

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
STAFFORD, VIRGINIA
MINUTES
Regular Meeting
April 6, 2021

Call to Order – A regular meeting of the Stafford County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Crystal Vanuch, Chairman, at 3:00 p.m., on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 in the Board Chambers, George L. Gordon, Jr., Government Center, 1300 Courthouse Road, Stafford, VA.

Roll Call – The following members were present: Crystal Vanuch, Chairman; Cindy C. Shelton, Vice Chairman; Tinesha O. Allen; Meg Bohmke; Thomas C. Coen; L. Mark Dudenhefer; Gary F. Snellings.

Also in attendance were: Frederick J. Presley, County Administrator; Rysheda McClendon, County Attorney; Cheryl Giles, Deputy Clerk; Julia Holmes, Assistant Deputy Clerk; associated staff and other interested parties.

Chairman Vanuch remarked that as the Board continues to work on the budget process, the Board was working to adopt the budget at the April 20 meeting. She encouraged the public to visit the County's website at www.staffordcountyva.gov/budget for additional information on the proposed Budget. She stated Ms. Kim Murphy would present an update about the COVID-19 vaccination.

Presentations – Chairman Vanuch presented proclamations to recognize April 11-17 as National Telecommunicators Week and to recognize April 4-10 as Local Government Education Week.

Captain Ray Davis, Emergency Communications Center Division Commander thanked the Board for their support and for the National Telecommunicators proclamation. Mr. Chris Edwards, Assistant Deputy of Public Works thanked the Board for the recognition and thanked Mr. Mark Pratt of the Stafford County School System for leading the collaboration to bring the knowledge of the wastewater treatment plant and the educational experience to the students of Stafford County.

Additions/Deletions - Approval of the Regular Agenda – There were no additions or deletions to the regular agenda.

Ms. Bohmke motioned, seconded by Ms. Shelton, to adopt the regular agenda.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Allen, Bohmke, Coen, Dudenhefer, Shelton, Snellings, Vanuch
Nay: (0)

Presentations by the Public – The following persons indicated a desire to speak.

1. Don Shirk, 1111 Columbus Drive – commented about renaming Jefferson Davis Highway and suggested renaming it Unity Highway.
2. Patrick Maloy, 132 Bridgewater Circle – commented he supported renaming Jefferson Davis Highway after Trooper Jessica Cheney.
3. Danielle Farley, 114 Lark Lane – commented he supported renaming Jefferson Davis Highway after Trooper Jessica Cheney.
4. Vernon Greene, Pear Blossom Road – commented he did not support renaming Jefferson Davis Highway.
5. Richard Rood, 1111 Peacock Station Drive – commented he supported renaming Jefferson Davis Highway after Trooper Jessica Cheney or naming it after military soldiers that were killed in action.
6. Tiny Tang, (Fairfax County resident) – requested the Board pass a resolution to raise County residents awareness about the practice of forced organ harvesting of prisoners in China.
7. Jisun Bae, (Fairfax County resident) – requested the Board pass a resolution to to raise County residents awareness about the practice of forced organ harvesting of prisoners in China.
8. Bill Johnson-Miles, 121 Kimberwick Lane – commented he opposed renaming Jefferson Davis Highway after Trooper Jessica Cheney.
9. Carolyn Reid (student) – commented she opposed renaming Jefferson Davis Highway after Trooper Jessica Cheney.
10. Danielle Davis, 1650 Brooke Road – commented she supported renaming Jefferson Davis Highway after Trooper Jessica Cheney.
11. Monica Gary, Dawns Way – commented that she thought the Board should utilize the Diversity Advisory Coalition to rename Jefferson Davis Highway; and commented about the flooding issues on Brooke Road.
12. Jim Fry, 13 Bob White Lane – commented he supported renaming Jefferson Davis Highway after Trooper Jessica Cheney.
13. Dana Brown, 41 St. Williams Way – commented that renaming Jefferson Davis Highway was not about race.

Board Member Presentations – Board members spoke on related topics and asked that items as identified be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion and separate vote:

Ms. Allen – Deferred her remarks.

Ms. Bohmke – Thanked the public for their comments; pulled item #7, proposed Resolution R21-106 only; remarked she planted tree saplings on a farm located in the George Washington district; and that she joined the VDOT Residency in picking up trash on Route 17.

Mr. Coen – Remarked that he also participated in planting tree saplings; and gave a shout out to Shirley Heim Middle School Civics teachers for the unit they did on local government.

Mr. Dudenhefer – Deferred his remarks.

Ms. Shelton – Remarked that it was World Autism Month; and reported that there might be an opportunity to add the Bike/Ped Bridge as a Smart Scale project.

Mr. Snellings – Remarked he was very impressed by the comments made by the ladies from Fairfax County. He expressed his concerns about the state of our society and shared the story about John Newton, the writer of the song “Amazing Grace.”

Ms. Vanuch – Deferred her remarks.

Report of the County Attorney – Ms. McClendon deferred her remarks.

Report of the County Administrator – Mr. Presley reported that the Strategic Plan and Other Priorities Update was included in the agenda packet for the Board’s information and that Ms. Kimberly Murphy-Orr, Public Health Specialist would present the COVID-19 update.

Ms. Murphy-Orr highlighted the following information about COVID-19 for Stafford County and addressed the Board’s questions.

- Surveillance Report for March 27 – April 2, 2021
 - 182 new cases of COVID
 - 0 hospitalizations
 - 1 new death
 - Over 58,000 doses administered
 - Over 37,000 of people vaccinated with at least one dose
 - 24% of people vaccinated with one dose
 - Over 21,000 people fully vaccinated
 - About 15% of population fully vaccinated

- All 21 of the Rappahannock Area Health District Long Term Care Facilities have had their second vaccine clinic through the Federal Pharmacy Program
- Vaccination and Outreach Update
- Pharmacy Providers
- Vaccine Partners
- Contact information to receive or to pre-register for the vaccine

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Shelton motioned, seconded by Mr. Snellings to adopt the Consent Agenda less agenda item #7, proposed Resolution R21-106 only.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Allen, Bohmke, Coen, Dudenhefer, Shelton, Snellings, Vanuch
Nay: (0)

Item 1. County Administration; Approve Minutes of the March 16, 2021 Board Meeting.

Item 2. County Administration; Approve Minutes of the March 4, 2021 Budget Work Session Minutes.

Item 3. Budget and Management; A Resolution to Authorize the Advertisement for Elderly and Disabled Tax Relief.

Resolution R21-123 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT OF A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AMENDING AND REORDAINING STAFFORD COUNTY CODE SEC. 23-57, "GENERAL PROVISIONS" AND SEC. 23-62, "NULLIFICATION OF EXEMPTION UPON CHANGE IN STATUS" TO UPDATE TAX PROVISIONS RELATED TO ELDERLY AND DISABLED PERSONS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Virginia Code § 58.1-3210, the County is permitted to exempt or defer taxes for elderly and disabled persons; and

WHEREAS, the County implemented this exemption in Stafford County Code Chapter 23, Article III, Division 2, "Elderly and Disabled Persons;" and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to amend the elderly and disabled persons tax provisions to reflect cost of living and inflation increases that have occurred since the program was last amended over a decade ago; and

WHEREAS, to consider updating the tax provisions, the Board is required and desires to hold a public hearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 6th day of April, 2021, that the County Administrator be and he hereby is authorized to publish notice and advertise a public hearing to consider amending and reordaining Stafford County Code Sec. 23-57, "General provisions" and Sec. 23-62, "Nullification of exemption upon change in status" to update elderly and disabled persons tax provisions, pursuant to proposed Ordinance O21-21.

Item 4. Finance; Approve the Expenditure Listing

Resolution R21-124 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE LISTING (EL)
DATED MARCH 2, 2021 THROUGH APRIL 5, 2021

WHEREAS, the Board appropriated funds to be expended for the purchase of goods and services in accordance with an approved budget; and

WHEREAS, the payments appearing on the above-referenced Listing of Expenditures represent payment of \$100,000 and greater for the purchase of goods and/or services, which are within the appropriated amounts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 6th day of April, 2021, that it be and hereby does.

Item 5. Fire and Rescue; Authorize the County Administrator to Execute a Contract Amendment with Overhead Door Company of Fredericksburg, VA to Purchase Station Bay Door Repairs and Maintenance Services for the Fire and Rescue Department.

Resolution R21-130 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO
EXECUTE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH OVERHEAD DOOR
COMPANY OF CENTRAL VIRGINIA TO PURCHASE STATION BAY DOOR
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE FIRE AND RESCUE
DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, properly functioning station bay doors are essential to effective and rapid emergency response deployment; and

WHEREAS, the Fire and Rescue Department (Department) desires to purchase station bay door repairs and maintenance services; and

WHEREAS, the County has a contract with Overhead Door Company of Central Virginia, Rider Agreement #21-3220-CI002, which rides Prince William County Contract #5030202, that may be renewed through February 2023; and

WHEREAS, Rockhill Volunteer Rescue Squad has requested repairs in the amount of \$35,636, and the Department has incurred repairs costs of approximately \$180,000, amounting to over \$216,000 of contract spend for FY2021;

WHEREAS, in addition, the Department estimates that \$75,000 will be needed annually for routine repairs, upgrades, and maintenance of Fire and Rescue Department bay doors; and

WHEREAS, funding through FY2023 will be made available through a combination of the Department's operating budget and the County's Capital Improvement Program's station repairs funds, subject to annual Board budget and appropriation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 6th day of April, 2021, that it be and hereby does authorize the County Administrator to execute a contract amendment with Overhead Door Company of Central Virginia for the purchase of bay door and security gate repair and maintenance items, and services in an amount not to exceed Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00), unless amended by a duly-executed contract amendment.

Item 6. Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities; Authorize a Contract with Brooks & Brooks Services, Inc. for Custodial Services at Various County Facilities.

Resolution R21-99 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO
EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH BROOKS & BROOKS SERVICES, INC. FOR
CUSTODIAL SERVICES AT VARIOUS COUNTY FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities (PRCF) is responsible for obtaining a contract for professional custodial services at various County facilities (Services); and

WHEREAS, the County solicited proposals for the provision of Services pursuant to Request for Proposals #20-7110-SP096; and

WHEREAS, Brooks & Brooks Services, Inc., was determined to be the best-qualified to provide these Services, and the proposal is reasonable for the scope of services proposed; and

WHEREAS, the Rappahannock Regional Solid Waste Management Board (R-Board) will use the contract with first-year expenditures estimated to be \$3,750, which is available in its operations budget as approved annually by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services will use the contract with first-year expenditures estimated to be \$2,610, which is available in its operations budget as approved annually by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Utilities will use the contract with first-year expenditures estimated to be \$17,500, which is available in its operations budget as approved annually by the Board; and

WHEREAS, PRCF's first-year expenditures are estimated to be up to \$480,000, which is available in its operations budget as approved annually by the Board; and

WHEREAS, additional Services are available "as needed" and are priced at an average of \$15.50 per hour;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 6th day of April, 2021, that the County Administrator be and he hereby is authorized to execute a contract with Brooks & Brooks Services, Inc., for custodial services at various County facilities for one year with five optional one-year renewal terms, in a total contract amount of Three Million Six Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$3,630,000); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract costs in FY22 shall not exceed Five Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars (\$534,385), and subsequent renewal costs shall not increase by more than the number of facilities that require professional custodial services, and the price increases permitted in the Request for Proposals #20-7110-SP096, unless authorized by a duly-executed contract amendment.

Item 7. Planning and Zoning; Grant Relief from the Requirement to Dedicate Right-of-Way Along Garrisonville Road (SR-610) on Tax Map Parcel No. 19-3E for the All Muslim Association of America Cemetery Site Plan, and Request the Planning Commission to Review and Prepare Ordinance Amendments Regarding Land and Right-of-Way Dedication Requirements. Ms. Bohmke remarked that she pulled this item because she would abstain from voting on proposed Resolution R21-106.

Ms. Shelton remarked that when a member abstains from voting, the by-laws state a reason should be stated. Ms. Vanuch responded that it was at the Chairman's discretion and that due to the sensitivity of the item, she did not request a reason.

Mr. Dudenhefer motioned, seconded by Ms. Allen to adopt proposed Resolution R21-106.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea:	(5)	Allen, Coen, Dudenhefer, Shelton, Snellings
Nay:	(0)	
Abstain:	(2)	Bohmke, Vanuch

Resolution R21-106 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION, PURSUANT TO COUNTY CODE SEC. 28-256(C)(1), TO GRANT RELIEF FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO DEDICATE RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG GARRISONVILLE ROAD (SR-610) ON TAX MAP PARCEL NO. 19-3E, LOCATED WITHIN THE ROCK HILL ELECTION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan identifies future road improvements to accommodate projected growth and orderly development; and

WHEREAS, Stafford County Code Sec. 28-256(c)(1) requires dedication of at least half of the necessary right-of-way when submitting a site plan for development of property abutting a road identified for transportation improvement projects in the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, Stafford County Code Sec. 28-256(c)(1) allows the Board to grant relief from the requirement to dedicate right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, All Muslim Association of America, Inc. desires to redevelop Tax Map Parcel No. 19-3E (Property), and submitted a site plan proposing to construct a cemetery with area for parking and vehicular circulation (Proposed Development), which requires right-of-way dedication of an additional five (5) feet from centerline along Garrisonville Road (SR-610); and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Development is a less intense use than the use currently on the Property, thus generating fewer daily vehicle trips, and turn lane are not warranted for the Proposed Development along Garrisonville Road (SR-610); and

WHEREAS, the existing right-of-way is twenty-five (25) feet from centerline along this portion of Garrisonville Road (SR-610) and is sufficient to accommodate the Proposed Development; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the recommendations of staff, and believes that it is appropriate to grant relief from the requirement to dedicate right-of-way;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 6th day of April, 2021, that it be and hereby does, pursuant to Stafford County Code Sec. 28-256(c)(1), grant relief from the requirement to dedicate right-of-way on Tax Map Parcel No. 19-3E along Garrisonville Road (SR-610) for the site plan entitled "Overall Plan AMAA – Garrisonville Property Major Site Plan," dated January 19, 2021, as last revised.

Resolution R21-118 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PLANNING COMMISSION PREPARE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SUBDIVISION AND ZONING ORDINANCES REGARDING RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION AND OTHER LAND DEDICATION REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO NEW DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, County Code Sec. 22-166, "Parks, schools and public land" and Sec. 22-167, "Right of way additions" of the Subdivision Ordinance and Sec. 28-256, "Required standards and improvements generally" of the Zoning Ordinance, require dedication of land and public street right-of-way to the County as a condition of approval of site plans and subdivision plats (Dedications); and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to review the Dedications requirements to ensure alignment with State Code and the law; and

WHEREAS, the Board requests the Planning Commission to investigate the Dedications and draft proposed ordinance amendments to the Subdivision and Zoning Ordinances, as necessary, to bring the Dedications into compliance with law and best zoning and subdivision practices; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that public necessity, convenience, general welfare, and good zoning and subdivision practices require consideration of amendments to the Subdivision and Zoning Ordinances regarding the Dedications;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 6th day of April, 2021, that the Planning Commission be and it hereby is requested to prepare proposed ordinance amendments the Subdivision and Zoning Ordinances, as necessary, to address requirements to dedicate land and public street right-of-way to the County as a condition of approval of site plans and subdivision plats; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Commission is requested to draft the proposed ordinance(s), hold a public hearing, and provide its recommendation to the Board within one hundred (100) days of the date of this Resolution.

Item 8. Public Works (Utilities); Authorize the County Administrator to Approve Expenditures for Pump, Gearbox, Blower Repairs and Parts.

Resolution R21-114 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES FOR PUMP, GEARBOX, AND BLOWER PARTS AND REPAIRS WITH BEST REPAIR COMPANY, INCORPORATED

WHEREAS, the County has an existing contract with Best Repair Company, Incorporated for pump, gearbox, and blower parts and repair services, Rider Agreement #19-5030-CI027; and

WHEREAS, these parts, repair and professional services (Services) are essential to maintain the County's water and sewer treatment operations; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on August 18, 2020, the Board authorized the expenditure of \$400,000 for these Services for the remainder of the current contract ending on August 29, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Department has expended \$382,621 for necessary repairs and identified an additional \$400,000 needed for additional repairs for the remainder of the contract term; and

WHEREAS, funds for these services are available in the Public Works, Utilities Operating Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 6th day of April, 2021, that the County Administrator be and he is hereby authorized to approve expenditures in an additional Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) for a total contract amount not to exceed Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000) with Best Repair Company, Incorporated for additional pump, gearbox, and blower parts and repair services, unless modified by a duly executed contract amendment.

Item 9. Public Works (Community Development); Budget and Appropriate Defaulted Developer Securities for Road Improvements in Hartwood Valley Subdivision.

Resolution R21-115 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO BUDGET AND APPROPRIATE DEFAULTED SECURITIES FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN THE HARTWOOD VALLEY SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN THE HARTWOOD ELECTION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Hartwood Valley subdivision (Hartwood Valley) is an existing seven lot subdivision located off Hartwood Road within the Hartwood Election District; and

WHEREAS, Hartwood Valley developer, Sigma Builder's, Inc. (Developer), began the development in 2005 and 2006, but did not complete construction of Hartwood Valley Court to bring it within the Secondary System of State Highways; and

WHEREAS, the Developer failed to comply with the terms and conditions of its Performance Agreement with the County, resulting in the default of the Performance Agreement and securities; and

WHEREAS, the uncompleted Hartwood Valley Court began to deteriorate over time, prompting residents of Hartwood Valley to request assistance with repairing the unfinished road; and

WHEREAS, the remaining defaulted road securities, in the amount of \$20,929, may be used to repair a 250-foot section of Hartwood Valley Court; and

WHEREAS, the Board's Infrastructure Committee was briefed at its meetings on February 2, 2021 and March 2, 2021, and recommended using the defaulted security funds to provide one-time repairs to a section of Hartwood Valley Court, and that the item be brought to the full Board for consideration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 6th day of April, 2021, that Twenty Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars (\$20,929) of the Hartwood Valley subdivision road securities from the defaulted securities escrow be and it hereby is budgeted and appropriated for one-time repairs to Hartwood Valley Court, as follows:

Fund	Department	Amount
Securities Escrow- General Fund	Department of Capital Construction	\$20,929

Item 10. Public Works (Transportation); Budget and Appropriate Funds to the Lynhaven Lane Service District Fund for the Preparation of Right-of-Way and Easement Plats for Improvements to Lynhaven Lane.

Resolution R21-135 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO BUDGET AND APPROPRIATE GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS RESERVE AND LYNHAVEN LANE SERVICE DISTRICT FUNDS FOR PREPARATION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY AND EASEMENT PLATS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO LYNHAVEN LANE, LOCATED IN THE ROCK HILL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance O18-33, the Board authorized formation of the Lynhaven Lane Service District (LLSD) to provide funding to complete required improvements to Lynhaven Lane to allow its acceptance into the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) Secondary System of State Highways (Project); and

WHEREAS, at the formation of the LLSD, staff projected engineering design and construction costs to be \$329,736; and

WHEREAS, \$140,000 of the construction costs would be needed from the LLSD, establishing a tax rate of \$0.48 over a 10-year period, and additional funds would be provided by Shelton Woods proffers in the amount of \$50,000, and Revenue Sharing funds in the amount of \$189,868; and

WHEREAS, the County received a proposal from on-call contractor Sullivan, Donahoe, and Ingalls, a Professional Corporation (Engineer) to prepare the necessary right-of-way and drainage easement dedication plats, easement acquisition services, and right-of-way monumentation for \$64,635; and

WHEREAS, total funding in the amount of \$70,000 addresses title examination and recordation costs for voluntary right-of-way acquisition and easements; and

WHEREAS, staff finds these costs to be reasonable for the scope of services required; and

WHEREAS, funding of \$70,000 is available in the General Fund, Capital Projects Reserve and may be used for this purpose but must be budgeted and appropriated, and the remaining funding of \$70,000 be held in the General Fund Capital Projects Reserve to be budgeted and appropriated when needed to support future contracts for the LLSD; and

WHEREAS, the LLSD tax rate has been established at \$0.155 per \$100 of assessed value to support the LLSD; and

WHEREAS, the current LLSD tax rate is not sufficient to provide repayment of the \$140,000 of funds over a ten-year period, and an appropriate rate will be brought to the Board as part of the proposed CY2022 tax rates and FY2023 proposed budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 6th day of April, 2021, that it be and hereby does budget and appropriate Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) from the General Fund, Capital Projects Reserve to the Lynhaven Lane Service District fund as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund Capital Projects Reserve	Transfer to Lynhaven Lane Service District	\$70,000
Lynhaven Lane Service District	Capital Costs	\$70,000

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County General Fund shall be reimbursed for these expenses from future collections from the Lynhaven Lane Service District.

Item 11. Public Works (Community Development); Authorize the County Administrator to Execute Lease Amendments/Renewals for Public Works' Offices Located at 2126 and 2128 Jefferson Davis Highway.

Resolution R21-136 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE LEASE AMENDMENTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS' OFFICE SPACE LOCATED AT 2126 AND 2128 JEFFERSON DAVIS HIGHWAY, LOCATED IN THE AQUIA ELECTION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Stafford County leases office space for public works related departments from Courthouse Square, L.L.C. (Landlord) located at 2126 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suites 201 and 203, and 2128 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suites 101, 203, 201, and 203; and

WHEREAS, the Landlord offered to amend the current lease to extend the lease term for an additional five-year period beginning on April 15, 2021 through April 14, 2022, with an option to extend for up to four additional one-year terms for an extended lease/term expiration date of April 14, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the first year's annual rent on 2126 Jefferson Davis Highway is \$91,166.16 with a 2% increase per annum; and

WHEREAS, the first year's annual rent on 2128 Jefferson Davis Highway is \$163,278.12 with a 2% increase per annum; and

WHEREAS, staff determined that the lease rates are reasonable and funds are available in the public works related departments' operating budget for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to execute a lease amendment with the Landlord;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 6th day of April, 2021, that the County Administrator be and he hereby is authorized to execute mutually agreeable lease amendments with Courthouse Square, L.L.C. to continue to lease office space for the public works related departments located at 2126 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suites 201 and 203, and 2128 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suites 101, 103, 201, and 203, for one-year, with four optional one-year renewal terms (five years total); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the lease for 2126 Jefferson Davis highway shall not exceed Ninety-One Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars and Sixteen Cents (\$91,166.16) for the first year, with a 2% increase per annum, and the lease for 2128 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suites 101, 103, 201, and 203, shall not exceed One Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars and Twelve Cents (\$163,278.12) for the first year, with a 2% increase per annum, with all other terms being reasonable and legally acceptable.

Item 12. Public Works (Utilities); Authorize the County Administrator to Submit a Grant Application for the Water Quality Improvement Fund Program Provided by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.

Resolution R21-139 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO
SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE WATER QUALITY
IMPROVEMENT FUND PROGRAM PROVIDED BY THE VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) provides grant funding through the Water Quality Improvement Fund (WQIF) to assist local governments in reducing point source nutrient loads to the Chesapeake Bay; and

WHEREAS, the goal of this funding is to restore and improve the quality of State waters and to protect them from impairment and destruction for the benefit of citizens of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, WQIF point source grant funds are available to assist in the costs associated with the design and installation of nutrient removal technology at publicly-owned treatment plants to comply with effluent limitations requirements; and

WHEREAS, upgrades are currently scheduled for the Little Falls Run Wastewater Treatment Plant, located in the George Washington Election District; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Utilities wishes to apply for a WQIF state grant from DEQ in the amount of \$4,887,000 with a 100% local match for the design and installation of nutrient removal technology at Little Falls Run Wastewater Treatment Plant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 6th day of April, 2021, that the County Administrator be and he hereby is authorized to submit an application for the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Water Quality Improvement Fund grant to receive financial assistance in an amount up to Four Million Eight Hundred Eight-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$4,887,000), with a 100% local match, for the design and installation of nutrient removal technology at the Little Falls Run Wastewater Plant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that County Administrator is authorized to execute all documents necessary in support of this grant application.

Item 13. Sheriff, Authorize the County Administrator to Enter Into an Agreement with the City of Fredericksburg to Allow the Fredericksburg Regional Transit (FRED) to Join the Stafford County Public Safety Radio Communications System.

Resolution R21-05 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG TO
PERMIT THE FREDERICKSBURG REGIONAL TRANSIT (FRED) TO JOIN THE
STAFFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

WHEREAS, modern radio voice communications are critical to the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and public safety radio communications equipment and systems are a critical component of local public safety infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the County's current operational radio communications system (Radio System) for its public safety personnel is a completely integrated system complying with all

applicable federal, state and local requirements, and has the capacity to support additional radio subscribers/users; and

WHEREAS, the Fredericksburg Regional Transit (FRED), desires to improve its public safety communications system and believes joining the County's Radio System is the most desirable option; and

WHEREAS, the Board carefully considered the recommendations of the Sheriff's Office and staff; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to enter into this agreement with the City of Fredericksburg (City); and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that adding FRED to the County's Radio System would benefit the County, the City, and FRED in the provision of public safety services and realization of economic benefits pursuant to this agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 6th day of April 2021, that the County Administrator be and he hereby is authorized to enter into a Radio Communications System Use Agreement with the City of Fredericksburg to permit the Fredericksburg Regional Transit (FRED) to join the County's Radio System, for a term of 10 years, with the option to extend for one additional 10-fiscal year term; and

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator is authorized to execute any documents he deems necessary and appropriate to facilitate this Resolution and the Board's desires expressed herein.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 14. Request the Virginia State Police Superintendent to Send a Letter to the Commonwealth Transportation Board to Change the Name of the Portion of US Route 1 Currently Named Jefferson Davis Highway in Stafford County to Trooper Jessica Cheney Highway. Mr. Presley informed the Board that this item was deferred at the last meeting for discussion.

Mr. Dudenhefer remarked that this issue was dealt with in December and that there was not a motion on the floor to discuss the item at this time.

Ms. Bohmke motioned, seconded by Ms. Vanuch to adopt proposed Resolution R21-117.

Mr. Dudenhefer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Coen to table this item.

Chairman Vanuch asked why the item was being tabled. Mr. Dudenhefer responded so that the item could be tabled indefinitely and restated that his motion was to table the item. Chairman Vanuch replied that a motion to table does not mean that something could be tabled indefinitely. She stated it would require a different motion and would not end discussion of the main motion.

Mr. Dudenhefer asked County Attorney McClendon to clarify and explain the motion. Ms. McClendon remarked that a motion to lay on the table ends debate of the main motion. She said if the idea was to lay it on the table indefinitely or a motion to postpone the matter, then it would be a debatable motion. She stated that there would need to be a clear intent for the purpose of the motion.

Mr. Dudenhefer responded that the purpose of the motion would be to lay it on the table and if the matter ever needed to come back before the Board, it would need a majority of the Board to have it come back. Mr. Dudenhefer remarked that he felt this item was dealt with at the December Board meeting with a 5-0 vote.

Ms. Bohmke asked the County Attorney if the Resolution that was passed would become active and sent to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) in its current form, if this item was laid on the table. Ms. McClendon responded that the Board passed R20-407 on December 15, 2020 and that the Resolution was still good and had not been rescinded. Staff forwarded the resolution to the CTB in line with the Board's direction.

Ms. Bohmke commented that when the Board passed Resolution R20-407, they were not aware that there were certain VDOT regulations that they would need to abide by, if they wanted CTB to pay for the road signs.

Mr. Dudenhefer remarked that this item should not be discussed. Chairman Vanuch asked Ms. McClendon if the Board could discuss the item, but not discuss the main motion. Ms. McClendon stated that with regards to parliamentary procedures, she advised that if the motion was to lay the item on the table, the motion was seconded, then voted upon, the item was not debatable. If the motion was taken as a postponement indefinitely, then that motion would be debatable.

Chairman Vanuch remarked that Mr. Dudenhefer motioned to lay the item on the table indefinitely, which triggered Robert Rules to allow discussion to happen. Mr. Dudenhefer responded that he did not motion to lay the item on the table indefinitely. He said his motion was to lay the item on the table.

Ms. Bohmke asked Ms. McClendon if the Board was allowed to discuss the item. Ms. McClendon responded the motion was to lay the item on the table and under Robert Rules it was not a debatable motion.

Mr. Dudenhefer reiterated that his motion was to lay this item on the table. Chairman Vanuch confirmed that Mr. Coen seconded the motion and called for a vote.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea:	(5)	Allen, Coen, Dudenhefer, Shelton, Snellings
Nay:	(2)	Bohmke, Vanuch

Item 15. Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities; Discussion of Fourth of July Fireworks.

Mr. Mike Morris, Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities Director stated that the Board discussed this item at its last meeting. He said the Board directed staff to explore the possibility of moving the fireworks to north Stafford. He stated staff reached out to the owners of Stafford Marketplace and reached out to VDOT about the Staffordboro commuter lot. He said they both indicated that staff would not be able to do fireworks at those locations. Staff explored Moncure Elementary School as an option, but the amount of radius needed to shoot the fireworks was not available. He said staff was unable to secure a location in north Stafford to shoot the fireworks. Staff also explored Embrey Mill as an option, but the fall zone area for the fireworks would not have been enough. He stated the only viable alternative would be to return to Pratt Park and asked for the Board's direction.

Discussion ensued about other possible locations to shoot the fireworks.

Following the discussion, the Board directed Mr. Morris to move forward with holding the fireworks at Pratt Park and to explore other options to hold the fireworks in north Stafford next year.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 16. Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities; Discuss Implementing Fees at the Historic Port of Falmouth and Aquia Landing. Mr. Mike Morris presented background information, addressed the Board's questions, and highlighted the following options for this item.

- Operational Options
- Historic Port of Falmouth (HPOF) and Aquia Landing Parking Fee Options
- Tow Stones Parking Fee Options

Mr. Morris concluded his presentation with an overview about potential concerns on implementing parking fees.

Discussion ensued about the parking fee options.

Following the discussion, Chairman Vanuch remarked the item would return as Unfinished Business at the next Board meeting. Mr. Morris informed the Board that if the Board desired for staff to move forward with the parking fees, it required advertisement of a public hearing. He said staff could request advertisement of a public hearing at the next meeting under Consent.

Mr. Morris confirmed that the public hearing advertisement would be for \$15 at HPOF and Aquia Landing and that the fishing permit would be \$10 at Two Stones.

CLOSED MEETING

At 4:45 p.m., Ms. Shelton motioned, seconded by Mr. Dudenhefer, to adopt proposed Resolution CM21-06.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea:	(7)	Allen, Bohmke, Coen, Dudenhefer, Shelton, Snellings, Vanuch
Nay:	(0)	

Resolution CM21-06 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Board desires to hold a Closed Meeting for (1) consultation with legal counsel regarding cluster development, which is a specific legal matter requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, and (2) discussion of the performance of specific public officers; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 (A)(1) and (A)(8) such discussion may occur in Closed Meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 6th day of April, 2021, that it be and hereby does authorize discussion of the above matters in Closed Meeting.

CLOSED MEETING CERTIFICATION

At 6:05 p.m., Ms. Shelton motioned, seconded by Ms. Bohmke, to adopt proposed Resolution CM21-06 (c).

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea:	(7)	Allen, Bohmke, Coen, Dudenhefer, Shelton, Snellings, Vanuch
Nay:	(0)	

Resolution CM21-06 (c) reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO CERTIFY THE ACTIONS OF THE STAFFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN A CLOSED MEETING ON APRIL 6, 2021

WHEREAS, the Board has, on this the 6th day of April, 2021, adjourned into a Closed Meeting in accordance with a formal vote of the Board and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Freedom of Information Act provides for certification that such Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with the law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stafford County Board of Supervisors does hereby certify, on this the 6th day of April, 2021, that to the best of each member's knowledge (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the Motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened, were heard, discussed, or considered by the Board.

At 6:06 p.m., Chairman Vanuch recessed the afternoon session of the April 6, 2021 Board meeting.

At 7:00 p.m. Chairman Vanuch called the evening session to order. Ms. Shelton gave the invocation and Ms. Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Presentations – There were no presentations.

Presentations by the Public – II - The following persons indicated a desire to speak:

1. Paul Milde, 10 Potomac View Lane – commented about the flooding issues on Brooke Road and about creating an ad hoc committee to address the Brooke Road flooding issues.
2. Scott Smith, Thorny Point Road – commented that the flooding issues on Brooke Road were due to development that have caused drainage issues in Accokeek Creek.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Item 17. Budget and Management; Consider Fiscal Year 2022 Budget, Fiscal Year 2022-2031 Capital Improvement Program and the Virginia Public Schools Authority Debt for Fiscal Year

2022. Ms. Andrea Light, Budget Director informed the Board that she would present information for the Budget to include the FY2022-2031 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), and the FY2022 Virginia Public Schools Authority (VPSA); and the Tax Rates, Water and Sewer Rate Increase, a Cigarette Tax, and an Ordinance to Repeal the Motor Vehicle License Fee. Ms. Light presented background information and highlighted each item. She concluded her presentation with an overview of the next steps in the budget process.

Chairman Vanuch opened the public hearing for the Budget, CIP, and VPSA.

The following person indicated a desire to speak:

1. Joanna Dalmasi, (Spotsylvania County) – presented an update about the Virginia Community Food Connections (VCFC) program and thanked the Board for their support of the program.

Chairman Vanuch closed the public hearing for the Budget, CIP, and VPSA. She reminded the Board that this item did not require action today and that the item would return for a vote at the April 20 Board meeting.

Item 18. Budget and Management; Consider Calendar Year 2021 Tax Rates.

Chairman Vanuch opened the public hearing for the CY2021 Tax Rate.

The following persons indicated a desire to speak:

1. Sarah Taylor, 1146 James Madison Circle – commented she supported a \$1.01 tax rate.
2. Paul Milde, 10 Potomac View Lane – commented he supported the tax rate at the effective equalized rate.
3. Hank Scharpenberg, 2342 Courthouse Road – commented he supported the senior citizen tax break.

Chairman Vanuch closed the public hearing for the CY2021 Tax Rate. She stated no Board action was required and that this item would be voted on at the April 20 Board meeting.

Item 19. Public Works (Utilities); Consider a 3.0% Water/Sewer User Fee Rate Increase.

Chairman Vanuch opened the public hearing for the Water and Sewer User Fee Rate Increase.

No persons indicated a desire to speak.

Chairman Vanuch closed the public hearing for the Water and Sewer User Fee Rate Increase. She stated this item would return for a vote at the April 20 Board meeting.

Item 20. Budget and Management; Consider Amending and Reordaining the County Code to Establish, Levy, Administer, and Enforce a County Cigarette Tax.

Chairman Vanuch opened the public hearing to consider amending and reordaining the County Code to establish, levy, administer, and enforce a County cigarette tax.

No persons indicated a desire to speak.

Chairman Vanuch closed the public hearing for this item and stated the item would return for a vote at the April 20 Board meeting.

Item 21. Budget and Management; Consider an Ordinance to Repeal the Vehicle License Fee, County Code Chapter 15, Article II.

Chairman Vanuch opened the public hearing to consider an Ordinance to repeal the Vehicle License Fee.

No persons indicated a desire to speak.

Chairman Vanuch closed the public hearing and stated the item would return for a vote at the April 20 Board meeting.

Item 22. County Attorney; Consider Readopting the Continuity of Government Ordinance in Response to the Local Emergency Related to COVID-19. Ms. McClendon stated that this was the third Continuity of Government Ordinance. She remarked that it appeared that we were nearing the end of the pandemic, but that we are currently in a time of uncertainty. She said staff recommends that the Board keep the Continuity of Government Ordinance in place to allow staff to respond to any unforeseen circumstances that may arise with the public health emergency. She stated the proposed Ordinance would be in place for another six months, unless the local emergency ends.

Chairman Vanuch opened the public hearing to readopt the proposed Continuity of Government Ordinance.

No persons indicated a desire to speak:

Chairman Vanuch closed the public hearing.

Mr. Dudenhefer motioned, seconded by Ms. Bohmke to adopt proposed Ordinance O21-18.

Ordinance O21-18 reads as follows:

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT IN
STAFFORD COUNTY DUE TO COVID-19 (CONTINUITY ORDINANCE)

WHEREAS, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a communicable disease of public health threat for Stafford County, Virginia and is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant the adoption of this continuity of government ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency for the entire country on January 31, 2020, effective January 27, 2020, "to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to [COVID-19];" and

WHEREAS, the State Health Commissioner declared COVID-19 a communicable disease of public health threat for Virginia on February 7, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, in Executive Order Number 51, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia declared that, "a state of emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Virginia to continue to prepare and coordinate our response to the potential spread of COVID-19, a communicable disease of public health threat. The anticipated effects of COVID-19 constitute a disaster as described in [Virginia Code] § 44-146.16." The Governor further directed, "state and local governments to render appropriate assistance to prepare for this event, to alleviate any conditions resulting from the situation, and to implement recovery and mitigation operations and activities so as to return impacted areas to pre-event conditions as much as possible;" and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared that "the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency;" and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of a Local Emergency was declared by the County Administrator, acting as the Director of Emergency Management in Stafford County, on March 16, 2020 at 11:00 a.m., and was ratified by the Board pursuant to Resolution R20-105 on March 17, 2020 (Local Declaration); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Declaration, a local emergency as defined in Virginia Code § 44-146.16 exists throughout Stafford County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Declaration, during the existence of the emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Management of Stafford County shall be those prescribed in Virginia Code § 44-146.21, as well as those prescribed by federal and State laws and the ordinances, resolutions, and approved plans of Stafford County in order

to mitigate the effects, damages, loss, hardship, or suffering threatened by, or resulting from, said emergency, and to continue critical government operations; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that this local emergency may continue for a substantial amount of time and impacts the provision of public services by the County and conducting public business; and

WHEREAS, there are government operations which must be taken by the Board in the next several months which will, by law, require the Board to meet and take action, and currently, it is unsafe for the Board to physically meet in the same manner and format as it did prior to the COVID-19 emergency in order to conduct public business; and

WHEREAS, the Board has found that emergency measures are necessary to mitigate the ongoing emergency and disaster that is occurring in the County and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Code § 15.2-1413 provides, “notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, general or special, any locality may, by ordinance, provide a method to assure continuity in its government, in the event of an enemy attack or other disaster. Such ordinance shall be limited in its effect to a period not exceeding six months after any such attack or disaster and shall provide for a method for the resumption of normal governmental authority by the end of the six-month period;” and

WHEREAS, Virginia Code § 44-146.16 defines “disaster,” in applicable part, as, “any... communicable disease of public health threat...resulting in damage, hardship, suffering, or possible loss of life;” and

WHEREAS, Virginia Code § 44-146.16 defines “communicable disease of public health threat,” in applicable part, as “an illness of public health significance, as determined by the State Health Commissioner in accordance with regulations of the Board of Health, caused by a specific or suspected infectious agent that may be reasonably expected or is known to be readily transmitted directly or indirectly from one individual to another and has been found to create a risk of death or significant injury or impairment;” and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, effective March 16, 2020, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the State Health Commissioner jointly issued Order of Public Health One finding that, (1) COVID-19 spreads from person-to-person, transmitted via respiratory droplets, and can be spread from an infected person who does not have symptoms to another person; (2) no current vaccine or known treatment options exist at this time; and (3) the Commonwealth of Virginia, seeks to contain, control, and prevent additional COVID-19 infections and unnecessary risk to citizens; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the continuity of government throughout all Stafford County during this local and public health emergency, the Board desires to adopt this Continuity of Government Ordinance, pursuant to Virginia Code § 15.2-1413; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the Order of Public Health One and to ensure the public's health, safety, and welfare, the Board desires to maximize the use of all applicable legal provisions which allows it to continue to conduct necessary public business with minimal risk to the community, the public, staff, and Board members, all while maintaining transparency and public participation to the greatest extent feasible; and

WHEREAS, the Board adopted Ordinance O20-22 on April 7, 2020, for the continuity of Stafford County Government during the COVID-19 emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Board adopted Ordinance O20-40 on October 6, 2020, to continue to provide for the continuity of Stafford County Government during the COVID-19 emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to continue under the continuity ordinance and to readopt the ordinance, after receiving the public testimony, if any, at a public hearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 6th day of April, 2021, that the following continuity of government provisions be and they hereby are ordained during the existence of the Local Declaration in response to COVID-19. Any ordinances, laws, regulations, or policies not addressed or modified specifically herein, shall remain unchanged.

A. General

1. The following rules, laws, actions, and regulations are effective immediately, adopted pursuant to Virginia Code § 15.2-1427(F).
2. This Ordinance meets all ordinance requirements of Virginia Code §§ 15.2-1413 and 15.2-1427.
3. This Ordinance shall remain in effect until it is repealed, which shall not exceed 6 months from the date of adoption, or when the Board declares the local emergency has ended, whichever occurs first.
4. Normal governmental activity shall resume subsequent to repeal or the end of the local emergency.
5. The Ordinance may be amended or readopted, at any time, by appropriate action of the Board.

B. Meetings of Stafford County Affiliated Public Bodies

1. These meeting provisions shall apply to the Board of Supervisors and can be used by, to the extent permissible by law, any Stafford County public body and any local or regional board, authority, commission, or committee created by the Board or to which the Board appoints all or a portion of its members ("public bodies"), including, but not limited to, the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, School Board, Board of Equalization, Economic Development Authority, and Rappahannock Regional Landfill Board (R-Board).
2. All meetings held by public bodies consistent with this Continuity Ordinance shall be considered open, public meetings, unless an appropriately convened closed meeting is held pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711.
 - a. The public may be present at such public meetings by accessing the meeting electronically.
 - b. The public body's website shall provide information and instructions on how the public can access the meeting.
3. Meetings to handle any public business:
 - a. Regular or special called meetings to handle any County or public business may proceed with a quorum or more of the public body members present. Those members not present may participate in the meeting pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3708.2(A)(1), if the public body has an adopted written policy to allow electronic participation.
 - b. There shall be no limit on the number of times a member of the public body can participate electronically pursuant to this section, as the members participation is considered pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3708.2(A)(1)(a).
4. Meetings to handle government functions essential to the continuity of government.
 - a. When the catastrophic nature of the declared emergency makes it impracticable or unsafe to assemble a quorum of a public body in a single location, the public body may meet through wholly electronic means without a quorum or any member of the public body being physically present in a single location, to handle essential government functions necessary for the continuity of government.
 - b. Essential government functions shall be those functions which the public body must act on for the continuity of government within statutorily imposed deadlines or to prevent harm to the public body or County if the public body fails to act.
 - c. Essential government functions necessary for the continuity of government include, but are not limited to the following: budget considerations, public hearings, and adoption; appropriation of budget, tax rate considerations, public hearings, and adoption of tax rates; utilities fees considerations, public hearings, and adoption.
5. Public comments or public presentations not part of a public hearing
 - a. If the public body's agenda allows for public comments or public presentations, such comments may still be received.
 - b. Public comments and presentations may be received in person at meetings. Comments may be made and received by methods established by the public body,

consistent with limiting the number of people gathered, social distancing, and other health and safety guidelines.

- c. The method for receiving public comments shall be communicated to the public in advance of the public comment period.
 - d. Acceptable public comment and public presentation methods include emails, online fillable forms, mailed letters, and letters dropped in provided drop-boxes.
 - e. All public comments and presentations will be provided to members of the public body and made a part of the record for the applicable meeting.
6. Public comments during a public hearing
- a. The public shall have the right to attend and state their views on any public hearing item consistent with this Continuity Ordinance.
 - b. The public may attend and be present at such public hearing by accessing it electronically. The public is not required to, but may, be physically present in the same room as any member of the public body to attend or participate in the public hearing.
 - c. Public hearing comments may be made and received by methods established by the public body, consistent with limiting the number of people gathered, social distancing, and other health and safety guidelines.
 - d. The public is encouraged to make public hearing comments by emails, online fillable forms, mailed in letters received before the public hearing, and letters dropped in a provided drop-box at the public hearing. Additionally, if comments can be safely made in person or at a designated location during the public hearing they may be made in such format. If the public body has the capabilities to receive public comments via telephone or internet application during public hearings, comments may be made in such format.
 - e. All public hearing comments made in any form and received prior to the close of the public hearing will be provided to and received by the members of the public body and made a part of the record for the public hearing.

C. Board of Supervisors Meetings

- 1. The Board specifically recognizes its intent to use to the fullest extent possible Section B of this Continuity Ordinance and any other provisions of federal, state, or local law, which permits the Board to ensure the continuity of the County government, management of public business, and the safety of all members of the community.
- 2. By approval of this Continuity Ordinance, the Board specifically waives and/or modifies the following provisions from its By-laws and Rules of Procedure, adopted February 19, 2019, as provided below:
 - a. **Section 3-1**—The order of business and times may be modified by the County Administrator in consultation with the Chairman when creating a meeting agenda.
 - b. **Section 3-7**—As work sessions are appropriately noticed public meetings of the Board, the Board may take a formal vote or action upon any item presented at a

work session. Voting on items presented at a work session shall follow the same procedures and limitations as voting on a New Business item.

3. At such times as the Board holds meetings to handle government functions essential to the continuity of government, it shall be appropriate to handle routine, yet essential business. Such business matters shall be appropriate for placement on the Consent, New Business, or Unfinished Business portions of the agenda.

D. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

1. Notice of meetings

- a. All public meeting notices shall be provided on the County's website, which shall also be deemed the placement of the notice at a prominent public place at which notices are regularly posted and which shall also be deemed the placement of the notice at the office of the clerk of the Board.
- b. All agenda and meeting packets shall be made available to the public online from the County's website.

2. Public records

- a. While County staff are maximizing telework, County staff are considered available and conducting regular public business. Requests for FOIA documents and records shall continue to be received, processed, and responded to in the normal course of business.
- b. If County facilities close and nonessential staff are not working, FOIA requests will not be immediately received by the custodian of the record. All FOIA requests made during this period will be received and processed starting on the day after the County reopens and resumes operations, and nonessential staff resume work.

E. Planning and Zoning

1. Consideration of all nonessential land use and planning applications, which require a public hearing, may be delayed or postponed if possible and when the public body is not able to have at least a quorum of the public body present due to the public health emergency. For any application which is time sensitive and short deadlines are imposed by law (like wireless telecommunication facilities), public meeting, notice, and hearing requirements shall be met by compliance with this Continuity Ordinance.
2. Pursuant to Resolution R19-188 the Board implemented the Policy for Processing Zoning Reclassification and Proffer Condition Amendment Applications. The policy provides a one-year time limit for consideration of reclassification and proffer amendment applications, which may only be extended by written request of the Applicant subject to approval by the Board. Pursuant to this Continuity Ordinance, written request from pending reclassification and proffer amendment applicants are granted an extension which shall not exceed 90 days from the expiration of this Continuity Ordinance and/or the Local Declaration, whichever occurs first.
3. When the public body is not able to have at least a quorum of the public body present due to the public health emergency, County-initiated County Code and Comprehensive

Plan amendments referred to the Planning Commission are granted an extension for the Planning Commission to draft amendments, hold public hearings, and provide its recommendation back to the Board. Said extension shall not exceed 90 days without receiving permission from the governing body.

F. Finance

1. Within the same permissions and restrictions as provided in Virginia Code § 44-146.21(C), the County Administrator may procure, enter into contracts, incur obligations, employ temporary workers, rent equipment, purchase supplies and materials, and make other expenditures of public funds without regard to the procedures and formalities prescribed by policy and law (except for mandatory constitutional requirements), provided such funds in excess of appropriations in the current approved budget are unobligated and available, for the continuity of essential government functions. Such contracts, expenditures, or obligations which are above thresholds set in other Board-adopted policies, shall be brought to the Board for ratification on the consent agenda at the next scheduled, nonemergency meeting.

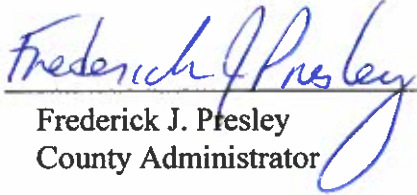
G. Human Resources

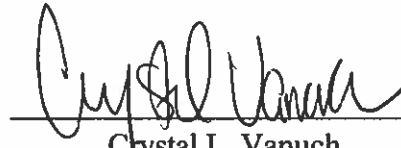
1. The County Administrator and his designee the Director of Human Resources have the authority to draft new policies and/or amend existing County personnel policies in response to personnel needs and considerations during the local emergency.
2. The policies shall specifically address telework, use of sick and annual leave, implementation of new federal and state laws, and other related employment matters.

; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that during the local declared emergency, all public bodies and employees are making every effort to continue to meet applicable deadlines as set by law, regulation, and policy, unless modified herein, and provide government services to the public in a modified form, while it is safe, practical, and feasible to do so. Notwithstanding any provision of law, regulation, or policy to the contrary, and in recognition of the local emergency, any deadline which cannot be timely met shall be considered extended. Any failure to meet any deadlines shall not constitute a default, violation, approval, denial, recommendation, or otherwise.

Adjournment At 7:28 p.m., Chairman Vanuch adjourned the April 6, 2021 Stafford County Board of Supervisors meeting.


Frederick J. Presley
County Administrator


Crystal L. Vanuch
Chairman

Daniel P. Cortez

Members of the Board,

Our diverse community remains acutely aware of the difficulty in finding a responsible name for portions of Jefferson Davis Highway passing through Stafford. Sadly Delegate Joshua Cole failed to reach out to many in our community to discuss the desired change when in Richmond.

We who have fought in our nations conflicts and have been wounded, are appalled at the ongoing cancel culture mindset with respect to historical monuments, roadways and structures with attempts to vilify the totality of our law enforcement community. I join the millions who find this action abhorrent, and will indeed take out my frustration at the ballot box as an independent voter.

Justice will be rendered for the tragic action against George Floyd and others by those few irresponsible law enforcement officials. But the inference that all members of our enforcement community, government, education and business are inherently racist, simply flames the fires of racial division and is false.

Since the turn of the 19th century, Hispanic media including UNIVISON developed by the Cortez family responsibly advanced American assimilation and pride in nationalism. Respect of the noble intentions by the nation's founding fathers and our constitution's equal opportunity principles was always the goal.

The struggle for equality regardless of race, creed or religion is well known to our Hispanic community, but not without respect for the rule of law.

The cancel culture mindset coupled with those who promote Critical Race Theory, insultingly counter the noble intentions of Hispanic media and assimilation pioneers Raul and Frank Cortez as well as Dr. Martin Luther King. And dismissing the content of character of a man and woman, and wrongly focusing on the color of ones skin is in itself racist.

The blatantly political actions of those who will never admit to racial progress no matter how many Hispanic, Black, Asian or women we see in business or the political arena remains problematic.

But again, nothing can be advanced without the rule of law.

Recognizing this fact, the renaming of portions of Jefferson Davis Highway sadly have fallen into a racial debate advanced by political opportunists in our general assembly, congress and this board.

With respect to the renaming of Jefferson Davis Highway, allow me to remind all, Stafford County has one the safest and most responsible professional law enforcement departments in the state and was NOT responsible for any of the tragedies that occurred last year in other parts of the nation. It is also home to a large veteran community.

As a compromise focusing on our collective sacrifices paid for in blood by so many veterans, including law enforcement officials, educators and common citizens of all races creeds and colors over the centuries who have served in our armed forces, I offer the name Purple Heart Highway of Stafford to be considered.

Decades ago at a Purple Heart Chapter meeting in Fredericksburg, I suggested the Occoquan Bridge be renamed the Purple Heart Bridge of Virginia to honor the sacrifices of our wounded who cross the structure daily. The concept was shared with state and national Purple Heart officials for advancement. I was proud to stand with state political officials and veterans for the bridge dedication in 1992.

The Purple Heart highway designation remains color blind. So allow me to suggest the Stafford Board of Supervisors share that mindset in view of those who ignore the racial advances made by not only my family, but millions of others from every sector of our community.

Certainly our work is not completed, but to believe our beloved Stafford is the major cause of the nation's problems when it comes to race relations and law enforcement is totally irresponsible.

I would be happy to work with any group or the board to advance this common sense solution. And I wish to make it very clear, I speak as a private citizen, who has resided in the Aquia District of Stafford for almost 40 years and not as a Commissioner of the President's Advisory Commission on Hispanic Prosperity.

Regards,

Daniel P. Cortez

Vietnam Veteran

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Julia E. Holmes

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First Name	Michele
Last Name	Wickman
Address1	305 Bentley Court
City	Stafford
State	VA
Zip	22554
Select an option	April 6, 2021 Resolution R21-101 - Tax Rates

**WRITTEN COMMENTS TO
BE LIMITED TO THREE
MINUTES:**

Good evening members of the Board,

I'm writing with two very simple requests tonight.

1. Set the tax rate at the advertised \$1.01. Your advertisement tells me that you know the county needs the additional revenue for a myriad of reasons. We need to get revenue in this county back where it should be. As a taxpayer and a homeowner in Stafford, I'm willing to pay the rate of \$1.01. Unless this happens, the School Board funding request cannot be met, which brings me to my next point.

2. This has been, unequivocally, the most difficult year of my career, and I know I'm not alone in that. I also know I'm not the only educator who considered changing careers, as a recent report from the Center for State and Local Government

Excellence indicated that nearly 40% of my colleagues have had this same thought. SCPS educators deserve to be rewarded for their tireless efforts this year, and we need to retain those in danger of leaving. We are very thankful that the state has contributed additional funds towards education this year, as it means that the County can surely meet the School Board's request without having to move numbers around. Please, ensure that your approved County budget provides funds to fully support the School Board's budget request.

Thank you for your dedication to Stafford County.

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First Name	Imani
Last Name	Floyd
Address1	5 Otto way
City	Fredericksburg
State	VA
Zip	22406
Select an option	Presentations by the Public 3pm

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Online Comment

I would like to remind the Board that a Confederate flag flew over 95 in Stafford County for 6 years. For 6 years, millions of travelers were visibly reminded of the ugly history of the state. A history that racists are proud to relive. I know it is far more valuable to our community to be reminded of the progress that we have made to uphold the Declaration of Independence's vow, that all men are created equal. I urge the board to support the renaming of Jefferson Davis Hwy "Emancipation Highway", instead of "Jessica Chaney Highway". A choice that will celebrate the black lives given to build this country, lives that have been forgotten by history.

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Julia E. Holmes

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Saturday, April 3, 2021 7:20 AM
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First Name	Patrick
Last Name	Maloy
Address1	132 Bridgewater Cir
City	Fredericksburg
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WRITTEN COMMENTS TO BE LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES:	I plan on speaking on the renaming of Route 1
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First Name	Donald
Last Name	Shirk
Address1	1111 Columbus Drive
City	Stafford
State	VA
Zip	22554
Select an option	Presentations by the Public 3pm

**WRITTEN COMMENTS TO
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MINUTES:**

I have only recently become aware of the Board's prior discussions on renaming Route 1 in Stafford County and am struck by the historic opportunity this represents. The current name is the result of action by the Virginia General Assembly nearly 100 years ago in 1922. This may be a do over that no one sought, but it is an opportunity that shouldn't be dismissed, diminished or disrespected.

I strongly believe that your actions should make a clear and positive statement about the Stafford County that all citizens want to see. That focuses on what can bring us together. That looks forward and not back. That has no agenda and offers no offense to the sensibilities of any of our citizens. That is not a reaction to our recent pain and division but a vision of a future of reconciliation, justice and harmony. That builds bridges and not barriers. That tempers negativity. That speaks promise

rather than pain.

History will know why the name is being changed. Those unfortunate circumstances need not be memorialized in the name itself.

I respectfully suggest that the Board use this opportunity to select a name that can be part of our identity, our vision and our conscience. I ask that you take action to rename Route 1 UNITY HIGHWAY.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: If any contact is necessary my mobile phone is 540 226-5675.

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First Name	David
Last Name	Abbou
Address1	12 Lakeside Dr
City	Stafford
State	VA
Zip	22554
Select an option	April 6, 2021 Resolution R21-101 - Tax Rates

**WRITTEN COMMENTS TO
BE LIMITED TO THREE
MINUTES:**

Dear Stafford County Board of Supervisors (BOS),

I noticed the real estate tax rate has been advertised to increase from the current \$0.97 per \$100 of assessed value to \$1.01. While the BOS is contemplating the rate increase, real estate assessments are projected to rise on their own next year by approximately 6.5% which is a considerable increase. This should give the BOS pause about raising the real estate tax rate in the first place because these two increases, if imposed back-to-back, will increase the average Stafford County homeowner's real estate tax bill by at least several hundred dollars per year at a time when many are still dealing with the economic impacts of COVID-19. Therefore, I am urging the BOS to leave the current real estate tax rate unchanged which will still result in a substantial revenue increase of at least \$12M in FY2022 due to the automatically higher real estate

assessments.

In addition to the proposed real estate tax rate increase, there are several other suggested tax and tax rate increases cited in the FY2022 proposed budget. All these increases, if approved and imposed along with the proposed real estate tax rate increase, would add additional financial stresses to Stafford County residents. Quite simply, not all requests in the FY2022 proposed budget (or future budgets) can or should be approved and funded, so spending must be restrained. Stafford County continues to be the second fastest growing county in Virginia. As a result, more tax revenue is generated every year by new residents. In FY2021, the real estate revenues generated by new construction for these new residents will be approximately \$2.4M. This doesn't include other significant taxes paid by new residents such as personal property, sales, meals, and utilities, so this is another large revenue surplus in addition to the \$12M real estate assessment revenue increase.

If the real estate tax rate needs to be increased in the future, it should be done gradually and incrementally over several years while also taking rising real estate assessments, other rising county taxes, and overall economic conditions into consideration. These proactive measures will mitigate some of the annual tax impacts placed on Stafford County residents who must live within their own fixed incomes.

In summary, the real estate tax rate should never be increased when real estate assessments and other taxes are poised to also increase, so please leave the real estate tax rate unchanged.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
David Abbou
12 Lakeside Dr.
Stafford, VA 22554

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Stafford County Board of Supervisors Meeting
April 6, 2021

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This funding will help us continue to enroll children and volunteer mentors; conduct background checks and train mentors; and create and support mentor matches. A key aspect of our one-to-one mentoring program is the regularly scheduled contact between professionally trained staff members and the child, their guardian and the adult volunteer to track the progress of the child.

During the pandemic, the BBBS Staff have been a frontline resource to families providing emotional support and advice on community resources as they faced challenges with lost income, health/mental health issues and virtual learning.

This year has highlighted how important it is to have meaningful relationships with people in our community. Big Brothers Big Sisters exists to ensure that young people have someone they can turn to during times like these. By virtue of our program design, we nurture resilience in children. We are uniquely positioned to help students with academic, social and emotional supports to learn, grow and thrive.

We partner with Stafford County schools to provide mentoring for students who need additional support to meet the learning standards and have continued to do so this year.

Big Brothers Big Sisters is an active member of the Community Collaborative for Youth and Families which works to improve the mental and social health of children which will have a positive economic impact on our entire community.

Thank you for joining with us in investing in the county's children. Together we are defenders of potential.

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To: Public Comments; Julia E. Holmes
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First Name	Killian
Last Name	Goodale-Porter
Address1	515 Embrey Mill Rd
City	Stafford
State	Virginia
Zip	22554-2579
Select an option	Presentations by the Public 3pm

WRITTEN COMMENTS TO BE LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES:

My name is Killian Goodale-Porter, my address is 515 Embrey Mill Road and I'm a senior at North Stafford High School. I'm writing to speak in opposition of resolution R21-117 brought to the board by Chairman Vanuch. The resolution requests that a portion of Jefferson Davis Highway be renamed after Jessica Jean Cheney, a Virginia State Trooper who died while directing traffic in 1998. I'd like to start off by saying I have no specific ill-will towards Trooper Cheney, but I believe that the Board of Supervisors must understand that no singular action lives within its own bubble. There is an immense amount of context that must be brought into the discussion. First of all, as many may already know, Trooper Cheney already has a bridge named after her; she also has a marker that was almost immediately erected after her death. She is not going unremembered. Knowing this, the Board of Supervisors must realize that approving this resolution means denying all the

events that have happened within the last year. Denying that a police officer kneeled on George Floyd's neck. Denying that just this January, Xzavier Hill was killed by a Virginia State Trooper in Goochland County. We live in a time where People of Color, and specifically Black people, do not feel safe around law enforcement. This has always been happening, the only thing that has changed now is that we cannot claim ignorance. And if Jefferson Davis Highway is renamed after State Trooper Cheney, then it will not be seen as honoring someone, but as a threat to an entire community. I do believe Chairman Vanuch knows what she is doing, as everyone on the Board is aware, at your last meeting this topic was sprung on you all by Chairman Vanuch to say the least. As Stafford County's Diversity Advisory Coalition has stated, they were not included in any beforehand discussions and have since then spoken out in opposition of Chairman Vanuch's resolution. And of course, the fact that Chairman Vanuch, along with every other Supervisor voted in favor of the name Richmond Highway on December 15th of last year. So with this all being said, I stand in support with passed resolution R20-407 which would rename Jefferson Davis Highway to Richmond Highway. It is a name that I believe most of the community would be content with and a name that does not divide us in a time when we all should really be united.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: This is an online comment, I won't be speaking in person.

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April 5, 2021

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Stafford County Board of Supervisors
1300 Courthouse Road
Stafford, VA 22554

Dear Board of Supervisors:

Piedmont Dispute Resolution Center (PDRC) appreciates the county's support for our mediation programs in general district and juvenile and domestic relations district courts. Over the years, our Stafford mediators have helped hundreds of individuals and families reach mutually satisfactory agreements in disputes that would otherwise clog already crowded court dockets. More importantly, when mediators help residents resolve their disputes, they have helped them achieve something profound. Whether it's landlords-tenants, consumers-merchants or parents seeking child custody and visitation, in mediation people are able to put their differences behind them and get on with their lives.

We are saddened we could not help more residents, due to the pandemic and the episodic closing of courts last year. We are saddened over the proposed 50% reduction in county funding and the impact it will have on our FY 2022 budget and we respectfully ask the Board to reconsider.

Our commitment to Stafford County remains strong and steadfast. Our joy in mediation is unquenchable.

Sincerely,



Lawrie Parker

Lawrie Parker, Executive Director
Sylvia McDevitt, Mediation Services Director, Warrenton Office
Brandon Bastian, Mediation Services Coordinator, Manassas Office
Joanne Alvey, Elena Hansen, Restorative Justice Coordinators, Manassas Office
Lisa Barkema, Community Justice and Peacebuilding Coordinator, Warrenton Office



April 5, 2021

Dear Stafford County Board of Supervisors,

A diagnosis of chronic disease such as heart disease, hypertension, or diabetes is difficult to accept under the best of circumstances. Compounded with a lack of health insurance, limited funds, and tenuous employment, such a diagnosis can be incredibly problematic. Many people delay treatment until the condition becomes so acute that they wind up in the Emergency Room, which is the most expensive way to receive care. When the immediate symptoms are under control, the patient is released and the clock begins to tick toward the next crisis.

Routine dental care often loses out to immediate necessities like food, rent, or a child's winter coat.

The link between health and wealth is obvious. Healthier people are more productive at work, earn more, and spend more time in the labor force. Studies show clearly that better health increases both the number of hours worked and the probability that an individual will be employed. Access to quality healthcare is important to the wellbeing of our entire community.

Since 1993, the Moss Free Clinic has delivered patient-centered healthcare to our community's most vulnerable residents. Many of our patients come to the Clinic with limited (if any) prior access to healthcare and struggle with one or more chronic conditions, such as cancer, diabetes, and heart disease. Community support and funding from our local government entities enhances quality of life for vulnerable area residents who face significant barriers to good health – particularly as they navigate and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since the pandemic arrived, the Clinic has been challenged to adapt as never before. We established safety protocols and transitioned to virtual visits for services that did not need to be conducted in person. We have updated our protocols and schedules to adhere to social distancing requirements; monitored the spread and management of COVID-19; sought out PPE to protect staff and volunteers; created a screening process for all patients, staff, and visitors to the Clinic; and remained updated on state and national guidelines. We have achieved much of this without the aid of many of our volunteers, many of whom have stayed home for safety reasons. Meanwhile, we were forced to cancel our major fundraising event last fall.

Our patients face multiple challenges to health, such as lack of nutritious food and language or literacy barriers, even in their native language. They have high rates of anxiety and depression and extensive oral healthcare needs. COVID-19 layers on additional barriers – inequities in accessing the internet or equipment needed for telehealth visits, difficulty isolating in crowded living conditions, and loss of employment. While many of our patients were employed prior to the pandemic, many lost their jobs in the earliest days of the crisis and are now doubly burdened by the stressors of poverty and poor health. The pandemic hit our region hard and disproportionately affected the health and financial well-being of our patients. As the economic implications of the pandemic continue to unfold, more people in our community are going to become unemployed, uninsured, or medically underserved. The numbers of people who need our services are going to keep growing, and we will be called to meet that need.

And, what a year it's been! This time last year, we couldn't have predicted the ways the world would change and what those changes would ask of our community and the Moss Free Clinic. As we wait for enough people to receive the COVID-19 vaccine and head into warmer months, we know this isn't over. But it's a good time to take stock of the last year, and despite all the challenges, we're so proud of what the Moss Clinic team has been able to accomplish. Here are some highlights:

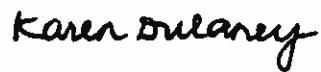
- We did not close our doors a single day. Instead, our staff, volunteers, supporters, and community members continually pivoted to meet the needs of the moment.
- Last March, we began offering appointments via telehealth to keep staff, volunteers, and patients safe while continuing to provide quality care.
- In the early weeks of the pandemic, we called over 800 of our patients who were considered at particular risk for physical or mental health reasons. We were able to provide education, answer questions, and follow up with scheduling appointments when needed.

For over 27 years, the Moss Free Clinic has remained a beacon of hope and provider of healthcare for people of the region lacking access to care. There is no single profile of a Clinic patient: people come to the Clinic for a variety of reasons. Some utilize the Clinic as their ongoing primary healthcare provider and form a long-term trusting relationship with the Clinic. Others have a pressing health issue that has become too acute to ignore because it is interfering with their ability to work. Still others rely on the Clinic to manage a chronic health problem like diabetes. Some travel great distances with extreme tooth pain and nowhere else to turn. Some Clinic patients utilize the Clinic consistently over years, while others come because they have lost their job, and with it their family's health insurance. Against this backdrop of varied, personal stories there is a common thread to every individual that walks

into the Clinic: each receives the same high-quality, compassionate, and personalized attention and care. And, we are committed to doing more, reaching more and healing more.

The past twelve months have affirmed our mission while calling us to extend care to even more of our neighbors. We have become a resource for an ever-widening community in increasing need of our services and support. And all of this has been possible because of people and supporters like you— your financial support, your creative and committed service, your prayers and encouragement. Thank you for helping us serve our community in this extraordinary time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Dulaney". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Karen Dulaney
Executive Director

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April 5, 2021

Stafford County Board of Supervisors
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Stafford, VA 22554

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of the nearly 9,000 residents of Stafford County who received help in fending off the burden of food insecurity last year through the services of the Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank, I express gratitude for the proposed 22 percent increase in funding for the Food Bank within the proposed FY22 budget. Even with Stafford County's relatively strong position of food security compared to national statistics, there are still approximately six percent of county residents and eight percent of children within the county who rely on the support of the Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank working in conjunction with Stafford County-based partner agencies to have adequate nutrition. We are pleased to collaborate with and supply food resources to Stafford County service agencies like SERVE and Stafford Junction, as well as approximately 15 – 20 other Stafford-based organizations that rely on the Food Bank as a key supplier.

I know the proposed funding increase in the FY22 budget demonstrates an investment in the Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank's services which will be critical to extending support to Stafford County residents still reeling from the economic fall out of the COVID-19 pandemic. I hope it will also signal a growing commitment to a long-term partnership of benefit since the pandemic's impact is likely going to require long-term support for county residents. I truly hope Stafford County may preserve its status as a regional leader in providing food security for its residents by deepening its investment in and partnership with the Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank for years to come.

Sincerely,



Dan Maher
President/CEO

Stafford County Board of Supervisors Meeting
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April 6, 2021

Dear Stafford County Board of Supervisors,

This letter is in response to Stafford County's Proposed Budget for 2022. This past fall, the Fredericksburg SPCA requested financial support for services provided to County residents, as did many of our local non-profit partners. *However, the Fredericksburg SPCA is the only organization to be listed with \$0 funding granted.*

I cannot understate how dismayed we were to review the budget draft and see that you did not see fit to propose even partial funding of the investment our organization is already making in Stafford County. I wanted to take this opportunity to restate our organization's impact and financial investment and ask for you to reconsider this decision.

In FY 2020, it cost the Fredericksburg SPCA: \$16,625 in animal intakes, \$15,300 in pet food for P.E.T.S. clients and \$10,710 in medical subsidies for a total organizational operational investment of \$42,635 in Stafford County. These figures were included in our application in which we asked for a fraction of this investment to be funded, but space was insufficient to provide supporting context.

If you are not aware, the Fredericksburg SPCA's People Empowered Through Support (P.E.T.S.) Program helps owners who are struggling with the costs of pet ownership from having to make the difficult choice of surrendering their animal to a shelter. The P.E.T.S. Program resides at a unique space where Social and Animal Welfare converge for the benefit of all lives.

We believe in keeping families together at the Fred SPCA, and in the remarkable power of small creatures to transform houses to homes. Those of us who've ever known the love of an animal feel that last truth acutely. We also believe that the love of a pet is one of childhood's greatest gifts, and we want more children in this region to feel that love and build responsibility as they care for their pet. Our P.E.T.S. Program exists to enrich the quality of life for all members of our community—canine, feline, and human; old or young; "rich" or "poor".

The P.E.T.S. Program, however, relies solely on grants and donations to operate, and so our ability to meet the needs of the community is limited by the number of resources we can amass. We serve the full socioeconomic spectrum at the Fredericksburg SPCA, and it's central to our mission to continue doing so.

I understand the constraints that are upon you during the budgeting process, but I do implore you to reconsider the decision of directing funds toward the Fredericksburg SPCA in FY 2022. It is in the best interest of all living beings to do so. We appreciate the work you do and consider it an honor to serve the residents of Stafford County alongside you; we hope to continue making progress together, for all lives, in 2022 and beyond.

Gratefully,

Carrie Withers
Executive Director



April 6, 2021

Donna S. Krauss
Deputy County Administrator
Stafford County Government
1300 Courthouse Road
Stafford, VA 22554

Dear Ms. Krauss:

The Brisben Center is grateful for the tremendous support provided by Stafford County over many years. In the last year full year before COVID, we provided shelter and services to 167 Stafford County residents. When COVID hit, your relief funds enabled us to shelter people in hotels as we met social distancing requirements. You provided our clients with teleconferencing technology. And you greatly reduced the risk of airborne contagion with UV treatment in our HVAC system. These contributions have helped avert an outbreak.

Our accountability-based programming helps people build a bridge from homelessness and poverty to a sustainable, healthy home and well-being. Consider Linda's story (not her real name.)

In her 30s, she had been traumatically harmed by a family member who also destroyed her car and stalked her. When she came to us in 2019, Linda was 7 months' sober, but with severe health challenges, including Bipolar Disorder, Schizoaffective Disorder, Epilepsy, and hospitalizations for attempted self-harm. She was \$14,000 in debt, unemployed, and without a driver's license. She had a 6-year-old son who lived with her mother.

For three months, Linda worked hard with her case manager, especially in addressing her alcoholism and mental health challenges. She jumped at the chance to work with a Mobility Mentoring® volunteer coach, who suspected that Linda was heavily over-medicated. A visit to her doctor resulted in adjusted dosages and Linda became noticeably more energetic, alert, and capable. By the time she exited the shelter, she had an affordable room, sustainable employment, a car, and a plan for reducing her debts. Two years later, she is still in touch with her mentor, and recently announced her promotion to manager.

As you can see, Linda needed more than a place to hang her hat. She needed guidance, motivation, confidence, and approach that builds on them. That is how the Brisben Center works

Sincerely,

N. David Cooper
Chief Executive Officer