject request to execute a good services agreement for community development software. Community development needs a programming system that offers a variety of features and uses that will enhance the capabilities of the Department of Community Development. The software package should be focused on community development's needs for processing and tracking permits related to building permitting, inspections and other community

development functions. On May 26th, 2021, bids were received and publicly opened via GoToMeeting for community development software. A total of three bids were received. The low bid was submitted by General Code, LLC. County staff have completed and reviewed the bids and have determined that the low bidder is a qualified, responsible, and responsive contractor. The bid amount is \$82,635. I recommend that the Board of Supervisors authorize the county administrator to issue a notice of award to General Code, LLC for community development software in the amount of \$82,635 and authorize the county administrator to execute a goods and services agreement subject to approval by the county attorney. Funding in the amount of \$98,635 was approved in the fiscal year 2021 CIP.

0:48:50.8 Madam Chair: Thank you, Ms. Turner. And I just wanna clarify for the record, I jumped ahead when I read what the description was 'cause I was already thinking about this goods and services agreement from the question I asked Ms. Hall. So let me just clarify, right now we are on action item 6-15 Department of Finance request to execute a goods, services agreement for community development software as Ms. Turner presented. Thank you. Any questions from members? Alright, I'll entertain a motion.

0:49:22.8 R. Granger: I move to authorize the county administrator to issue a notice of award to General Code, LLC for community development software in the amounts of \$82,635 and authorize the county administrator to execute a goods and services agreement subject to approval by the county attorney.

0:49:36.8 J. Bueche: Second.

0:49:38.4 Madam Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor, say aye.

0:49:41.6 C. Binder: Aye.

0:49:42.1 J. Bueche: Aye.

0:49:42.2 R. Granger: Aye.

0:49:42.3 J. Stonehill: Aye.

0:49:42.5 Madam Chair: Any opposed? Chair votes aye, motion carries. Thank you, Ms. Turner. Alright, now we are on 6-16 Department of Finance acceptance of an agreement for award terms for the US Department of Treasury Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, CLFRF. Ms. Hahn, will you be presenting this evening? Director of Finance. Thank you.

0:50:08.2 Donna Hahn: Good evening, Madam Chair and members of the board. I come before you tonight to present the agreement that was included in your packet that goes over that we have to sign if we wanna accept the funds that are being offered by the United States Treasury, that these funds will support urgent COVID-19 response efforts to continue to decrease spread of the virus and bring the pandemic under control, replace any loss revenue for eligible state, local and territorial and tribal governments to strengthen support for vital public services and help retain jobs, support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses and address systematic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the unequal impact of the pandemic. According to the US Treasury website, King George County has been allocated \$5,212,578 for the

Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, the CLFRF. And those funds, the first step in that, is to execute an agreement between the county and the US Treasury. That agreement is included in your packet and has been reviewed by council and as to form. So at this point, I come before you to ask you to authorize the county administrator to sign the agreement for award terms of the US Department of Treasury, CLFRF, and submit for award, subject to approval as to form by the county attorney, and he has already reviewed it.

0:51:46.7 Madam Chair: Thank you, Ms. Hahn. Questions from members? Yes, no?

0:51:52.8 C. Binder: I just have one clarification.

0:51:54.5 Madam Chair: Ms. Binder?

0:51:55.3 C. Binder: Thank you. This is also known as the American Rescue Plan, correct?

0:51:58.4 D. Hahn: That's correct.

0:52:00.7 C. Binder: When you look at this, people would think it was CARES Act two or something, but just for clarification, it's the American Rescue Plan, correct?

0:52:06.6 D. Hahn: Correct.

0:52:07.1 C. Binder: Thank you.

0:52:09.2 Madam Chair: Mr. Bueche, any questions? Do I have a motion?

0:52:14.0 J. Stonehill: I move to authorize the county administrator to sign the agreement for award terms for the US Department of Treasury, CLFRF, and submit for award subject to approval as to form by county attorney.

0:52:31.4 C. Binder: Second.

0:52:32.5 Madam Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor say, aye.

0:52:35.9 C. Binder: Aye.

0:52:36.0 J. Bueche: Aye.

0:52:36.2 R. Granger: Aye.

0:52:36:.3 J. Stonehill: Aye.

0:52:36.4 Madam Chair: Any opposed? Chair votes aye, motion carries. Thank you, Ms. Hahn. Alright action item 6-17 Department of Economic Development and Tourism. Tourism Funding Application: Jazz in the Country. And we have Kim Wilson here on behalf of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism to start. Thank you, Ms. Wilson.

0:52:58.9 Kim Wilson: Good evening, Madam Chair and members of the board. I am... The first

one I will be representing is the event for Jazz in The Country: Falling In Love with Mt. Bethel. Mt. Bethel is a 100-year-old treasure. Jazz in the Country's goal is to raise awareness through an intense advertising campaign to the historic nature and heritage of Mt. Bethel, the county and culminating in a public music event. It will give jazz lovers an opportunity to support what is hoped to become an annual event. The Jazz Festival will be held on August 28th, 2021. Jazz in the Country supports tourism by raising awareness of the county and specifically targets visitors outside the county. The target market area will extend regionally beyond King George, Virginia to include Southern Maryland and Washington, DC. Jazz in the Country was a well-received event in King George which debuted in 2019. Jazz in the Country is requesting \$20,000 from the Tourism Fund in support of this event. TAC recommendation, after review, recommends the board approve \$15,500 funding for the Jazz in the Country: Falling in Love with Mount Bethel, and staff also agreed with TAC's recommendation. And we do have representatives of Mt. Bethel... Not Mt. Bethel, I'm sorry. Jazz in the Country representatives for any questions.

0:54:13.6 Madam Chair: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. Any questions for Ms. Wilson?

0:54:21.1 R. Granger: What was the \$4500 that was not recommended, line item-wise?

0:54:28.1 K. Wilson: The 4500? I believe that was for the one thing I didn't write down.

0:54:42.3 Madam Chair: So, Ms. Wilson, please allow me. I believe Ms. Hayes and Mr. Baird are here and they are both members of the Tourism Advisory Committee, would either of them wish to come forward and clarify what it was?

0:54:54.8 K. Wilson: I believe it was for part of the entertainment.

0:55:00.6 Madam Chair: Mr. Baird, would you like to speak to that, sir?

0:55:00.8 Bob Baird: Yes, ma'am. Thank you. I understand (Speaking away from the microphone)

0:55:15.0 Madam Chair: Thank you Mr. Baird. Mr. Robinson, I believe, Larry Robinson is here on behalf of the Jazz in the Country organization. Sir, would you like to add anything or clarify anything? Please come forward, sir. Go ahead to the podium, to the microphone. Okay.

0:55:40.3 Joan Waters: Good evening, Madam Chair and board members. We had earmarked...

0:55:43.8 Madam Chair: Ma'am, I'm sorry, can you state your name, please, just so it gets recorded in the meeting minutes? Thank you.

0:55:48.2 J. Waters: My name is Joan Waters, board member of Jazz in the Country, Incorporated. The \$4,500, would have been earmarked for ongoing marketing coordinator, and we just foresee this continuing year after year, and with social media being the order of the day, that would give us opportunity to continue encouraging tourism in King George and introducing more people to Mt. Bethel as well.

0:56:23.5 Madam Chair: Thank you, ma'am. Additional questions?

0:56:31.7 R. Granger: I don't think so.

0:56:32.6 Madam Chair: Go ahead, Mr. Bueche.

0:56:32.9 J. Bueche: Thank you, Madam Chair. So this would be for the TAC. Just... I'm looking at miscellaneous, photo, video, tables, chairs, \$1250. Is this to actually have that as infrastructure within the event, or is this to help with the marketing of the event? Can you elaborate on that line item, sir?

0:56:58.3 B. Baird: Well, actually, I believe that's one of the line items that we... That was some staffing to maintain social media presence. We felt that we could support advertising within our mission, but per prior direction of the board, we didn't believe that capital expense or equipment was within our scope, so we limited our funding recommendation to pure marketing advertising, that type of thing.

0:57:24.3 J. Bueche: Okay, 'cause from what I'm looking at, that is included in the total that's being presented for authorization, and that sum would be \$1250.

0:57:38.3 B. Baird: Well, actually, if you look at the combination of things here, it's... They're taking in sale of photos, videos, and so forth, and yes, there would be some setup involved for that use, that specific use, as opposed to... use in the presentation with more handout material, booth space, if you would, or display for any other stuff.

0:58:09.3 J. Bueche: Okay, thank you for the clarification, sir.

0:58:11.3 B. Baird: Sorry I wasn't clear.

0:58:13.1 Madam Chair: So can I ask the event coordinators, can we get straight from you all a better answer to that question too? Is that... Are we all talk in the same language here, the purpose of those tables?

0:58:35.9 J. Waters: We are, and it would also include a videographer who would hopefully livestream parts of the festival on Facebook and on our website.

0:58:37.8 Madam Chair: Gotcha. And so that's a separate thing than the marketing, photography, video, \$1200. That's something you're gonna do ahead of to try to market.

0:58:45.4 J. Waters: That's correct.

0:58:47.2 Madam Chair: Gotcha. Thank you, Mr. Bueche. I had that same question about that \$1250. I also have a question because I know that your categories for your breakdown in your budget for newspaper ads, radio/Google, Facebook ads and social media boost break out by month, and we're halfway through June, and you have a breakdown that when I add up all of June, it comes to about \$2000. I took a look at your Facebook page and I did note that you have done a few posts, but it really doesn't cost anything to do those unless you boost them. So have you done any boosted Facebook posts in June yet that...

0:59:38.9 J. Waters: We have not. Waiting on the decision here, and hopefully we would be able to ramp that up like 30 times. So the boost may not cost anything, but the actual ads do, and we can

target certain areas here in Virginia, Maryland, DC and beyond, and that also adds to the cost depending on the area and the length of the boost of the ad.

1:00:03.9 Madam Chair: Sure. Okay. Since I said that comes to \$2000 and June is halfway gone, I would be looking at coming in half of that \$2000 for June, spread however...

1:00:17.3 J. Waters: Oh, we could spend it. [chuckle]

1:00:18.9 Madam Chair: Yeah, I'm sure, I'm sure, yeah, I just...

1:00:21.0 J. Waters: We could spend... If not made up, excuse me, in June, certainly in July and August, August being a very pivotal month, the few weeks before the event.

1:00:31.3 Madam Chair: Okay. Any other questions from members? Do I have a motion? Actually, Mr. Granger, before we do that, so that we know where... We know the funding source. Ms. Wilson, can you advise us on the balance of the current fiscal year TAC fund, as well as the overall balance so we know where we're gonna pull the money from, please?

1:01:07.9 K. Wilson: So last fiscal year allocation, we have \$4,496 left. And for the overall assets... That is \$640,843.

1:01:37.9 R. Granger: I'm sorry, say that one more time? What was that number?

1:01:39.2 K. Wilson: \$640,843.

1:01:42.7 R. Granger: Okay, thank you.

1:01:44.5 Madam Chair: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. So do we have a motion?

1:01:48.8 MG: I move to approve \$15,500 in funding for the Jazz in the Country: Falling In Love with Mt. Bethel, which would include the marketing website e-mails, marketing radio, marketing Google ads, marketing Facebook, marketing newspaper ads, marketing photography, video, miscellaneous photo, video, tables, chairs, etcetera; printing, roadside banners, flyers, event programs for a total of \$15,500.

1:02:19.3 C. Binder: Second.

1:02:20.2 Madam Chair: Any further discussion?

1:02:22.6 J. Bueche: Madam Chair, if I may, so...

1:02:24.0 Madam Chair: Go ahead Mr. Bueche.

1:02:26.3 J. Bueche: While, I support this, and I wish them the best of luck in this venture being successful, this will be the second iteration of this event. The first time, it really didn't meet expectations, as far as attendance. So this will be the second one. I would request an after action to get numbers of attendees and how well this was... What the outreach was. Did we bring people in from other localities? I'd like to get that after action so that next year, and hopefully in subsequent

years, as this becomes successful, we have a general idea of what our return on investment would be. So that would just be my request, is for an after action report to be delivered to the board. Thank you, Madam Chair.

1:03:18.6 Madam Chair: Thank you, Mr. Bueche. So I would note on page nine of the application, there is a 2019 report to the King George Board of Supervisors, the PowerPoint slides are contained therein, it is dated August 24th, 2019 and they did, at that time, provide an after action report for that first event. So you can take a look at that and see what the breakdown is. Any further discussion? Mr. Britton?

1:04:00.3 M. Britton: Madam Chair, you pointed this out, so I'm sure you're gonna make an amendment, but the balance of the fund, it's... There's an artifact... You recall last year, you had me do a review, right. So we know that the balance of the fund, there's an artifact of \$90,000 gets put into the budget every year, which is traceable back to something that I don't really think applies anymore. I'm not sure what it is. But... So I didn't hear in the motion, I may have missed it, that the balance would be taken from the reserve to authorize them to... Because... Or to appropriate the remainder from next year's TAC appropriation or... Because there's only \$4,500 left.

1:04:45.2 Madam Chair: So July 1st is in two weeks. What is the preference of the board with regard to that?

1:04:53.1 M. Britton: I think that the motion could either... Sorry, you said preference of the board, but...

1:04:57.1 Madam Chair: Thank you Mr. Britton.

1:04:57.7 M. Britton: The motion could either be to authorize the balance from the reserve, or to take the remaining balance and... From the 2021, '22.

1:05:15.1 Madam Chair: Thank you. Let me ask staff, Ms. Wilson, does the department have a preference with regard to other tourism activities that your department might also care to engage in in '21, '22 for funding?

1:05:30.2 K. Wilson: Yes, I would recommend that we take this from the reserve, because between this application and the next one that we're gonna review, that's close to probably a third of that allocation.

1:05:44.4 Madam Chair: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. Alright.

1:05:47.9 R. Granger: I'd like to make amendment to my motion to pull the remainder, the additional \$11,000 from the tourism budget reserve line.

1:06:03.4 C. Binder: Second.

1:06:05.1 Madam Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor, say aye.

1:06:09.9 C. Binder: Aye.

1:06:10 J. Bueche: Aye.

1:06:10.1 R. Granger: Aye.

1:06:11.0 J. Stonehill: Aye.

1:06:12.0 Madam Chair: Any opposed? Chair votes aye, motion carries. Thank you, Ms. Wilson. Next item, 6-18 Department of Economic Development and Tourism, Tourism Funding Application: King George Fall Festival.

1:06:29.6 K. Wilson: This is the funding application for the King George Fall Festival's 62nd Anniversary. The King George Fall Festival is celebrating its 67th Anniversary this year. It is an annual community event held the second week of October. This will be a fun and free event for the community and its visitors. The festival includes a parade through King George's downtown, craft/vendor show, food fair and Queen pageant. A timeline of events is listed below: September 25th would be the pageant. The festival's on the 9th, and then they will do the 5K run/walk on October 10th. King George Fall Festival weekend supports tourism by bringing in people from outside the community and thereby increases local business sales and local hotel visits. Additionally, it supports and enhances the relationships between various non-profit organizations and strengthens our community. The King George Fall Festival Committee also works with local businesses to market our business community's goods and services through the King George Fall Festival program. The King George Fall Festival is requesting \$23,000 for advertising with Free Lance Star and local radio, printing of signs and banners, carnival rides, petting zoo, carnival games, various prizes, clown, band and stage. Multiple forms of entertainment, tents, tables, chairs, race expense and printing of programs are included in this amount. The King George EDA has agreed to put \$1000 toward the printing of programs to offset advertising for King George businesses. TAC recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve \$23,000 funding for the King George Fall Festival against the Tourism Fund. Staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors fund \$11,000 of that \$23,000.

1:08:17.4 Madam Chair: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. Before we move on, are there questions for Ms. Wilson regarding the presentation? Alright. And I note again that Ms. Hayes and Mr. Baird are here on behalf of the Tourism Advisory Committee, and also, I believe Ms. Dee Strauss is here on behalf of the King George Fall Festival Committee, if members have any additional questions. Mr. Granger?

1:08:41.0 R. Granger: Yes, ma'am. Actually for staff, I see that general activities which includes games, petting zoo, face painting and free children's activities was an included recommendation from staff, but carnival rides was not included. And so what's the justification for including those activities? I know the dollar figure is not as big, but they seem to be similar in the idea that their activity is to do things.

1:09:07.4 K. Wilson: I think it may have been price point on that one. I know that the others are... leaning toward the marketing and getting the word out and making sure that it's a well-advertised event. From the application from 2019, however, carnival rides was approved.

1:09:30.5 R. Granger: It was.

1:09:31.3 K. Wilson: Yes.

1:09:31.6 R. Granger: I know. I am aware of that. I'm kind of inclined more to pull away from those kinds of activities. I would say maybe just getting a discussion as opposed to questions, but maybe remove general activities as well, but I'll leave it to my colleagues to ask questions or discuss as they see fit.

1:09:52.7 Madam Chair: Mr. Stonehill, do you have any questions for Ms. Wilson? Ms. Binder? Mr. Bueche?

1:09:58.7 J. Bueche: Thank you, Madam Chair. So in your presentation, you mentioned local hotel visits. So do you have any metrics or data that shows that we have people coming from out of town that are actually staying in the hotels to attend the King George County Fall Festival?

1:10:20.0 K. Wilson: That would have been provided in their after action report from 2019, but I do not have that with me.

1:10:26.6 J. Bueche: Okay, thank you.

1:10:26.9 K. Wilson: You're welcome.

1:10:30.8 Madam Chair: Ms. Strauss, can you provide any further information regarding Mr. Bueche's question, 'cause I had the same question as well? Do you have any idea how many folks come and stay in the hotels around here?

1:10:48.0 Dee Strauss: The folks that would come to stay in the hotels... We have a lot, several vendors that would stay overnight, they come from a distance and they might stay over night. I know that Miss Deem works with the vendors and provides them with the information as to the local hotels. So she has more of a handle on that, and there, again, in the after-action report, I believe that's noted. The... As far as people who are coming in to participate in the Fall Festival, not as vendors, but as actual guests, you would have family members that would come in and they might not have room in the house, so they would stay in a local hotel as well. Guest and honoraries would be coming back. I know that one of our guests that we've invited, they'll stay in a hotel when they come, so you have those folks that will be coming. Is it thousands and thousands of people staying in a hotel? No, sir and no, ma'am. But that activity that goes on with the Fall Festival is such a community-oriented event that brings people and family members from outside of the area in, but also with the advertising we do, brings other people from outside of our area from our greater region to come in and see this festival, just like you and I go to other festivals in surrounding areas. The activities that go on at the festival also draw the people, and one of the big things is the multitude of activities that we have for children. And when you have small children and you're trying to entertain them, the more you have available, like the games where there are free prizes and free games and free rides, then that provides more time that will be spent at the festival, thus those other vendors will have more of an opportunity to sell their wares and then the folks that come will share more about what a great experience they had, and from that, we'll see more people coming in the future.

1:13:02.2 Madam Chair: Thank you, Ms. Strauss. Does anyone have any additional questions while Ms. Strauss is here? Go ahead Ms. Binder.

1:13:07.9 C. Binder: I do. The band and the stage, what... Is that you were gonna bring in live bands?

1:13:13.3 D. Strauss: Yes, every year we've had live entertainment and so... Looking at this from last year's lens, when it was going to be a bigger, bigger event, because of the celebration of the 300th anniversary, we carried on from that continuing with our thinking that, "Okay, first time ever Fall Festival didn't happen." So in our letter to our news release to the Free Lance Star, we said in that that we would come back this year, bigger and better and that is what we want to do, but we cannot do it without your help and support financially.

1:14:04.4 C. Binder: Thank you, Ms. Strauss.

1:14:04.6 Madam Chair: Anyone else? Thank you, Ms. Strauss. Anyone from the Tourism Committee have anything else to add?

1:14:17.6 Jeron Hayes: To address Mr. Granger with the rides or whatever, so I...

1:14:20.2 Madam Chair: Ms. Hayes?

1:14:20.4 Jeron Hayes: Yes.

1:14:20.6 Madam Chair: State your name please again, so we can make sure everybody gets recorded. Thank you.

1:14:26.1 J. Hayes: I'm sorry. Yes, I'm sorry, Jeron Hayes with the Tourism Advisory Council. The one thing I wanted to point out was that the decision to make this event just happened in the last 45 days or so, so getting sponsorship for this event is really a challenge. A lot of local businesses have already spent their sponsorship dollars or they're getting back on their feet right now, so this is an opportunity for them not only to be back out in the public eye, because they'll be allowed to advertise and to be at this event, but it's been... It's difficult for them at this point with the event, 90 days away or so, to go out and solicit sponsorship, that's something that we'll pick up again next year in earnest the way it has in the past. So, that's what the council, I think, what we were really thinking with this, because it was such a challenge for them that we felt like it was worth it to fund the event that's really the signature event in the county.

1:15:20.7 Madam Chair: Thank you. And did anyone have any further questions for Ms. Hayes? No? Alright. Is there a preference for a motion?

1:15:34.4 R. Granger: I move that the board of supervisors fund \$10,000, which would include radio newspaper ads, liability insurance, tents, tables, chairs, printing expenses, sanctioned race, signs and banners for a total \$10,000.

1:15:51.2 Madam Chair: Is there a second? Would anyone like to introduce an alternate motion?

1:16:00.8 C. Binder: I would like to introduce an alternate motion. I would like to introduce a motion to fund all... What's the fund? Original \$23,000 for the Fall Festival. Yeah, isn't that...

1:16:14.0 R. Granger: That is the original request, yes.

1:16:14.5 C. Binder: The original request.

1:16:15.3 Madam Chair: The original request of the committee is \$23,000. Is there a second? Would anyone like to offer an alternate motion? And I'll have one too. Mr. Stonehill?

1:16:36.4 J. Stonehill: I move that the board of supervisors fund \$11,000, that would include radio news, liability, tents, tables, chairs, printing, sanctioned rides, signed banners and general activities.

1:16:57.2 Madam Chair: Is there a second? Mr. Bueche would you like to offer a motion, sir?

1:17:05.0 J. Bueche: No, but instead of us going through motions, I would request a brief discussion period, if that's acceptable, Madam Chair.

1:17:13.5 Madam Chair: Sure.

1:17:14.2 J. Bueche: Thank you. So I've attended the Fall Festival over a few years since I've been in this county, and it is the county signature event. Last year it was unfortunate that things couldn't happen, but previously, and I've been very vocal about this in the past, the Fall Festival seems to be the same thing year after year after year, and I've always been vocal, what more can we do? What can we do out of the ordinary? We have a parade, we got a petting zoo, and we got a craft fair in the gym, and it's year after year after year, and it's great, the community comes together, but what are we doing to bring interest into our county and say, "Those people in King George got their stuff together." So I think that the committee, and these are all volunteers and thank you very much for what you do. I think you're actually starting to look at that through this request, I don't think Ms. Binder's motion was really that off, looking at the balance in our funds, and for the tax payers, please understand, the tourism funds cannot be used to offset other things, it can strictly be used for these categorical things. So it's not like because we're spending the money on this we're shortchanging somebody else. This is the only thing by law or things in this category that we could apply these funds to, and you heard the reserve balances earlier. I think something of this nature gives the taxpayers and King George County a return on their investment. This is their tax dollars, so it gives the people of King George the opportunity to enjoy their tourism dollars, it gives the committee the opportunity to enhance... And I mean this, I don't want to see status quo, same old, same old Fall Festival. Enhance it, then I would be inclined to support Ms. Binder's initial motion.

1:19:25.6 C. Binder: Madam Chair.

1:19:28.1 Madam Chair: Go ahead, Ms. Binder.

1:19:29.2 C. Binder: Why I supported the \$23,000 is because King George and the surrounding community and the United States has gone through a lot. And this would be a way to give back to every citizen in this community, small children that didn't get to go to school, a nice way to say, "Here, this is what we're doing for you as our constituents, as the citizens of King George. We're gonna bring back the Fall Festival, and those that want to attend, here you go. This is a nice event, there'll be something for everyone." And that's why I voted for the \$23,000, because this could not only bring back maybe old bands that come to the... Everybody in the community could benefit from coming to this festival and all these activities. And as Mr. Bueche said, it is looking forward

for the Fall Festival. They've got different ideas here, and I think it would bring in a lot of people more than we might expect, and that's why I was looking at the \$23,000. Thank you.

1:20:22.7 Madam Chair: Anyone else? Mr. Stonehill?

1:20:30.1 J. Stonehill: Mr. Bueche, that was very good. I appreciate that. Yeah, I've been coming here to, I don't know, 20 years of the Fall Festival, and it has gotten a little stale. Other parts of the country or parts of Virginia, their big thing is lawn parties, and they're all over the western part of Virginia, and they're very, very well attended, everybody goes there. But I would definitely like to see, like Mr. Bueche said, some more things and just having much more of a unique thing for King George, and if that was to be the case and that... And you all could come up with a lot of different things to really make this stand out, I'd be willing to pay for all of that year they've requested.

1:21:22.9 Madam Chair: Thank you. Anyone else? So I wanna remind my colleagues, as was stated, this event is 90 days out or so. The application was submitted such as it was, and if we're trying to put... Pardon me, if I offend any of my colleagues, if I say this demands on the organization that aren't consistent with what they said they could do for an event that's 90 days out, I don't think that's fair. And then to say, "Oh, if you do this well, yeah." Than, "If you promise to do this tonight, I'll give you \$23,000." I just... Personally, I don't think that's fair. Where I was coming from was, I was looking at \$10,000. I was eliminating the general activities of \$1000 games, petting zoo, face painting, et cetera and kick in the \$6000 for the band and stage. So I was looking at \$16,000 is where I was at, which is higher than the staff recommendation of \$11,000, but still a little bit below the full request of \$23,000. Anyone have anything else? Mr. Bueche?

1:22:44.1 J. Bueche: Thank you, Madam Chair. I like being the carnival rides. That's something that we really haven't seen in the past in King George. You can go to the State Fair and go on carnival rides, and for some of our citizens, the children in this county, that's their only experience of a carnival ride, is if their parents take them to the state fair. If we could have carnival rides here in King George and the \$6000. I'd like to see that, I really would. So I still stand by the \$23,000 that Ms. Binder recommended earlier, but we do not have a successful motion on the floor at this point. Thank you.

1:23:30.7 Madam Chair: So, Ms. Strauss, could you come forward again, please? So I'm looking... Thank you, ma'am. Thank you for your patience as well. I'm looking at the application, and it says this year is KGF... I'm just gonna... I'm not gonna read it all, I'm just gonna ask you, are you having actual carnival rides at this year's Fall Festival?

1:23:58.1 D. Strauss: The rides that we will have are similar to the ones in the past. It is not gonna be a huge ferris wheel that's gigantum and that won't fit in the parking lot at the high school. There's... From what I understand, similar to last year, it's a mix of a mechanical bull, there's a train, there's a worldly gig that they bring in to get in... I don't ride rides, so... Even for little kids. There's a gaming station that... We had this a few years ago. A gaming station is like a trailer, and the kids can go in and play the games on the electronic... The computer games and such. A representative with King George Parks and Rec usually handles all of that, so it was a matter of what was available with the amusement company, with the carnival ride company as far as what would be coming in. So, Mr. Bueche, when you're thinking it's gonna be the ferris wheel like it's at the state fair. No, sir it's not. But these things, as everything else, continue to become more expensive. And we are at the 90 days out, we didn't make our decision until the first week of May and that's when

we put forth this request, so we're... We have painfully tried to make this decision as quick as possible, but our meeting in the first week of May was set.

1:25:31.4 Madam Chair: Thank you, Ms. Strauss. Mr. Bueche?

1:25:33.2 J. Bueche: So thank you for the clarity, Ms. Strauss. And thank you, Ms. Cupka for bringing that up. I was thinking this was carnival rides like a Tilt-A-Whirl and things of that nature.

1:25:46.5 D. Strauss: They won't fit in the parking lot.

1:25:48.4 J. Bueche: So, with that, if we don't fund this and suggest that that means we will not have those things you just stated, which means instead of us enhancing, we're actually regressing from where we were the previous year. So, I really don't wanna see that happen. So I would still be along the lines of fully funding the request, however, I would request that next year, and you don't have to worry about me reviewing this, 'cause I'm not running for re-election, but I would like to see carnival rides at our Fall Festival. I mean, King George, we're the gateway to the Northern Neck, etcetera, etcetera. We're competing with Fredericksburg and all these other people. We're A2, 95% in this county. We're agricultural, so we got room for carnival rides in this county, I would like to see that in the future and if we're gonna have a Fall Festival, let's go all out and let's do it. If we're gonna call this tourism, well, let's actually do some tourism and not just bring in our family and people that live in the county. And we're talking about hotels, that should encompass more than just vendors, that should be people saying, "Man, I'm going to that Fall Festival in King George, taking my kids, get a pumpkin," etcetera, etcetera. So I'm blabbering on. Thank you very much for that clarity, but I still support my initial statement in funding the initial request.

1:27:23.8 R. Granger: Miss Cupka?

1:27:23.8 Madam Chair: Yes.

1:27:24.5 R. Granger: May I ask a question?

1:27:24.6 Madam Chair: Mr. Granger.

1:27:25.5 R. Granger: Mr. Britton, we've had three motions die in the floor. I know the individuals who made those motions cannot re-make those motions. I know Ms. Binder was the one who made the motion for the full funding. I'm getting the impression that Mr. Bueche is onboard with that now, he could re-motion that motion and then Ms. Binder would, if she wanted to, have the opportunity to second it. Is that a correct statement? Okay, thank you.

1:27:53.8 M. Britton: Yes, this motion did die for a lack of a second, so the moving couldn't bring it up. I would... Madam Chair, if I could interject. I think you're gonna run into the same thing, so I would say that the motion should state what year the funding is taken, either from the reserve or from the 2021/'22.

1:28:17.5 J. Bueche: I'd like to make a motion, Madam Chair. I'd like to move that the King George County Board of Supervisors allocate \$23,000 to the King George Fall Festival from reserve TAC funding.

1:28:33.3 C. Binder: Second.

1:28:34.5 Madam Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor say aye.

1:28:41.7 C. Binder: Aye.

1:28:41.9 R. Granger: Aye.

1:28:42.1 J. Stonehill: Aye.

1:28:42.3 Madam Chair: Any opposed?

1:28:42.4 J. Bueche: Nay.

1:28:43.4 Madam Chair: Chair votes aye. Motion carries. Thank you, Ms. Wilson for your patience.

1:28:52.5 K. Wilson: Madam Chair.

1:28:55.1 Madam Chair: Alright. County administrator's report, 6-20, Mr. Quesenberry. Thank you for your patience as well, sir.

1:29:03.8 T. Quesenberry: Thank you, Madam Chair. The first item I want to report on is the relocation of the monument. I've prepared a request for proposals to do that work, and at least to find out what the cost and the time and the scope of work and the action plan is to do that project. So I plan to advertise that request for proposals this week. There's typically a 30-day turnaround timeframe. So I would recommend that we keep that on the street for 30 days after we advertise.

1:29:38.1 Madam Chair: Do I have any questions? Ms. Binder?

1:29:41.8 C. Binder: Is this an RFI or a RFP?

1:29:43.7 T. Quesenberry: This would be an RFP. This is a request for proposals.

1:29:48.8 C. Binder: Okay. Because I remember in the past, I was a stickler about that, just that showing intent and... Thank you for clarification.

1:30:02.5 Madam Chair: Any other questions? Do you need a board motion for that, sir?

1:30:08.0 T. Quesenberry: No, and that's in my authority to advertise that and there's no action until it comes back to the board.

1:30:13.9 Madam Chair: And it was just like what happened in the service authority meeting earlier tonight.

1:30:17.0 T. Quesenberry: Exactly, exactly.

1:30:17.5 Madam Chair: Okay, thank you, sir. Carry on.

1:30:18.8 T. Quesenberry: The next item I want to report on, over the last month or so, I've been reviewing documents and emails and correspondence relating to the Ralph Bunche project and I wanted to provide the board an update with some of my findings. So I have a few slides I want to go over for the board. On July 19th, 2018, almost three years ago, an RFP was issued for repurposing of the Ralph Bunche High School property. That proposal closed on August 20, 2018, and there was one proposal received that was from Melt The Ice, LLC. On September 20th, staff met with the Melt The Ice, LLC team. And following that, a draft letter of intent was sent to the county... To the procurement manager by the county administrator to review. Following her review, the county administrator brought it to the board of supervisors, and the board of supervisors authorized county administrator to negotiate and execute an LOI with the Ralph Bunche Arts and Humanities Center. The draft was sent to RBAHC on November the 14th. Then between November and December of 2018, there were some correspondence regarding a possible conflicts of interest. On December 3rd, another draft LOI was sent to RBAHC. And then on December 17th, the procurement manager had some concerns and she removed herself from the project and the county administrator took the lead for the project.

On May 7th, 2019, RBAHC provided the board of supervisors a presentation regarding their proposal. Then on May 21st, the board authorized county administrator to execute an LOI. On June 27th, he sent an LOI to RBAHC and that was executed on July the 3rd, 2019. Then, on March 26th, 2020, there was a letter to the county administrator from RBAHC, now, of course, we were in the middle of COVID at this time, requesting that due to the COVID impacts, the timeline will not start until the economy demonstrate forward momentum. And the county administrator responded back. Let me read to you what he said. And he said, "We will of course, be flexible given the current state of affairs." And he responded to... With that response on March 31st. And that was the same time there was an email to the county administrator from RBAHC with a draft real estate purchase option agreement. Then there was some... There was a lot of emails going back and forth regarding on the real estate purchase agreement and such. On October 22nd, there was an email to the county attorney from the county administrator requesting his review of the draft real estate purchase option agreement. Then between November, 2020 and February, 2021, there was additional correspondence regarding the real estate purchase option agreement.

On March the 4th, 2021, there was a letter to RBAHC from the interim county administrator stating that the LOI had expired. On March the 10th, RBAHC sent a letter to the board of supervisors regarding the interim county administrator's letter. And then on April 19th, 2021, there was a letter to the board of supervisors and interim county administrator from RBAHC asking for the board to consider four items to optimize access to the project, that was to create a public private partnership, allow a sign to be placed on the property, get permit fees and to provide operating costs assistance once the facility was up and running. So it's been almost three years since the initial RFP was issued. There's been no real estate purchase agreement executed. The LOI has expired. So staff is looking for some direction for the board as to what the next steps would be and the board's direction regarding this.

1:34:39.0 Madam Chair: Thank you, Mr. Quesenberry. Questions from members? Ms. Binder, I'm gonna start with you. It is... This building is in your election district.

1:34:54.3 C. Binder: I have one question, Mr. Britton. And this might be... I've just thought of as we're reading into this, and it's been brought up several times in public comment. Do you have to have an actual agreement to solicit funds, or is that something out of your purview?

1:35:12.8 M. Britton: You mean, does this board have to have...

1:35:13.1 C. Binder: Yes, no?

1:35:19.7 M. Britton: Well, I wouldn't be able to answer that.

1:35:20.0 C. Binder: Yeah, I know, I just thought of it, I apologize for bringing it up...

1:35:20.3 M. Britton: I'd be giving private advice, and you would have to know the structure, foundation, endowment, 501 [c] [3], 501 [c] [4].

1:35:20.8 C. Binder: Right, that makes sense. Very complicated.

1:35:21.6 M. Britton: It's extremely complicated, I wouldn't be able... That would be against my role as county attorney to give that advice.

1:35:37.5 C. Binder: Thank you very much.

1:35:41.0 Madam Chair: Mr. Bueche?

1:35:41.2 J. Bueche: Thank you, Madam Chair. Can you go back to the beginning of this presentation?

1:35:54.5 T. Quesenberry: Well, let me see. That's the beginning, right? Okay, here we go.

1:35:56.4 J. Bueche: So my question is, there was an RFP issued and it was responded by Melt The Ice, Incorporated. However, a draft LOI was sent to RBAHC, two separate entities. Is that problematic?

1:36:21.3 M. Britton: Madam Chair, would you like me to...

1:36:21.7 Madam Chair: Go ahead Mr. Britton.

1:36:21.9 M. Britton: No, the... RFP was responded to by Melt The Ice, LLC, and was not awarded. It was closed and not awarded. Thereafter... I think the next slide shows that the procurement manager removed herself from the situation because she felt there was a conflict of interest, and the county administrator took it over, the RFP was never awarded, and the matter was closed. That is on our public website. We looked it up. Travis has that information, I have that information, Lavita has that information. And later, an LOI, completely outside of the RFP, was negotiated. Apparently, it was before my time, but between the then county administrator and a different entity. Thereby, it had nothing to do with the RFP. I'm not commenting on the status of the LOI, but I do know the status of the RFP, it was closed, never awarded, and had it nothing to do with the LOI.

1:37:34.6 J. Bueche: So Travis, did your timeline show an expiration date on the letter of intent?

1:37:42.6 T. Quesenberry: Well, it was on March the 10th, the interim... No, March the 4th, interim county administrator sent a letter to RBAHC stating that the LOI had expired.

1:37:57.7 J. Bueche: Okay.

1:37:57.8 M. Britton: Madam Chair, the LOI expired under its terms within the benchmarks, or it was voidable for failure to get an agreement, a purchase option agreement. But it was voidable if there was no purchase option agreement. I don't remember the date, but it passed October, 2019 or something like that. But it was void if the...

1:38:22.6 J. Bueche: Benchmarks weren't met.

1:38:22.8 M. Britton: Benchmarks were... The fundraising benchmarks weren't met and there was no option on that. Mr. Hughes, interim county administrator, I forgot the date, but sent a... Oh, there it is, March 4th, sent a letter to that effect. Those were in the terms of the LOI...

1:38:41.1 J. Bueche: And those benchmarks were specific and intentional by the board who put those in place because of lessons learned in prior relationships. So my last question...

1:38:53.1 M. Britton: I assume they were. I wasn't there, but they were definitely specific.

1:38:57.8 J. Bueche: Yes, so my last question, 'cause we're only in question period right now, and I don't want to get in trouble with Ms. Cupka. My last question would be the county administrator, he communicated to RBAHC that there would be flexibility, but gave no specifics. The county administrator, however, does not speak on behalf of the board, is that correct? That would have taken board action, because the LOI was approved by the board. Any variance from that LOI would have to come from the board, not the county administrator. That wasn't a bi-direction authority that he had, correct?

1:39:36.2 M. Britton: Madam Chair.

1:39:36.4 Madam Chair: Go ahead Mr. Britton.

1:39:39.9 M. Britton: Yes, this is actually black letter law that King George County, unfortunately, service authority made. And it's King George County service authority versus presidential tier two, went to the Supreme Court. And what it states is that when a board must act, only a board can act. And no one, even the county administrator, the county attorney, the board chair, two board members can act in their stead. There are a lot of legalities with respect to this. This is a transfer of public property, it requires a public hearing under 15.2-1800. In addition to that, it requires a written contract because it regards land, which is called the statute of frauds, real property, that's correct, there are a bunch of things which require a contract, some contracts for over 12 months, things like that, but land is one of them. Because it required a contract, the board had to ratify it. In any event, even if they didn't, they did ratify it, and therefore, only the board acting as a board, that means by motion and an appropriate and valid vote could amend it. And even if the county administrator made a representation, he would not have had the authority that's called ultra vires, beyond his authority or her authority. And that's exactly what happened as you recall in presidential tier two, the director promised something, they relied on that promise, went to the Supreme court, and they said only the board can make promises of the sort. So regardless of... Actually, Mr. Quesenberry showed me that email or told me about it, I can't remember from the county administrator saying that they would be flexible. I don't know what that means. No one knows what

that means, I don't think sitting here, but even if it had said, "I will extend the LOI benchmarks... " 10 years or two years, that would not have been effective as to against the board because you hold the public purse.

1:41:45.3 Madam Chair: Thank you, Mr. Britton. Mr. Bueche, was that the remainder of your questions? Alright. Mr. Granger, do you have any questions? Mr. Stonehill? Alright, what is the pleasure of the board? Staff requested a recommendation regarding the path forward. Mr. Granger?

1:42:09.0 R. Granger: Sure, I'll start it off. So starting back in 2018, trying to find the way to make this happen. I do know that several of the Ralph Bunche Alumni Association members... I was at that vote, spoke in opposition to moving forward with the LOI, two of the board members voted to not move forward with LOI based on that input. I voted in favor of it, really trying to find a way to get something done with the school, really like to see it get done, but that's why we did put those benchmarks in, because we recognized... We've tried a couple of times, and it's been unsuccessful, unfortunately. And so we seem to be in a similar situation, it's gone through multiple years, it hasn't been able to negotiate an option agreement. At this point, I would move forward an RFP and see where we can go from there.

1:43:04.7 Madam Chair: Thank you, Mr. Granger. Mr. Stonehill?

1:43:12.4 J. Stonehill: I just think we need to come up with a solution for this piece of property. I mean, it's been going on and on, and however we decide it's... The folks, the alumni are there and they're not getting any younger, and if they're going to... We're actually going to get something done to have the folks that are still with us, be able to see and enjoy, we need to come up with something... Sooner than later.

1:43:41.7 Madam Chair: Thank you, Mr. Stonehill. Ms. Binder?

1:43:44.7 C. Binder: I'm not opposed to putting it back out for an RFP to see if there's further interest. That is one of the options, correct?

1:43:53.6 T. Quesenberry: Right, it could be an RFP. It could be an RFI.

1:43:56.3 C. Binder: Or an RFI. And I usually like RFI's a little better, [chuckle] but an RFI is okay with me too. I agree, I've talked to quite few of the alumni who, as Mr. Stonehill said, are not getting any younger, and they would love to see something, but being able to do it on a county level, that's a lot of money also going with requests that'll be soon be coming, so I'm not opposed to an RFI in the end.

1:44:20.4 Madam Chair: Mr. Bueche did you have anything else to add?

1:44:22.6 J. Bueche: Thank you, Madam Chair. I too was there when we voted, Mr. Granger pointed out and we did put those benchmarks in for a particular reason, and I was one of those that voted in favor of this, and the Ralph Bunche Alumni Association was very vocal against this partnership. I would like to see us be able to move forward, get something done, but obviously we need to protect the interest of King George County because that's real property that belongs to King George County. So I would like to entertain the thought of putting out another RFP, and we basically have to start over. For the record, King George County has made many attempts to get this

situation rectified, and every time that those attempts have failed or stalled, it was not due to King George County's actions, it was investors or something, whoever had the interest in it, either pulled out or found out it was not feasible, profitable, etcetera, etcetera. The King George County has continued to try to get something done with this property, but we need to go through this process to get it done because as far as our budget, we simply do not have the money to do it ourselves. So I would support an RFP.

1:45:45.7 Madam Chair: Mr. Quesenberry, you look like you have something to say.

1:45:48.2 T. Quesenberry: I was just going to... I want to get clarification if the board would like to issue an RFP or if the board would like to issue an RFI.

1:45:55.5 Madam Chair: That was going to be my next question, because I'm... Some of us are saying RFP, and one of us is saying RFI. So, Mr. Britton, can you... Sorry to put you on the spot, sir. Can you explain again the difference to the board, what is an RFP versus what is an RFI?

1:46:17.1 M. Britton: Yes, Madam Chair. So basically, there's... In fact Mr. Bueche mentioned earlier without his microphone on, an RFQ. There's basically three ways to request for quote, right. So there's basically three ways to go after something, but RFQ would not... Is a request for quote, that means how much will it cost to do X? That assumes you know what X is. That normally follows an RFI, which are request for information, which is saying, "What is it that you think that we should do with this property?" It's sort of a brainstorming, if you will, and people will come forward and they'll say, "We think that these things should be done with the property." It does not have to set forth a formal proposal, it generally does not have a specifications and designs, and it never has an amount. An RFP is a request for proposals, and that's a specific proposal of what to do with the property which would be actionable in contract, that you would be able to write a contract on, technically under law, as with the zoning ordinance update, you don't have to have a price in an RFP, you can... But you do have to have an exact proposal, and then you can go back to the qualified bidders and ask for a price after that. In this particular case, because of the technical specifications, the county engineer is sitting right here, it's kind of silly of me to say this, but we worked on a lot of projects with respect to the engineering that has to be looked at, with respect to the uses of the property, what can be done with respect to zoning and subdivision, with respect to the environmental, the phase one and phase two environmental, with respect to how much property, I believe there's currently 10 or 11 acres included, with what you had done in the past, there's more acreage on the property, though. It would be just my advice, certainly an RFQ is out, and RFI isn't going to get you there, and an RFP would be the technical proposal that would be necessary with a price in order to move forward on a property of this complexity and this age.

1:48:24.7 Madam Chair: Thank you, Mr. Britton, for clarifying that. Mr. Bueche?

1:48:28.4 J. Bueche: Thank you, Madam Chair. So if we did move forward with that, will we need a statement of work to kind of list out what all encompassing we're looking at? Because I remember the previous proposal that we had to Ralph Bunche Arts and Humanities Center that fell through, there was discussions, and I believe engineering was done at that time. There was an issue with the well for that property. So there's going to be some type of work that has to go in there, that's going to be an additional cost on top of anything associated with the physical building itself, there's going to be infrastructure costs on top of that, and as I recall, it was quite significant, those costs and that's why the initial investor left.

1:49:15.6 M. Britton: Right. And Travis could address that more in terms of ingress, egress, sight distances, and traffic. And that would be the advantage of going with an RFI. So if you went out with an RFI, you would essentially have like, as a very simplified analogy, a poster contest, right? And a bunch of people submit their drawings, and then you go back and you say, "This is the winning drawing, now we want either an RFQ or an RFP, respecting, this is the drawing, how much is it going to cost us? How many are we going to produce and what have you." But so if you have the RFI, and you chose the winning idea, then you could go out and ask for an RFP specifically on that. I don't think that it'll be down to the nails exactly, as you said, in terms of that you'll have to pay for this, this, this, and this, because it will say infrastructure of phase one environmental, necessary environmental, mitigation of environmental issues, and things like that. And obviously, there has to be some flexibility in there. But again, the going through the two-step process, because you know what you want it to be, as I understand it, from looking at the previous RFP and the LOI that was drafted, that it is supposed to preserve the culture and heritage of the building itself. So it can have ancillary uses, such as a community center or a commercial center in the front, or I have no idea what it could be. I know that there was a proposal for part of it to be even apartments or a hotel in the front or something like that. But whatever that is, but I think that you can put out an RFP because as I understand it, the board's will has always been to preserve its cultural heritage in King George County and including a museum. And when you drill down on those things, and if you do a RFI, and none of that's in any of the RFIs, then you're back to an RFP. And in RFP, you can put the out... Want some of the things that we were outlining, when we were negotiating the option agreement were the hours that it was open, that it would be free to the public or at maximum of this amount of cost, that it would contain a certain amount of square footage, that it would be manned by a certain amount of workers from a certain periods of time, and what have you, and all of that could be in an RFP, where it couldn't be in an RFI.

1:51:37.6 Madam Chair: Thank you, Mr. Britton. So it sounds to me like the direction you're suggesting is an RFP would be more robust and would collect all the information that we would need to actually then possibly award a contract. And to me, there doesn't seem to be a lot of sense to do an RFI if that's not going to get us across the finish line. An RFP is what was done three years ago, a lot of that body of work is still there and can just be updated based on the current condition of the building. And I'm sure the county engineer will be happy to review that. It's not like we're asking this to go out tomorrow. So I mean, is everyone all right with an RFP? Yes. Alright, so we have unanimous consensus from the board. Direction to Mr. Quesenberry is to issue an RFP, please.

1:52:39.8 T. Quesenberry: For the repurposing of Ralph Bunche High School?

1:52:41.3 Madam Chair: The repurposing of Ralph Bunche High School.

1:52:43.7 T. Quesenberry: Will do.

1:52:44.7 Madam Chair: Thank you.

1:52:51.7 T. Quesenberry: Typically, the proposals are advertised for 30 days. Now, something this complex and we can do 45 days or 60 days.

1:53:00.9 Madam Chair: Any preference from the board regarding duration?

1:53:04.6 C. Binder: I would like a little longer to make sure we have...

1:53:09.4 Madam Chair: 45, 45 days, I'm okay with 60.

1:53:12.8 C. Binder: I was gonna go for 60.

1:53:13.9 J. Bueche: I am, too. I mean, we've been here before, let's give the... As much time as we can to get thoroughness.

1:53:20.7 C. Binder: 60, I like...

1:53:21.7 Madam Chair: 60 days. Yes, yes, 60 days.

1:53:24.8 T. Quesenberry: We will proceed.

1:53:26.0 Madam Chair: Thank you.

1:53:26.7 T. Quesenberry: Thank you very much.

1:53:27.7 Madam Chair: Thank you. Anything else for your report, sir? Okay. I believe we are looking for a motion.

1:53:41.0 J. Stonehill: I move that the King George County Board of Supervisors convene in closed meeting pursuant to VA Code Section 2.2 3711(A)1 for discussion and consideration of prospective candidates for employment for the position of county administrator and for discussion considerations of the performance compensation of the county attorney, assistant county attorney and paralegal positions. And pursuant to VA Code Section 2.2 3711(A)8 for counsel, consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters, requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel namely the applications of the board's bylaws and rules of procedures. I invite the county administrator and the county attorney, because they are deemed necessary and/or their presence will reasonably aid the board and its consideration of the topics to be discussed pursuant to VA Code section 2.2 3712(F).

1:54:48.8 R. Granger: Second.

1:54:48.9 Madam Chair: All those in favor, say "Aye."

1:54:52.4 C. Binder: Aye.

1:54:52.4 J. Bueche: Aye.

1:54:52.5 R. Granger: Aye.

1:52:52.6 J. Stonehill: Aye

1:54:52.9 Madam Chair: Chair votes aye. Motion carries. We are in closed session.

1:54:54 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.

1:55:20 R. Granger: Second.

1:55:22 Madam Chair: Each member please certify.

1:55:22.4 R. Granger: So certify.

1:55:22.5 J. Stonehill: Certify.

1:55:22.6 C. Binder: So certify.

1:55:22.7 J. Bueche: Certify.

1:55:22.8 Madam Chair: So certify. We are in open session. I wish to read a statement on behalf of the Board of Supervisors as a result of Closed Session. Mr. Britton has advised the Board of Supervisors of his intent to retire at the end of the calendar year. Is there a motion?

1:55:30 C. Binder: I move to authorize the County Administrator to take steps necessary to advertise and take other steps necessary to fill the position of County Attorney.

1:55:32 R. Granger: Second.

1:55:33 Madam Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor say, "Aye."

1:55:35 C. Binder: Aye.

1:55:35.2 J. Bueche: Aye.

1:55:35.3 R. Granger: Aye.

1:55:35.4 J. Stonehill: Aye.

1:55:35.5 Madam Chair: Chair votes "Aye". Motion carries. Do I have a motion to adjourn?

1:55:38 R. Granger: Move to adjourn until July 13th, 2021 at 6:30 PM in the Board room.

1:55:40 C. Binder: Second.

1:55:40.5 Madam Chair: All those in favor say, "Aye."

1:55:41 C. Binder: Aye.

1:55:41.2 J. Bueche: Aye.

1:55:41.3 R. Granger: Aye.

1:55:41.4 J. Stonehill: Aye.

1:55:41.5 Madam Chair: Chair votes “Aye”. Motion carries. We are adjourned.