

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
STAFFORD COUNTY, VIRGINIA
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 16, 2022

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, August 16, 2022, 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; Pamela Yeung, Vice Chairman; Tinesha O. Allen; Meg Bohmke; Thomas C. Coen; Monica Gary.

The following members were absent: Darrell English.

Also in attendance were Randal Vosburg, County Administrator; Rysheda McClendon, County Attorney; Cheryl Giles, Deputy Clerk; Julia Holmes, Assistant Deputy Clerk; various staff members; and other interested parties.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Ms. Vanuch read the following opening statement:

“Good afternoon. My name is Crystal Vanuch, and I am the Chairman of the Stafford Board of Supervisors. Thank you for joining us today. Welcome back as we return to our regular schedule of meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and a great start to the new school year.

“I want to ask every driver in Stafford County to take extra care around the clock, especially during the hours before and after school. We have buses hauling precious cargo, inexperienced teen drivers on the road, and some children walking to school. I want to emphasize that you cannot, as a community, be careful enough.

“For those who are unaware, the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles recently announced that deaths on Virginia roadways reached a 14-year high; 968 Virginians lost their life. And this is not just happening in Virginia. The numbers are up across the entire country. You can directly impact by carefully following traffic laws and driving extra carefully. In turn, this protects our most vulnerable population, our children. I thank you in advance for working with us to keep Stafford safe.

“Stafford County Public Schools recently held a convocation to gather all the school personnel to celebrate the start of school. While the schools had their heart in the right place, the schools have admitted it was not the best-planned event. I personally attended, along with many of my colleagues. It started well, but as temperatures soared, it was clear that the organizers were not equipped to deal with heat illnesses and a sudden evacuation resulting from curtailing the event.

“I am proud to tell you that, as always, the Stafford County Sheriff’s Office leaped into action. Our deputies took command of an unexpected mass casualty incident and prevented a bad situation from worsening. I also appreciate the other public safety members who assisted, such as our Fire and Rescue staff and those from other jurisdictions. Honestly, I will tell you I witnessed that their actions that day saved lives. I will tell you more when they come to accept a proclamation for their actions this evening and this afternoon. In the meantime, please be confident that our public safety teams are available 24/7 to assist you and to keep us safe. We are so very grateful for their service.

“Stafford County has won a 2022 Virginia Association of Counties (VACO) Achievement Award for its Stafford Cares program. If you recall, Stafford Cares is our umbrella program for assisting the County with various needs like food security and mental health. We provided restaurant gift cards to the needy during COVID, driving business to local companies and feeding those who needed it most.

“Posted Stafford County Cares crisis phone number signs across the County to help folks in crisis. We partnered with the RACSB to provide a mental health first aid class to employees and others. Stafford was one of only 29 winners out of more than one hundred entries in this annual competition. We are very proud of the success of our Stafford Cares program. We also won a National Association of Counties Achievement Award earlier this year.”

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation of a Proclamation to Recognize August 31, 2022, as International Overdose Awareness Day.

Ms. Vanuch invited Michelle Wagaman of the Rappahannock Area Community Service Board (RACSB), to the dais to accept a proclamation recognizing August 31, 2022 as Overdose Awareness Day. She said the RACSB was a community partner and worked in drug addiction support. She stated that in 2020, 33 County residents died of an overdose. She said one individual was too many.

Ms. Vanuch presented the proclamation to Ms. Wagaman.

Ms. Wagaman thanked the County for the recognition. She said there was an interdisciplinary opiate work group that had met monthly for five years. She said they worked to raise awareness, partner with organizations, and reduce the number of overdoses in the community.

Presentation of a Proclamation Honoring and Recognizing Area Public Safety Personnel for Coordinated Response on August 5, 2022.

Ms. Vanuch said that the next proclamation was to honor and recognize the public safety units that assisted the Stafford Sheriff's Office in managing the mass casualty incident at the school's convocation event. She invited the following individuals to approach the dais: Captain Lee Peters, SCSD; Deputy Chief Brian Frankel, SCFR; Battalion Chief Chris Jet, SCFR; Battalion Chief Randy Pinneta, SCFR; Master Technician Stephen Hersh, SCFR; Firefighter/EMT Collin Minor, SCFR; Firefighter/EMT Noah Collier, SCFR; Firefighter/EMT Liam Sullivan, SCFR; Firefighter/EMT Chris Smith, SCFR; Technician Greg Stofko, SCFR; Firefighter/EMT Jason Kearny, SCFR; Firefighter/EMT Corry McCauley, SCFR; Falmouth Volunteer Paramedic Kathy Webster; Assistant Chief Allen Baldwin, SCFR; Deputy Chief Kyle Murphy, SCFR; Deputy Talsey Cunningham, SCFR; Captain Curtis Roux, SCFR; Fire Chief Michael Jones, City of Fredericksburg; Lieutenant Crystal Hill, CFPD; and Fire Chief Jake Hollinane, Spotsylvania Fire and Rescue.

Ms. Vanuch presented the proclamation.

ADDITIONS - DELETIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

Mr. Coen motioned, seconded by Ms. Yeung, to approve the agenda as presented.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea:	(6)	Allen, Bohmke, Coen, Gary, Vanuch, Yeung
Nay:	(0)	
Absent:	(1)	English

PRESENTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC - I (3 MINUTES EACH)

Ms. Vanuch read the protocol for public presentations.

1. Ms. Margaret Mock read a prepared statement submitted as part of the minutes.

2. Ms. Ginny Christina, 204 Taylor Street - remarked she voted in the George Washington District. She said she was speaking in support of the completion of the Belmont and Ferry Farm walking trail. She noted the existing portion of the trail had become popular. She said people post-retirement often sought low-cost means to remain active. She noted the pedestrian crossing and bridge access that had been completed, and she questioned why completion was not prioritized. She said Mr. Scott Harris, Executive Director of Belmont, indicated support via email.

Ms. Christina said the incorporation of Belmont into the Fredericksburg/Spotsylvania/Stafford trail system was beneficial to the museum and the historical, natural, and recreational attractions connected to the trail. She said Belmont participated in the statewide Virginia Birding and Wildlife Trail and the Multi-State Civil War Trails Network. She said such partnerships were valuable for raising awareness of the sites that participate and encouraged visitation and revenue. She said the regional trail network encouraged healthy activity and engagement with the environment. She requested that completion of the trail be included in the County plan moving forward.

3. Mr. Philip Hornung said he lived in the Aquia District. He said he was speaking as the Vice President of the Langley Flight Foundation (LFF). He extended a formal invitation to the Board for the inaugural Langley Initiative on October 25, 2022 at Stafford Regional Airport. He said on May 6, 1896, Samuel Pierpont Langley's Aerodrome #5 achieved the world's first successful sustained flight of an unpowered, engine-drive, heavier-than-air aircraft of substantial size about the waters of the Potomac River, off the shore of Choptawmsic Island in Stafford County. He said there was no signage or monument in the County to recognize the first-in-aviation-history achievement.

Mr. Hornung said the mission of LFF was to construct, display, and curate an exact replica of Aerodrome #5. He said the work would be done at the Stafford Regional Airport. He said there would be an interactive kiosk highlighting Langley's research and achievements in the realm of aeronautical flight. He stated they planned to conduct research, produce educational documentaries, and sponsor outreach activities.

Mr. Hornung said the work would be done with assistance from the Stafford Museum Association, the Stafford County Historical Society, the Air and Space Museum, the Wright Experience, the Virginia Aeronautical Society, and others. He said they had acquired the original article by Langley published in the 1897 edition of London Strand Magazine, entitled, "The New Flying Machine." He said the article was Langley's informal and popular account of his work.

4. Mr. Al Watkins, 12 England Run Lane, in the George Washington District – remarked he was a retired teacher, and he was unable to attend the August 5 convocation. He said he had spoken to many colleagues who attended the event. He thanked the Board for issuing the proclamation for the first responders. He thanked the educators and nurses who assisted in the response.
5. Ms. Kristin Maxson, 1816 Richmond Highway. She mentioned the Belmont and Ferry Farm walking trails could have been delayed to possible miscommunication or lack of communication. She explained all property owners had to be identified and contacted with a straightforward notice and paperwork that was clear with fractional condemnation. She said the property owners had been presented with confusing paperwork that required lawyers to interpret the meaning. She suggested they work to get what the people want in quick order. She noted the project could have been stopped due to funding. She mentioned Ms. Gary's predecessor and that there was a lot of work to do for the Aquia District.
6. Ms. Lynne Conroe said she represented the Oakley Reserve HOA in Hartwood. She said there had been problems with GFL which had purchased Shifflett's and County Waste. She said there were concerns because there was no local representative for GFL. She said they were answered by representatives in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York. She said the garbage was not regularly picked up unless they called every week. She asked what the Board could do to help the HOA. She said the County dump had opened up to the HOA to allow them to dump their trash while GFL was not collecting. She said they wanted to resolve the issue.

Ms. Vanuch explained the issue had been addressed before. She said Mr. Mike Morris was in the back of the room, and he would provide all of the information needed. She said he had special contacts and would provide the materials that the Board had produced to help out residents.

Ms. Michelle Wickman said she lived in the Garrisonville District and was an educator in the County. She echoed the previous comments expressing gratitude for the proclamation recognizing the emergency response to the August 5 convocation event. She said they left the event unified having worked together to respond to the crisis. She said she was the SCA Secretary. She said she consistently heard comments from the Board that they were not hearing from educators.

Ms. Wickman said the class sizes were astronomical, and they needed more schools. She said the Board made decisions regarding funding, and she encouraged them to consider the CIP priorities of the School Board. She said there were class sizes with upwards of 40 students, and those numbers were seen in the high schools, middle schools, and elementary schools. She said the School Board's priorities should be of high priority.

Ms. Vanuch closed the public presentation portion of the meeting.

ADDITIONS - DELETIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

Ms. Vanuch said Mr. Vosburg had to pull Item 5 because it would be addressed during a closed session. She requested a motion to approve the agenda with an amendment to pull Item 5.

Mr. Coen motioned, seconded by Ms. Yeung, to approve the agenda as amended.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea:	(6)	Allen, Bohmke, Coen, Gary, Vanuch, Yeung
Nay:	(0)	
Absent:	(1)	English

REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Vanuch instructed the Board to keep comments under three minutes.

Ms. Allen – welcomed the educators, staff, and administration back to the schools. She announced that during the summer, the Carl Lewis Community Center experienced a structural fire and was now closed. She said they were in the process of finalizing insurance paperwork, and once it was done, the process of rebuilding the community center would begin. She said community input would be included.

Ms. Allen said on Sunday, she attended the Babe Ruth World Series Classic. She congratulated Stafford Baseball for hosting the event. She congratulated the Parks and Recreation staff for the field maintenance. She said on Saturday, she took a trip paddling on the Rappahannock River. She said she was encouraged that the County was protecting its waterways.

Ms. Allen noted concerns regarding road safety and traffic mitigation issues on Brentpoint Road. She said she visited Widewater Beach Association. She said a solution was being developed, and there should be an update in the coming months. She said if there were no sudden changes in the budget for VDOT, Decatur Road would be repaved by 2024.

Ms. Bohmke – welcomed the teachers, administrators, and students back to school. She said she was not in attendance for the convocation, but she was aware of the event. She thanked the first responders to the crisis, her colleagues, and the school system.

Ms. Bohmke mentioned Mr. Taylor's School Board comments where he took responsibility for the event. She said they had to move on and learn from the event. She announced there was a VACo summit in Roanoke, and 200 people were attending. She said it was not too late to sign up to attend the event, so she encouraged her colleagues to attend. She said she attended a National Association of Counties (NACo) event in Denver in July. She reported Ms. Phyllis Randal, VACo Board Member, ran for Second Vice President of NACo, but she did not win the election.

Ms. Bohmke said she would share materials that she collected at NACo. She said one of the items would be addressed at the meeting—the safe roads and streets. She explained the federal government was providing \$1B. She mentioned that during the week of Veterans Day, local governments were encouraged to honor and recognize the veterans by putting out a green light for the week.

Ms. Bohmke said there was a library retreat over the break. She said mentioned that the library pinned a notice indicating there were no parental controls on the library app. She said people had to apply the content filters themselves. She announced work had been done by Dominion Power on trees that were hanging on the powerlines over the sidewalk at Falmouth Elementary. She stated the school division would be cutting the trees back. She said she and Ms. Gary would be at the landfill meeting at 8:30, and public comment would be received.

Mr. Coen – announced he went on a ride along with Stafford County Fire and Rescue (SCFR), toured Amazon facilities, attended back-to-school night, and visited Ferry Farms. He said he attended an event honoring the SCFR and Stafford County Sheriff's department. He mentioned a program through the IRS where students were trained to help low-income individuals with their taxes. He said the County had received a grant from the IRS, and they were beginning a pilot program at Colonial Forge High School.

Mr. Coen congratulated Supervisor Allen and Supervisor Yeung for recent personal achievements. He said he had discussed putting the walking trails back into the CIP with staff.

Ms. Gary – stated the landfill received 276 trips during issues with GFL and garbage collection. She said she received a briefing on the smart city test bed. She said there would be forthcoming communications for the public highlighting some of the projects and technologies under development. She noted one product was the flood sensor, and she was hoping to use some of the data to inform the Board's decision regarding an emergency access road at the s-curve area.

Ms. Gary said she continued to receive questions about Aquia Town Center. She said she was continuing to address the problem and said she appreciated people's patience. She said the school convocation was a good idea, but the execution did not reflect the intent of the event. She said she

attended the convocation, and it was exciting to see the teachers. She noted how they worked together to respond to the crisis and how Board members, School Board members, and school staff aided in the response. She said they examined how their processes could keep people safe in the future.

Ms. Yeung – remarked that on July 19, there was a strategic planning work session, and they decided on a series of strategic planning topics. She said the topics were excellence in governance with transformational leadership; economic diversification to create more business and opportunities; engage in partnerships to provide quality education opportunities; develop a multi-modal infrastructure and transportation system; growth management and sustainability; a vibrant community through the arts, recreation, culture, history, and tourism; and dedicated and responsive public safety. She said some of the topics were carried over or updated from previous strategic plans.

Ms. Yeung said on August 5, she attended the school convocation. She said the event was held with good intentions, and she thanked those who aided in the emergency response. She stated on August 10, she attended an Economic, Development and Tourism hosted event about construction materials, environmental surfaces, and geotechnical engineering. She welcomed the students back to school. She encouraged drivers to be careful in the mornings and to watch out for students.

Ms. Vanuch said Danny Shifflet, GFL, was present at the meeting and currently was in the lobby. She said Mr. Shifflet had worked closely with the Board to help manage the GFL missteps. She mentioned the August 5 convocation and how they saw everyone come together in response to the individuals having medical issues. She said businesses aided in the response by providing water and other beverages. She said they discussed improvements the schools could make at the public safety meeting.

Ms. Vanuch said the Stafford Baseball League was hosting the World Series. She said Stafford Baseball was in the World Series finals, and the game was that night at 7 p.m. She encouraged people to watch the game being hosted at FredNats Stadium.

Ms. Vanuch stated School Resource Officers (SROs) were discussed at the public safety meeting. She said they had previously discussed recent school shooting events across the country, and there were now calls to reassess and readdress SROs in the schools. She said the Board was taking action, and the School Board supported putting an SRO in every school.

Ms. Vanuch said the public would hear more information from the Board regarding potential funding mechanisms. She said it would take community support to retain and recruit the SROs.

She noted that recent events made it incredibly difficult to recruit individuals into that line of service.

Ms. Vanuch mentioned comments made by the Chair and Vice Chair of the School Board at its most recent meeting about the Board of Supervisors. She said, in response to those comments from the School Board, that the Board had monumental changes to the CIP, and they worked to build up the Hartwood Elementary School rebuild and move forward with High School #6. She said they were ensuring they were prioritizing schools, and they had passed a teacher pay raise totaling \$23M. She said they valued a good working relationship with the School Board, and it was immature for Board members to use the dais to make political statements. She noted there was a joint work session meeting of the Board and School Board on the CIP in October. She encouraged the community to attend those meetings to see that the Board was transparent in its processes.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

Ms. McClendon had no report.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Vosburg noted the expenditure report included in the agenda packets. He thanked the Supervisors for working during the summer recess.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Vanuch reminded the Board that Item #5 had been pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Coen motioned, seconded by Ms. Bohmke, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea:	(6)	Allen, Bohmke, Coen, Gary, Vanuch, Yeung
Nay:	(0)	
Absent:	(1)	English

Item 1. County Administration; Approve July 5, 2022, Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes.

Item 2. County Administration; Approve July 5, 2022 Joint Board of Supervisors and Economic Development Authority Meeting Minutes.

Item 3. County Administration; Approve July 19, 2022 Board of Supervisors Strategic Planning Work Session Minutes.

Item 4. County Administration; Reappoint Mr. Terry Payne to the IDA of Stafford and the City of Staunton, Virginia for a Term Expiring June 30, 2026.

Item 5. County Administration; Appoint Ms. Ynolde Gillan to the Planning Commission Representing the Garrisonville District for a Term Expiring December 31, 2025.

Item #5 pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Item 6. Budget and Management; Authorize Advertisement of a Public Hearing to Increase the FY2023 Budget by Over One Percent Due to Increased State Revenue Provided for Stafford County Public Schools.

Resolution R22-202 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE A PUBLIC HEARING TO INCREASE THE FY2023 BUDGET OVER ONE PERCENT FOR INCREASED STATE REVENUE FOR STAFFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, the Virginia Code requires and the Board desires to hold public hearings to increase the budget by greater than one percent (1%); and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia has finalized the FY23/24 biennium budget with significant changes to funding for schools; and

WHEREAS, Stafford County Public Schools is anticipated to receive an increase of \$1,756,688 in operating revenue, \$3,015,288 to provide bonuses to contract staff, and \$8,720,580 for school construction projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16th day of August, 2022, that the County Administrator be and he hereby is authorized to publish notice and advertise a public hearing to increase the Fiscal Year 2023 budget by an amount greater than one percent (1%) for increased revenue provided by the Commonwealth for Stafford County Public Schools.

Item 7. Budget and Management; Authorize the County Administrator to Execute Contract Renewals and Approve Additional Expenditures for OpenGov Online Budget Software.

Resolution R22-213 reads as follows:

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO
EXECUTE CONTRACT RENEWALS AND APPROVE ADDITIONAL
EXPENDITURES FOR OPENGOV ONLINE BUDGET SOFTWARE**

WHEREAS, SHI International Corp. (SHI) provides various information technology solutions and services, including OpenGov, which is the provider of the online budget book and collaboration platform that the County began to use in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022; and

WHEREAS, the County has a contract with SHI, Stafford County Rider Agreement No. 21-052-1245CO, which rides National IPA Contract 2018011-02, for the purchase of the OpenGov platform (Contract); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution R21-198, the Board approved one year of OpenGov budgeting and planning software and professional services for FY2022 in an amount not to exceed \$198,300; and

WHEREAS, the Budget and Management Office desires to continue to use the OpenGov software until the Contract's expiration on February 28, 2025, if all renewals are exercised; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the General Fund for the OpenGov software in FY2023 with subsequent renewal years subject to Board budget and appropriation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16th day of August, 2022, that the County Administrator be and he hereby is authorized to execute contract amendments to exercise two one-year renewals of the contract with SHI International, Corp., Stafford County Contract No. 21-052-1245CO, subject to modifications or renewals by the National IPA Contract No. 2018011-02, for the purchase of OpenGov platform solution and services, a total purchase amount of Seven Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$755,000), unless amended by an executed contract amendment.

Item 8. Capital Projects Transportation; Authorize the County Administrator to Execute Contracts to Provide On-call Professional Architectural and Engineering Services for Capital Construction Projects.

Resolution R22-173 reads as follows:

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO
EXECUTE CONTRACTS TO PROVIDE ON-CALL PROFESSIONAL
ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR CAPITAL
CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, the County contracts with multiple architectural and engineering firms to provide architectural or professional engineering services related to various County construction projects on an on-call basis; and

WHEREAS, current contracts for on-call engineering for capital projects have expired, and pursuant to Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 22-011-9401-SP-R, the County solicited proposals from qualified firms to provide on-call architectural and engineering services for seven categories of construction projects:

Category	Project Types
A	General Government Facilities: Category A-1: "Small Projects" that are less than \$300,000 in estimated construction value. Category A-2: "Larger Projects" that are more than \$300,000 in estimated construction value.
B	Environmental and Natural Resources Engineering
C	Geotechnical Engineering
D	Construction Engineering Inspection (CEI) Services
E	Industrial Hygiene
F	Surveying

; and

WHEREAS, staff evaluated the proposals received and determined the most qualified firms for all categories; and

WHEREAS, negotiations have been completed with several firms, and contracts are ready for approval and execution; and

WHEREAS, individual projects or task orders that meet or exceed \$200,000 will require Board approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16th day of August, 2022, that the County Administrator be and he hereby is authorized to execute contracts for one year with four optional renewal terms with the following architectural and engineering firms to provide professional, on-call engineering services for capital projects in the designated categories:

Project Categories		Awarded Firms
A	General Government Facilities, Category A-1: "Small Projects" that are less than \$300,000 in estimated construction value	Peck, Peck, and Associates, Inc.
	General Government Facilities, Category A-2: "Larger Projects" that are more than \$300,000 in estimated construction value	Moseley Architects P.C. BKV Group DC PLLC Samaha Associates, P.C.
B	Environmental and Natural Resources Engineering	Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc.

C	Geotechnical Engineering	Froehling & Robertson, Incorporated Schnabel Engineering, LLC
D	Construction Engineering Inspection (CEI) Services	Schnabel Engineering, LLC Froehling and Robertson, Incorporated WDP & Associates Consulting Engineers, Inc.
E	Industrial Hygiene	Wetlands Studies and Solutions, Inc. Apex Companies, LLC

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that individual projects or task orders are authorized in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000), unless modified by a duly-authorized contract amendment.

Item 9. Capital Projects Transportation; Authorize the County Administrator to Execute a Contract for the Purchase, Delivery, Installation of a Modular Trailer for the Utilities Field Operations Office.

Resolution R22-199 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH MODULAR TECHNOLOGIES, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF A MODULAR OFFICE TRAILER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES

WHEREAS, the Department of Utilities (Department) has identified an immediate need for additional office space for increased staff; and

WHEREAS, the County solicited competitively sealed bids pursuant to Invitation for Bids (IFB) No. 22-032-9411SB to purchase, deliver and install a Modular Office Building onsite at the Utilities office complex at 71 Coal Landing Road; and

WHEREAS, Modular Technologies, Inc. was determined to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, the additional office space is consistent with the County's healthy growth initiatives and strategies, for the accommodation of additional staff within the Department; and

WHEREAS, funds for the modular office space are available in the Utilities Enterprise Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16th day of August, 2022, that the County Administrator be and he hereby is authorized to execute a contract with Modular Technologies, Inc. for purchase, delivery and installation of a modular office trailer in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars (\$268,679), unless modified by a duly authorized change order.

Item 10. Capital Projects Public Construction; Authorize the County Administrator to Advertise a Public Hearing to Consider Amending and Reordaining Stafford County Code Sec. 15-56, "Designation of Restricted Parking Areas" to Add Certain Streets Within the Whitson Ridge Subdivision as Restricted Parking Areas.

Resolution R22-198 reads as follows:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AMENDING AND REORDAINING STAFFORD COUNTY CODE SEC. 15-56, "DESIGNATION OF RESTRICTED PARKING AREAS," TO CERTAIN STREETS WITHIN WHITSON RIDGE SUBDIVISION, LOCATED WITHIN THE GARRISONVILLE ELECTION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Virginia Code §§ 46.2-1222.1 and 46.2-1224 authorize the County to regulate or prohibit parking on any public highway in the County, of any or all of the following: watercraft, boat trailers, motor homes, camping trailers, commercial vehicles, and the parking of motor vehicles, trailers, or semitrailers for commercial purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Board adopted Ordinance O10-37, which established criteria for the designation of restricted parking areas; and

WHEREAS, the Whitson Ridge Homeowners Association, Inc. (Association) has submitted a signed resolution and letter requesting the establishment of a restricted parking area within Whitson Ridge subdivision, and the resolution satisfies the requirements of Stafford County Code Sec. 15-56; and

WHEREAS, the resolution from the Association, requests to designate Whitson Ridge Drive (SR-1670), Asmead Place (SR-1671), Burwell Place (SR-1671), Daventry Place (SR-1672), Crosswood Place (SR-1672), Fieldstone Court (SR-1673), Hunter Trail (SR-1673) up to three hundred seventy (370) feet from the intersection with Whitson Ridge Drive (SR-1670), Greystone Place (SR-1674), Hawthorne Court (SR-1675), Idylwood Place (SR-1684), Jonquil Place (SR-1685), Northedge Court (SR-1687), and Knollside Court (SR-1687) along the north side of Knollside Court up to four hundred ten (410) feet from the intersection with Whitson Ridge Drive within the Whitson Ridge subdivision as a restricted parking area; and

WHEREAS, the above-referenced streets within Whitson Ridge subdivision meet the established criteria to designate a restricted parking area; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to consider public comments concerning the proposed restricted parking area within Whitson Ridge subdivision;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16th day of August, 2022, that the County Administrator be and he hereby is authorized to advertise a public hearing to consider amending and reordaining Stafford County Code Sec. 15-56, "Designation of restricted parking areas," to designate Whitson Ridge Drive (SR-1670), Asmead Place (SR-1671), Burwell Place (SR-1671), Daventry Place (SR-1672), Crosswood Place (SR-1672), Fieldstone Court (SR-1673), Hunter Trail (SR-1673) up to three hundred seventy (370) feet from the intersection with Whitson Ridge Drive (SR-1670), Greystone Place (SR-1674), Hawthorne Court (SR-1675), Idylwood Place (SR-1684), Jonquil Place (SR-1685), Northedge Court (SR-1687), and Knollside Court (SR-1687) along the north side of Knollside Court up to four hundred ten (410) feet from the intersection with Whitson Ridge Drive within the Whitson Ridge subdivision as a restricted parking area, pursuant to proposed Ordinance O22-21.

Item 11. Capital Projects Transportation; Authorize the County Administrator to Execute a Task Order with Timmons Group, Inc. for Engineering Design Services for the Onville Road Widening Project.

Resolution R22-201 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A TASK ORDER WITH TIMMONS GROUP, INC. FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE ONVILLE ROAD WIDENING PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Board identified improvements to Onville Road (SR-641), between the intersections with Worth Avenue (Private) and Hulvey Drive (SR-1480) (Project), as a critical part of Stafford County's roadway improvement plan; and

WHEREAS, Timmons Group, Inc., a firm authorized to provide on-call transportation engineering services, pursuant to Contract No. 21-011-9602SP-TG-A, submitted a proposal to provide engineering, right-of-way acquisition, bidding, and construction phase services for the Project in the amount of \$1,520,328; and

WHEREAS, staff reviewed the proposal and determined that it is reasonable and responsive for the scope of work requested; and

WHEREAS, funding in the amount of \$1,854,148.00 has been budgeted and appropriated for the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16th day of August, 2022, that the County Administrator be and he hereby is authorized to execute a task order with Timmons Group, Inc. for engineering design services for the Onville Road (SR-641) widening project, in an amount not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Twenty Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars (\$1,520,328), unless modified by a duly-authorized change order.

Item 12. Community Engagement; Proclamation Recognizing August 7-13, 2022, as International Assistance Dog Week.

Proclamation P22-10 reads as follows:

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING AUGUST 7-13, 2022, AS
INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE DOG WEEK

WHEREAS, assistance dogs transform the lives of their human partners with physical and mental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, they serve as devoted companions, helpers, aides, best friends and close family members; and

WHEREAS, guide dogs assist people with vision loss, leading these individuals around physical obstacles and to destinations such as seating, crossing streets, entering or exiting doorways, elevators and stairways, etc.; and

WHEREAS, working dogs help law enforcement and public safety achieve their missions every day; and

WHEREAS, service dogs assist people with disabilities with walking, balance, dressing, transferring from place to place, retrieving and carrying items, opening doors and drawers, pushing buttons, pulling wheelchairs and aiding with household chores such as putting in and removing clothes from the washer and dryer; and

WHEREAS, hearing alert dogs assist people with hearing loss to the presence of specific sounds such as doorbells, telephones, crying babies, sirens, another person, buzzing timers or sensors, knocks at the door, as well as smoke, fire and clock alarms; and

WHEREAS, seizure response dogs alert medical conditions, such as heart attack, stroke, diabetes, epilepsy, panic attack, anxiety attack, post-traumatic stress and seizures; and

WHEREAS, medical response dogs respond to oncoming medical conditions, such as heart attack, stroke, diabetes, epilepsy, panic attack, anxiety attack, post-traumatic stress disorder; and

WHEREAS, International Assistance Dog Week, August 7 - 13, 2022, provides an opportunity for us to raise awareness of the selfless way all types of assistance dogs assist individuals with mitigating their disability-related limitations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16th day of August, 2022, that it be and hereby does declare August 7 – 13, 2022, as International Assistance Dog Week in Stafford County

Item 13. Community Engagement: A Proclamation to Recognize August 31, 2022, as International Overdose Awareness Day.

Proclamation P22-28 reads as follows:

A PROCLAMATION DECLARING AUGUST 31 AS INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY IN STAFFORD COUNTY

WHEREAS, more than 100,000 Americans die annually from drug overdoses, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, 2,656 Virginians died by overdose, according to the Virginia Department of Health, an increase of 15 percent over the previous year; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, 33 Stafford County residents died by overdose for a rate of 21.1 per 100,000 residents, according to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner Annual Report; and

WHEREAS, the County of Stafford, Virginia, does affirm and acknowledge the harm and hardship caused by drug overdose and recognize the purpose of International Overdose Awareness Day as remembering loved ones lost to overdose and ending the stigma of drug-related deaths; and

WHEREAS, we affirm that the people affected by overdose are our sons and daughters, our mothers and fathers, our brothers and sisters, and deserving of our love, compassion and support;

WHEREAS, we resolve to play our part in reducing the toll of overdose in our community, through supporting local prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction efforts; and

WHEREAS, Overdose Awareness Day spreads the message that the tragedy of overdose death is preventable, raises awareness to reduce the stigma of addiction, and commemorates loved ones who have been lost to this crisis;

WHEREAS, Stafford is grateful for the tireless efforts of the Rappahannock Area Community Services Board in bringing awareness to overdoses and for seeking solutions to the opioid epidemic;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16th day of August, 2022, that it be and hereby does proclaim August 31, 2022, as Overdose Awareness Day in the County of Stafford, Virginia and commend its observance to all citizens.

Item 14. Community Engagement: A Proclamation Honoring and Recognizing Stafford's First Responders on the Occasion of the Sixth Annual First Responders Appreciation Breakfast.

Proclamation P22-29 reads as follows:

A PROCLAMATION HONORING AND RECOGNIZING STAFFORD'S FIRST RESPONDERS ON THE OCCASION OF THE SIXTH ANNUAL FIRST RESPONDERS APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

WHEREAS, the Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce is hosting its Sixth Annual First Responders Appreciation Breakfast on August 24, 2022; and

WHEREAS, career and volunteer law enforcement, firefighters, emergency medical responders, search and rescue professionals and military personnel come together in emergencies to provide services that often make the difference between life and death; and

WHEREAS, being a first responder is a calling as well as a duty for individuals with a heart for service; and

WHEREAS, first responders put their lives on the line every day for the betterment of our community, enhancing countless lives in the process; and

WHEREAS, our region is fortunate to have the best local, regional, state and federal first responders available during emergencies; and

WHEREAS, we are grateful and humbled by their service, especially over the past two years when first responders faced even more life and death situations brought about by the Coronavirus epidemic; and

WHEREAS, Stafford is grateful for the Chamber of Commerce's efforts to recognize these dedicated public safety professionals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16th day of August, 2022, that it be and hereby does honor Stafford's first responders and the Chamber of Commerce's efforts to recognize them.

Item 15. Community Engagement; A Proclamation Honoring and Recognizing the Actions of the Stafford County Sheriff's Office Special Operations Division.

Proclamation P22-30 reads as follows:

A PROCLAMATION HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE ACTIONS OF THE STAFFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

WHEREAS, Stafford County Public Schools held its 2022 Convocation at Virginia Credit Union Stadium. Due to complications from extreme heat, plans and needs changed for the event; and

WHEREAS, members of the Juvenile Services Unit and the Traffic Safety Unit of the Stafford County Sheriff's Office attended the Convocation as guests when they were confronted with an unexpected difficult mass casualty situation. A mass casualty incident is defined as a situation where the number of patients exceeds the number of healthcare resources available; and

WHEREAS, without being asked, deputies immediately established a command post to administer the incident; and

WHEREAS, deputies leaped into action, assisting teachers out of the heat to the triage area and beginning first aid; and

WHEREAS, deputies worked in the extreme heat directing and guiding buses; and

WHEREAS, deputies organized more than 100 buses, directed Schools staff to the buses, and facilitated a motorcade to lead teachers back to their schools quickly. These actions prevented what could have been a more significant incident involving more casualties; and

WHEREAS, the Special Operations Division selflessly swung into action in an adjacent jurisdiction when it was clear there were not enough resources and performed with the expertise and confidence upon which the residents of the county have come to rely; and

WHEREAS, it is a testament to their leadership and training that these deputies could quickly devise and implement an effective plan. For a gathering of 5,000 people, planning takes several months;

WHEREAS, the actions of these men and women of this division helped protect and preserve the lives of Stafford County's teachers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16th day of August, 2022, that it be and hereby does honor and recognize members of the Stafford County Sheriff's Office for their outstanding actions in assisting Stafford County Public Schools personnel at the 2022 Convocation.

Item 16. Community Engagement; Proclamation Honoring and Recognizing Area Public Safety Personnel for Coordinated Response on August 5, 2022.

Proclamation P22-31 reads as follows:

A PROCLAMATION HONORING AND RECOGNIZING AREA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL FOR COORDINATED RESPONSE ON AUGUST 5, 2022

WHEREAS, Stafford County Public Schools held its 2022 Convocation at Virginia Credit Union Stadium. Due to complications from extreme heat, plans and needs changed for the event; and

WHEREAS, a mass casualty incident, a situation where the number of patients exceeds the number of healthcare resources available, arose with the Convocation attendees; and

WHEREAS, Stafford County Public Schools nurses, athletic trainers and staff were crucial in assisting with the care of their fellow colleagues as they awaited the arrival of public safety's assistance; and

WHEREAS, without being asked, Stafford County Sheriff's Office deputies immediately established a command post to administer the incident and worked to assist in the evacuation of attendees and coordinate the departure of buses; and

WHEREAS, members of the Stafford County Fire and Rescue Department arrived to provide assistance and care to the more than 100 victims of heat illness and assisted in transporting eight victims to area hospitals; and

WHEREAS, members of the City of Fredericksburg Police Department and Fire and Rescue Department, and members of the Spotsylvania Fire and Rescue Department provided mutual aid to assist Stafford's Schools personnel; and

WHEREAS, these dedicated and highly trained professionals came together to assess and take command of an unexpected significant incident, and due to their efforts, a difficult situation was prevented from becoming much worse; and

WHEREAS, Stafford County is grateful for the mutual aid available from its area jurisdictions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16th day of August, 2022, that it be and hereby does honor and recognize the area public safety personnel responding to the 2022 Convocation incident.

Item 17. Finance: Approved Amendments to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Policy to Modify Language Regarding the Notification of Cost Associated with Public Records Production Requests, as Required by State Law.

Resolution R22-212 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) POLICY

WHEREAS, the Stafford County FOIA policy was originally approved and implemented in 2012, citing a need to establish guidelines for carrying out the provisions of FOIA; and

WHEREAS, the County FOIA policy requires updates to comply with new procedures to take place within the course of the FOIA process; and

WHEREAS, to comply with codified changes in the 2022 legislative session in Code of VA HB 307, the FOIA policy for Stafford County will be amended to include language from the changes to Virginia Code § 2.2-3704.1 subsection F;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16th day of August, 2022, that the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) policy that it be and hereby is amended as provided in the documents by the same name and last revised pursuant to this Resolution and dated August 16th, 2022.

Item 18. Fire and Rescue; Authorize the County Administrator to Approve Additional Expenditures and Ratify the Contract with Tire Tread, Inc. for Tires and Installation Services.

Resolution R22-218 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROVE ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES AND RATIFY THE CONTRACT WITH TIRE TREAD, INC. FOR TIRES AND INSTALLATION SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services (Fire) desires to purchase tires and installation services for emergency responsive vehicles and apparatus; and

WHEREAS, the County executed a contract with Tire Tread, Inc., Rider Agreement No. 21-018-3220CI, which rides National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) Contract No. 19101 that is effective through March 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the need for additional tires and installation services will increase the total contract value, resulting in a new contract value of \$625,000, of which Fire shall not exceed \$500,000 and Department of Utilities shall not exceed \$125,000; and

WHEREAS, funding is available in the Utilities and Fire's Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budgets with funding for subsequent contract years being subject to Board budget and appropriation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16th day of August, 2022, that the contract with Tire Tread, Inc., Stafford County Rider Agreement No. 21-018-3220CI, for tires and installation services, for a term of August 27, 2020 to March 31, 2024, be and it hereby is ratified and approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator is authorized to approve expenditures with Tire Tread, Inc. for tires and installation services, for a total contract amount not to exceed Six Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$625,000), unless amended by a duly authorized contract amendment.

Item 19. Information Technology; Authorize the County Administrator to Execute a Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Geological Survey for the Northern Virginia Five County Broad Agency Announcement Lidar Project.

Resolution R22-208 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY FOR THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA FIVE COUNTY BROAD AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENT LIDAR PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Board desires to enter into a Joint Funding Agreement (JFA) with the United States Geological Survey, United States Department of the Interior (USGS) for the Northern Virginia Five County Broad Agency Announcement Lidar Project (Project); and

WHEREAS, the estimated total of separate agreements between USGS and participating partners for this Project is \$903,956; and

WHEREAS, the Project will result in high-resolution digital elevation data developed from airborne lidar, including tide-coordination along the Potomac River shoreline, machine generated 2-foot contours, and machine generated building footprints; and

WHEREAS, USGS will provide the County a copy of the final data; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the JFA between USGS and the County, the County will contribute \$39,039 to the Project; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose in the Utilities Fund (\$13,000), the Development Services operating budget (\$16,000), and the GIS operating budget (\$10,039);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16th day of August, 2022, that the County Administrator be and he hereby is authorized to execute a Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Geological Survey and contribute an amount not to exceed Thirty-Nine Thousand Thirty-Nine Dollars (\$39,039).

Item 20. Utilities; Authorize the County Administrator to Approve Expenditures and Ratify contract with Cintas Corporation No. 2 for Facility Management Products and Solutions.

Resolution R22-196 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES AND RATIFY A CONTRACT WITH CINTAS CORPORATION NO. 2 FOR FACILITY MANAGEMENT PRODUCTS AND SOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, additional professional uniform rental, mat rental services, and first aid and safety items are needed for the Utilities and Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities (PRCF) Departments; and

WHEREAS, the County has an existing contract with Cintas Corporation No. 2 for these products and solutions, Rider Agreement No. 19-5501-CO055 (Contract), which rides a contract awarded by Prince William County Public Schools, Contract No. R-BB-19002; and

WHEREAS, the current Contract term expires October 31, 2023, and may be renewed for two additional two-year terms; and

WHEREAS, the Utilities Department anticipates expending \$800,000 over the life of the Contract; and

WHEREAS, PRCF anticipates expending \$150,000 over the life of the Contract; and

WHEREAS, funds for these services are available in the operations budget of both Utilities and PRCF;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16th day of August, 2022, that the contract with Cintas Corporation No. 2, Stafford County Rider Agreement No. 19-5501-CO055, for an initial term from December 13, 2018 through October 31, 2023, with two optional two-year renewals, be and it hereby is ratified and approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator is authorized to execute contract amendments to exercise two additional two-year renewals of the contract with Cintas Corporation No. 2, Stafford County Rider Agreement No. 19-5501-CO055, for professional uniform and mat rental services and first aid and safety items in an amount not to exceed Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$950,000), for a total contract amount of \$1,080,059, unless modified by a duly executed contract amendment.

Item 21. Utilities; Authorize the County Administrator to Execute an Agreement for Nutrient Credit Sales to the City of Fredericksburg.

Resolution R22-215 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO
EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR NUTRIENT CREDIT SALES WITH THE
CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG

WHEREAS, in accordance with 9 Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) 25-820, the Little Falls Run Wastewater Treatment Plant has been issued an annual nutrient discharge Waste Load Allocation for Nitrogen (TN) and Phosphorus (TP), and has the ability to sell the unused portion of the nutrient allocation to other permit holders within the Rappahannock watershed; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fredericksburg (City) owns and operates a municipal separate stormwater sewer system (MS4), and is required to reduce TN and TP discharges; and

WHEREAS, due to recent changes in Virginia regulations, the City anticipates that it will not reach its reduction requirements through 2028; and

WHEREAS, the City proposed purchasing nutrient credits from the County pursuant to Virginia Code § 62.1-44.19:21 and 9 VAC 25-890-40, Part II(A)(9)-(10), for purposes of compliance with the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) reductions of their MS4 permit; and

WHEREAS, due to the exceptional performance of Little Falls Run Wastewater Treatment Plant, the County has the amount of nutrient credits available to satisfy the City's needs without affecting plant operations, existing sales agreements, or any potential future needs of the County; and

WHEREAS, the sale of nutrient credits to the City will generate additional revenue of approximately \$5,000 per year, and will allow the City to remain compliant with its MS4 permit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16th day of August, 2022, that that the County Administrator be and he hereby is authorized to execute the Rappahannock River Water Quality Credit Agreement for Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation with the City of Fredericksburg to sell a portion of the County's unused nutrient credits.

Item 22. Utilities; Authorize the County Administrator to Advertise a Public Hearing to Consider Entering a Water Tower Lease Agreement with New Cellular Wireless PCS, LLC for Placement of a Telecommunications Facility on a Portion of the County-owned Embrey Mill Water Tower Tank, Tax Map Parcel No. 29G-BB.

Resolution R22-210 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO
ADVERTISE A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ENTERING A WATER
TOWER LEASE AGREEMENT WITH NEW CELLULAR WIRELESS PCS,
LLC ON COUNTY-OWNED TAX MAP PARCEL NO. 29G-BB

WHEREAS, New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (Cingular Wireless) desires to lease a portion of space to locate a telecommunications facility on the County-owned Embrey Mill Water Tank (Tank), Tax Map Parcel No. 29G-BB, located within the Garrisonville Election District; and

WHEREAS, Cingular Wireless proposes to install, maintain, and operate communication equipment and antennas within the leased area on the Tank; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires and is required to hold a public hearing to consider the proposed lease on County-owned property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16th day of August, 2022, that the County Administrator be and he hereby is authorized to advertise a public hearing to consider leasing space to New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC to install, maintain and operate a telecommunications facility on County-owned Embrey Mill Water Tank site, Tax Map Parcel No. 29G-BB.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 23. Planning and Zoning; Consider Entering a Memorandum of Understanding with Northern Virginia Conservation Trust (NVCT) Regarding a Land Conservation Partnership.

Ms. Kathy Baker, Department of Planning and Zoning, said the item had been presented on the partnership agreement with NVCT at the July 5 meeting. She said the only issue raised at the time was whether the County Attorney's Office had signed off on the agreement, and they had reviewed it and deemed it in an approvable form. She said she was available for questions along with NVCT representative, Matt Gerhardt.

Ms. Bohmke asked the County Attorney to clarify the statement in Item C on page 5 of the MOU, "except for payment of any sums due NVCT then authorized and payable, and delivery of any work product produced prior to such termination to the party for which such work was undertaken." She asked if NVCT could enter into additional work agreements that they would then be compensated for after terminating the contract for the original agreement.

Ms. McClendon said if the Board wanted to move to the next item and come back to the question, she would be able to review the relevant materials to provide an accurate answer to Ms. Bohmke's question.

Ms. Vanuch asked if there were objections to moving on to new business before the question was addressed. Ms. Vanuch noted there were no objections.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 24. By-Laws Committee; Discuss Proposed Amendments to the Board's By-Laws and Rules of Procedure.

Mr. Coen said he would provide a high-level review. He said he and Ms. Gary served on the by-laws committee, and they met with the County Administrator and the County Attorney on multiple

occasions. He said the committee recommended items, and Ms. McClendon sent the Board members a draft of what had been agreed upon at the meeting. He said they would revisit the item in September in more depth.

Item 25. Information Technology; Authorize Application for the FY2023 Virginia Telecommunications Initiative (VATI) Grant with Comcast as the Co-Applicant to Bring Broadband Service to Various Unserved and Underserved Areas of the County.

Ms. Vanuch said the item was time sensitive and had already been discussed during the work session. She said the Board had requested more information at the work session. She noted Ms. Bohmke would not be present as the item related to the VATI grant.

Mr. Mike Cannon said the resolution before the Board was to approve the County to apply for a VATI 2023 grant. He said the infrastructure committee granted approval in June to undergo an RFI process, and an RFI was issued with a due date of July 11. He said they received five responses, and Comcast was the best, most comprehensive response that met the criteria for the grant. He said Nathan Dougherty, Director of Comcast Government Affairs, was present to answer specific questions for Comcast.

Mr. Cannon said it was the third opportunity the County had to address unserved and underserved areas in the County. He said the first opportunity was with KGI to address the eastern part of the County, and the second was with Comcast to address the western parts of the County. He said the proposal was comprehensive and generous—it involved 156-line extensions to reach 1,251 homes.

Mr. Cannon said the project would cost \$10.2M, and Comcast had offered a 40% match, or \$4.092M. He said staff recommended \$1.3M in funds be repurposed from ARPA as a match to put the County's match over 50%. He said it would give the County a competitive grant application as they were competing with counties across the Commonwealth. He said some concerns raised during the work session involved areas that were not covered.

Mr. Cannon said he distributed maps to display Comcast's service footprint and Cox's service footprint. He said it showed that some of the areas of concern were being addressed or already being served. He noted the Garrisonville District was a dense and urban area and was primarily served by Comcast.

Mr. Cannon said they received a study from their consultant, Columbia Telecommunications, that showed about 3,100 homes in the County that were unserved. He said the grants tended to be an incremental process. He said achieving service for every home would be too costly to allow the

County to be competitive with other counties. He said there was a slight language change in the resolution to fix a prior error.

Ms. Vanuch requested Mr. Cannon review the maps he distributed.

Mr. Cannon said the first two maps showed the line extensions. He said the next map showed the Comcast service footprint. He noted a large gap in the lower part of the County which was primarily served by Cox. He said the next map showed the Cox service footprint. He said the third map showed Verizon's service area which was scattered throughout the County.

Mr. Cannon noted the map where they overlayed the VATI 2022 grant with Comcast's current proposal. He said it extended beyond the areas of Rockhill and Hartwood.

Ms. Yeung said there were six maps, and none of them were numbered. She asked for clarification regarding the legends of the map.

Mr. Cannon explained the purple lines were the extensions proposed in the VATI 2023 grant, and the 2022 service area was within the cross-hatched area.

Ms. Yeung clarified that the green area was already covered.

Mr. Cannon said the map showed the data that was available from the FCC. He said the problem was that the maps were based on data from the FCC.

Ms. Vanuch said in the committee meeting, Mr. Vosburg had mentioned that there were 3,081 people without broadband access. She said the 2022 grant gave access to 600 individuals, which brought the total to about 2,400 individuals. She said the 2023 grant proposal would bring coverage to 1,251 people, which would leave about 1,300 people without access.

Ms. Gary said that was less than 2%.

Ms. Vanuch asked where the people without access were located.

Mr. Cannon said according to the broadband study, the people without access were scattered across a wide area in the County. He said one of the reasons people did not have access was due to the long drop issue because the franchise agreements only allowed for compelling the cable franchise providers to provide service within 200 feet of the point of closest service. He said when it was more than 200 feet, either the homeowner would have to pay to extend service, or they would have to wait for some sort of program to address the service connection. He said the state had a long

drop program, and as they became aware of providers registering with the state to offer the long drop program, they could have a public information campaign to make citizens aware of the program.

Ms. Allen asked if Comcast would be providing cable service.

Mr. Cannon said Comcast would provide the Triple Play service—television, broadband, and telephone.

Ms. Allen said they needed to hold Comcast accountable for the level of service it's supposed to provide. She said she had received complaints related to KGI regarding service quality. She asked how they would ensure Comcast would meet its service obligation.

Mr. Cannon said unlike with KGI, the County had a cable franchise agreement with specific service standards that Comcast would have to follow.

Ms. Allen said there was a level of competition she was concerned with. She asked if people would be allowed to switch services if another provider offered service to the area

Mr. Cannon said the County's position was to always encourage competition. He said they viewed another provider offering service in an area as a good thing because it had been proven to lower prices for customers.

Ms. Allen said she had waited for Comcast to provide service to a neighborhood for three years. She said Comcast had not yet provided service.

Mr. Cannon asked what road the neighborhood was on.

Ms. Allen said it was on Norman Road.

Mr. Cannon said he believed five homes were in question, and it was part of the proposed area.

Ms. Allen asked if funding from the infrastructure bill could be used for the project.

Mr. Cannon said the funding could not be used with a deadline of August 25 for the grant application. He said they were looking for immediate support to submit the application. He said Comcast had a team of people working on the project and developing the required documentation. He said the grant process was not easy.

Ms. Gary said she appreciated how the proposal was spread out and touched most of the districts that had needs.

Ms. Bohmke said it would be helpful to have all of the maps overlayed together.

Mr. Cannon said they tried to overlay the maps, but it was not readable.

Ms. Bohmke said the maps were helpful. She asked what the changes in the resolution were specifically.

Mr. Cannon said the changes were to the top section on page 2. He said a percentage was wrong and indicated the County had a 15% match. He said there was no change in the dollar figures.

Ms. Yeung said there was a difference between underserved people who did not meet the criteria for service. She said the issue was not about equity, but about people who moved outside the area of broadband service. She said the proposal sought to provide access to fiber and internet for homes that did not have access. She said she had discussed with Comcast programs for the underserved who could not afford the service. She said they would talk about ensuring access for people in any area of the County.

Mr. Cannon explained that any Comcast customer who met certain income criteria can receive a \$30 subsidy per month from the federal government.

Ms. Yeung said it was something they had worked on. She said she was surprised the school division had not provided a list of individuals and families in need of broadband access. She said she would follow up with the school division.

Mr. Coen said the process would last multiple years. He said an explanation should be provided in the future on what the next steps were.

Mr. Cannon said it was an open bidding process, and it was up to the providers to propose the areas to serve. He said in a future RFI process, the County could specify the specific areas. He said federal funding would be available to the state in future years for other grants.

Ms. Gary motioned, seconded by Ms. Allen, to deem the item as time-sensitive.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea:	(6)	Allen, Bohmke, Coen, Gary, Vanuch, Yeung
Nay:	(0)	

Absent: (1) English

Ms. Yeung motioned, seconded by Ms. Allen, to approve Resolution R22-214.

Ms. Allen noted Mr. Cannon's staff was small and did a lot of work for the County. She thanked Comcast for being willing partners with the County. She said internet access was just as important as any other utility.

Mr. Cannon said the TCC unanimously recommended that the Board approve the resolution.

Ms. Yeung said they would discuss the individuals who were underserved and about providing them with affordable service.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (6) Allen, Bohmke, Coen, Gary, Vanuch, Yeung
Nay: (0)
Absent: (1) English

Resolution R22-214 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR THE FY2023 VIRGINIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS INITIATIVE (VATI) GRANT WITH COMCAST CORPORATION AS CO-APPLICANT TO BRING BROADBAND SERVICE TO VARIOUS UNSERVED AND UNDERSERVED AREAS OF THE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the County seeks to provide service to approximately 1,251 homes and businesses unserved and underserved by telecommunication broadband services in various parts of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has implemented the Virginia Telecommunications Initiative (VATI), which provides grants to supplement construction costs by private sector broadband service providers in partnership with local units of government; and

WHEREAS, the County seeks to apply for the fiscal year (FY) 2023 VATI grant, which will award projects in an amount not to exceed 10% of DHCD's total available funds in FY2023; and

WHEREAS, the County identified Comcast Corporation (Comcast) as an eligible co-applicant for the VATI grant through Request for Information #22-01-1245-RFI; and

WHEREAS, Comcast has proposed to construct and bring landline service to 1,251 unserved and underserved homes and businesses in various parts of the County with an anticipated total project cost of \$10,230,000; and

WHEREAS, based on the proposed project costs, the request for VATI grant funds would include a match of 40% of the total project cost or \$4,092,000 would be provided by Comcast and 12.7% or \$1,300,000 would be provided by the County; and

WHEREAS, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds are available and can be used for the County's portion of the local match; and

WHEREAS, if the FY2023 VATI grant is awarded, staff desires to reallocate portions of prior ARPA fund appropriations to cover the County's portion of the local match associated with the FY2023 VATI grant; and

WHEREAS, the VATI grant application deadline is on or before August 25, 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16th day of August, 2022, that the County Administrator be and he hereby is authorized to submit a FY2023 Virginia Telecommunications Initiative (VATI) grant application with co-applicant Comcast Corporation to extend broadband service to 1,251 or more unserved and underserved homes and businesses in various parts of Stafford County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if awarded, Comcast Corporation will provide 40% or \$4,092,000 in matching funds, and Stafford County would provide 12.7% or \$1,300,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds as a local match.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

Item 23. Planning And Zoning; Consider Entering A Memorandum Of Understanding With Northern Virginia Conservation Trust (Nvct) Regarding A Land Conservation Partnership.

Ms. Vanuch said there was a question regarding the legal agreement of the MOU, so they were returning to the item for a response.

Ms. McClendon said, in response to Ms. Bohmke's question, the term in the contract was boilerplate and allowed for the contract work to be completed. She said it would allow any work that had already been contracted and started to complete so that the County received the work product and it was paid for prior to termination. She said there would be no additional work after the termination of the contract.

Ms. Bohmke said contractors were paid an annual fee, not by project, from various funds. She asked for clarification regarding the termination of contractors.

Ms. McClendon said there was the potential for contract proration.

Ms. Bohmke asked why the agreement did not state explicitly that it would be a prorated amount.

Ms. McClendon explained that, generally, when a contract was terminated, they would pay for the work that had been completed and not just a time frame. She said the language allowed for flexibility.

Ms. Yeung noted three figures were presented. She asked if those amounts represented the costs for the individuals to be hired, or if it was in addition to the costs.

Ms. Baker asked Ms. Yeung to clarify the figures she was referencing.

Ms. Bohmke said it was item A, the base funding level--\$27K, \$55K, and \$55K.

Ms. Baker said the \$55K—the County share—and the NVCT would have another \$55K share. She said the funds would primarily go toward the cost of an employee and associated costs.

Ms. Yeung asked if there was an additional cost for work space.

Ms. Baker said there was no additional cost.

Ms. Gary thanked NVCT for partnering with the County.

Ms. Gary motioned, seconded by Mr. Coen, to approve R22-174.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea:	(6)	Allen, Bohmke, Coen, Gary, Vanuch, Yeung
Nay:	(0)	
Absent:	(1)	English

Resolution R22-174 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH NORTHERN VIRGINIA CONSERVATION TRUST REGARDING A LAND CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP

WHEREAS, Northern Virginia Conservation Trust (NVCT) is a non-profit corporation registered to do business in the Commonwealth of Virginia whose mission is to conserve the region's natural and cultural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to establish a framework of cooperation upon which mutually beneficial programs, long-term management, land conservation and restoration projects, education and outreach, and the goals of Stafford County's Comprehensive Plan adopted August 16, 2016, as last amended ("County's Comprehensive Plan") and similar County environmental plans may be planned and accomplished; and

WHEREAS, such programs, projects, and activities complement the policies of the County and the mission of NVCT and are in the best interests of the public; and

WHEREAS, the County wishes to provide funding to NVCT in exchange for certain services to be performed by NVCT consistent with the terms and conditions specified in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); and

WHEREAS, the County recognizes the need to provide the residents of Stafford County with the benefits of available open space, parks, and natural areas for their inherent environmental, recreational, economic, aesthetic, and cultural value; and

WHEREAS, the Stafford County Board of Supervisors' 2040 Strategic Plan identifies strategies for "healthy growth" to preserve rural areas of the county while channeling growth into designated development areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16th day of August, 2022, that it be and hereby does authorize the County Administrator to execute a memorandum of understanding with Northern Virginia Conservation Trust that would establish a relationship between the parties to implement land conservation initiatives within the County.

NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

Item 26. Fire and Rescue; Consider Approving the Establishment of Medical Readiness Group, LLC as an Emergency Medical Services Agency Licensed by the Virginia Office of Emergency Management Services Pursuant to Virginia Administrative Code Section 12vac-31-410.

Ms. Vanuch said this item would be presented by Chief Cardello and was originally on consent, but she assumed it would get a lot of questions, so they pulled it to add to new business to make sure the Board had more oversight. She asked Mr. Cardello to begin.

Chief Joe Cardello greeted the Board and Chair Vanuch and introduced himself as the County Fire Chief. He said the Medical Readiness Group was a for-profit company that employed medical personnel to support field-based operations, under the medical supervision of a medical director licensed by VDH and the Office of EMS. He said those operations could potentially be outside of

a medical building, not inside of an ER, hospital, or clinic, and could be any type of training. He said some people liked to have security services and hired outside security services who were not police but provided security.

Mr. Cardello said this was for a client who would like to have medical personnel, such as a paramedic, all the time. He said when they were onsite and providing their service, they would stabilize the situation and then call 911. He said they did not own transport vehicles, they would just stabilize the situation per their client's wishes, and then call Stafford or Quantico people to provide care. He said they were also licensed to provide certain types of training such as CPR, first aid, tactical emergency casualty care, and some dive medical care and medical administration training.

Ms. Vanuch said originally, this was mentioned as having something to do with the FBI. She stated that she had received a question from a constituent who thought this was similar to hiring life care, because when reading the paragraph, that was what it looked like. She asked if Mr. Cardello could expand on who the client was and if they knew them.

Mr. Cardello said that the FBI could be a client, and they perhaps had been in the past. He said it could be any firm or company who just wanted medical personnel on the scene, not to transport but to be on the scene in case anything happened and they could stabilize.

Ms. Vanuch asked where this came from. She asked why they were reviewing this right now and why they had no applicant.

Mr. Cardello said they were required by law to have the Board allow them to operate in the County. He said as long as they had an office in the County, they had to have Board approval and had to operate under the auspices of a medical director who was licensed under the state, which they did, and they had to have the Board's approval. He said they were a private company providing services and would not ever transport anybody from anywhere in this County and would never answer an emergency call but would stick with their client and provide care to them.

Mr. Vosburg said it was a private company that wanted to operate in Stafford County and they made an application, they made sure they met certain standards or they had a medical director or whatever stayed the order, and then the Board had to approve for them to operate in Stafford County.

Mr. Cardello said that was per the state law, the Board had to approve that.

Mr. Vosburg said they had done this before for other entities.

Mr. Cardello said it had been a while.

Mr. Vosburg said it had been a few years.

Ms. Allen said that one of the questions she was going to ask was a summation. She said her confusion was around what services they were providing. She said they got to a scene but what happened next was unclear.

Mr. Cardello said they did not get to a scene; they had a client. He said a client would hire them. He said for example, they might have someone coming in town who had a medical condition, such as a VIP for a corporation who might want a paramedic with them at all times while they were doing things. He said it was like a security thing but on the medical side.

Ms. Allen said that was a good explanation.

Ms. Yeung asked what other counties were they in that they needed Stafford. She asked if this was a new company.

Mr. Cardello said the state law required that any time there was an office in a jurisdiction, that jurisdiction must approve that they are a licensed entity. He said he did not know where else they operated, but they had an office here and wanted to be legally allowed to operate.

Ms. Yeung asked what services they were going to provide for Mr. Cardello.

Mr. Cardello asked if Ms. Yeung was referring to him.

Ms. Yeung said yes. She said he was there asking for the Board to approve this.

Mr. Cardello said he was not asking for anything. He said this was a Fire and Rescue item, but he was not asking for the Board to do this for them. He said this was a private company that was coming before the Board.

Ms. Vanuch asked why they were not there.

Mr. Cardello said they were there.

Ms. Vanuch asked why they were not presenting.

Mr. Cardello said he was told that he was going to present. He asked if they would like to hear from Mr. Colantoni.

Ms. Yeung said she would like to finish her question and then someone could answer. She said that she read that they were a for-profit company that provided medical support and training to the FBI. She said she knew about the FBI, meaning that they either provided training for the FBI somewhere else, but wondered whether they were planning to provide training to the FBI there at Quantico. She said this was the reason they wanted to establish an office in Stafford, and they should let them know why they were there.

Mr. Colantoni introduced himself as Anthony Colantoni, and he was the owner and Chief Operating Officer for Medical Readiness Group. He said he established this company to provide those two different wings, which were training and medical support. He said the medical support, as Chief Cardello mentioned, could be to any singular client and was not to the public at large. He said they would have to be hired to provide a paramedic to the client. He said the only reason the FBI was mentioned was that he himself just retired after 22 years as an FBI agent stationed at Quantico, and occasionally they asked him to come back when they were short-handed.

Mr. Colantoni said in that, he could not come back for free and could not donate his services to the federal government, and in that, he had to charge them as a company and LLC to do that. He said he did not restrict himself only to the FBI and they were one singular client. He said he also had clients that provided protection to members of the National Regulatory Committee and a couple of others who, when going internationally, wanted to have support with them. He said it was in that sense, not a 911 company and they did not have ambulances, but they did have paramedic services, and to do that, three pillars must be met based on laws within the Commonwealth.

Mr. Colantoni said that one was that those paramedics must be certified within the Commonwealth, the second pillar was that they must function under an operational medical director, which as Chief Cardello mentioned, they did have under contract. He said the third pillar was that they must be a licensed EMS agency so that those paramedics could function within that EMS agency and meet the regulations of that. He said part of that requirement under the code that was mentioned was that an ordinance be granted by the County in which the business resided. He said that was one of the requirements of being recognized as an EMS agency and what he was asking of them. He said he was directed to go through Chief Cardello for that.

Ms. Yeung asked if he had insurance.

Mr. Colantoni said he did.

Ms. Yeung asked what their risk was.

Mr. Colantoni asked if she was referring to the risk to the County.

Ms. Yeung said yes.

Mr. Colantoni said he did not know that the County had a risk and could not speak to that; he could only speak to his risk.

Ms. Yeung asked if there was any further documentation other than what they read in their packet.

Ms. Vanuch said this was new business for the Board.

Ms. Yeung said she thought they should come back because she needed more information in terms of the packet and DME services.

Ms. Bohmke asked how long Mr. Colantoni had been in business.

Mr. Colantoni said he retired in December of 2021 and started his business in January 2022.

Ms. Bohmke asked if Mr. Colantoni had worked with any clients since January 2022.

Mr. Colantoni said he had worked with multiple clients on the training side and operationally as himself being the sole employee. He said he could not hire anyone without this proclamation.

Ms. Bohmke asked if it was just him by himself under the auspices of this agency or group that he was establishing.

Mr. Colantoni said that was correct.

Ms. Bohmke said okay. She asked if the only reason he needed this resolution from the Board was if he hired additional people.

Mr. Colantoni said that was correct.

Ms. Gary said she found that this was state code and they needed it to be there. She said this was just a hurdle to continue doing something in a way that he had already been doing for a long time.

Mr. Colantoni said it was so he could hire other people, yes.

Ms. Gary said it was so he could grow that business.

Mr. Colantoni said yes.

Ms. Allen said it was not very complicated; it was a medical service that people needed privately, and he needed to be here but could not because the state code prevented him to be there; they just needed to sign off on that. She said there was no liability to them, the state did not ask them to assume liability, and it was just a matter of following state code. She said she was summarizing for her colleagues and that was it.

Mr. Colantoni said that was correct.

Ms. Vanuch asked Ms. McClendon if this resolution was only applicable to the Medical Readiness Group, LLC and no other, so it was not an overarching ordinance that would result in lots of these companies coming in.

Ms. McClendon said no and that each company coming in seeking the Board's approval would have to come in separately.

Ms. Vanuch asked the applicant if he was planning on hiring any of their EMS officers to work at his company. She said she hoped the answer was no because they had a very difficult time recruiting them.

Mr. Colantoni said they were very talented and he could not discriminate. He said truthfully, it was on an as-needed basis and was not considered to be a full-time job, only because he could not guarantee that people would be coming in. He said it would be more like he just received a phone call from someone and would have a list of personnel who may be available on certain days on an as-needed basis. He said he would be the only full-time employee, coordinating other part-time people.

Ms. Vanuch asked if he had to get all his certifications into their Fire and Rescue Department.

Mr. Colantoni said not necessarily.

Ms. Vanuch asked who reviewed their certifications.

Mr. Colantoni said the VDH did.

Ms. Allen [inaudible].

Mr. Colantoni said that was exactly right.

Ms. Gary thanked Mr. Colantoni for being candid in his response.

Ms. Vanuch said it was very helpful. She asked Ms. McClendon if something bad happened and they found that this business perhaps did not have the right certifications or something went awry, if they had the ability to remove this ordinance or cancel it once it was approved.

Ms. McClendon said they could look at that and bring it back to the Board. She said she knew the code required her to approve it. She said there was no direct information in front of her on if the Board could rescind the resolution, so they could bring that back at the next meeting.

Ms. Vanuch said that was perfect. She explained to Mr. Coantoni that this was new business, and the way their Board meetings worked was that everything was reviewed unless it was deemed time-sensitive. She said that it would come back as unfinished business at the 3 p.m. meeting at their next Board meeting, and then they would have that information. She said if there was anything else Mr. Colantoni wanted to provide them, to please let them know.

Mr. Colantoni thanked Chair Vanuch.

Item 27. Discuss Building a Rappahannock Crossing Parkway

Ms. Vanuch said that for quite some time, they had been discussing the opportunities of an additional Rappahannock River crossing. She said FAMPO had done an incredible amount of research on this as to where trips were generating and ending, whether they be in the City of Fredericksburg or Spotsylvania or vice versa, and they recently had much of that information shared from FAMPO, and they discussed at a recent FAMPO meeting that this might be an opportunity. She said in years past, this had been a very political hot-button.

Ms. Vanuch said they had brought this forward many times, with support lost on the Stafford side years ago, support lost from the City of Fredericksburg side or Spotsylvania side, and the additional river crossing west of I-95 was killed multiple times, so they wanted to make sure they were being very careful in the discussions with the other localities because they had to work together with Spotsylvania and the City of Fredericksburg in doing this.

Ms. Vanuch said before they got any further in identifying roads or pathways that would be an option or opportunity to add a river crossing, they wanted to have the Board have this as an item of discussion, and then at the next meeting they would like the Board to send a letter supported by the Board to FAMPO to give them the authority to begin looking at routes and working with the

other peer localities. She said she would pause there and see if Supervisor Bohmke or Supervisor Gary wished to speak, because they sat on FAMPO as well.

Mr. Coen said he had to return home.

Ms. Vanuch asked if everything was okay.

Mr. Coen said it was nothing dire, but stressful. He said he would need great detail on whatever it was before signing off on any letter, because if it was going to impact residents of anybody's district, they should have a great deal of input into this early on. He said having attended FAMPO meetings, he was leery of giving them carte blanche to move forward on something. He said while he understood and had advocated for a river crossing for 20 or 30 years now, he had strong feelings that if the idea was to have something that was to alleviate I-95 and be similar, it should not be on existing roads with homes and businesses on it, because it would just stymie people speedily from one area to another.

Mr. Coen said he was glad it was going to come back and he had spoken with Mr. English on several occasions on this, including late yesterday. He said they were of the same mind that they needed a lot more details before they got into this. He said to quote one of his fellow peers and friends, "before I hit the 'I Believe' button, you've got to give me something to believe in besides blind faith." He said he would call into the meeting at 7 p.m.

Ms. Bohmke said she felt that they were in a really good place working with the City and with Spotsylvania County and Stafford. She said they had an item the other night, and someone said, "wow, everybody supported it with no discussion. That hasn't happened in five years." She said that she felt that they would be negligent if they did not study this. She said she was not saying this was going to be the end-all and that they had to approve this, but it was about studying an additional option.

Ms. Bohmke said she thought in light of the fact that transportation was near and dear to everyone in this district, it would, as she said, be negligent if they did not at least study it. She said they might look at the information and say they did not like specific things about it, so they could then look at what they could change, or perhaps the entire idea would end up being scrapped. She said it was their responsibility as FAMPO members and as a Board to make sure they looked at different options, and she thought this was a very valid one to look at.

Ms. Gary said she was pleasantly surprised with how they were able to do this right now. She said when she started, one of her goals was to bring peace where she was, and FAMPO looked like a challenge. She said the first meeting she walked into had a feel of tension, but they had come a long way and worked to build those relationships. She said she had been meeting with people in

the City and on City Council as well, trying to work toward what they could do together to make transportation better for everyone. She said she was glad they were able to be at this stage and explore this study.

Ms. Allen said as Supervisor Coen said, she would need to see more. She said whoever's district it would be, ensuring they had sufficient input, she would need to see what the fiscal cost would be, because as a Board, they always stressed having their transportation priorities, and if they had so many needs just for fixing secondary roads in the County, she would need to see exactly what the cost of building this connector would be to them. She said if she had to choose between a connector versus addressing dozens of roads in the County, it was a no-brainer as to what she was going to choose.

Ms. Allen asked if they were going to be hiring a consultant, and while she knew Ms. Bohmke did not like consultants, they may give the best, most unbiased view of where exactly the connector would be so that they could perhaps remove the politicization and polarization that potentially could come from this. She said the data would tell them where the best possible locations were. She said she would have to see what a consultant said and what the fiscal implications were, because as she said, if it would cost them a lot and they had other transportation needs, she would have a hard time signing off on the connector knowing that money could be put to hundreds of roads in the County.

Ms. Vanuch said that based on Ms. Allen's and Mr. Coen's comments, she wanted to make it abundantly clear that they were three Board members on FAMPO, and because they had all this research now, Fredericksburg was doing the same thing and brought a resolution forward because a majority of their Board had to give them the go-ahead to say they wanted them to look into this. She said they did not know what roads it would cross or what the cost was. She said it was not like they were going to come back at the next meeting and say it's going to cost \$191 million and go on specific roads. She said that would be working against their own Board to do that.

Ms. Vanuch said what they were asking for was for their Board to allow them to send a letter to FAMPO to say that they would like for them to explore what a Rappahannock River crossing would look like west of I-95. She said they were not signing up for anything or approving anything and had no idea whose district it would impact. She said they were literally saying to show what the options were and what the fiscal impacts and funding opportunities might be, such as the infrastructure bill. She said that was what they were asking for, but they as FAMPO members knew that and this was why they were the committee members.

Ms. Vanuch said they were coming back to their Board to report that they had enough research at this point to know that this was something that was incredibly needed, and they could not give

them the go-ahead to even start looking any further until they went back to their Board to get a majority consensus to move forward. She said they were not looking at costs or anything, because this was a multi-year project during which they would be coming back and providing a lot of updates to the Board of Supervisors before any decisions were made. She said she wanted to preface it with that because she perhaps did not explain it enough.

Ms. Gary said it sounded like Ms. Vanuch was saying the questions they had were what FAMPO would answer after writing a letter asking them to explore this.

Ms. Vanuch said exactly. She said they could not look into it until they said they wanted them to look into this, and they did not want to team up on their Board and say to look into this without bringing it to this Board, because they felt that this was something important as three members on a regional committee, this had gotten to the point of discussion that it needed to come back before their Board to get their buy-in on at least letting them look into it. She said they might come back and say it was \$10 million, and the Board would say no. She said they could hit roads where the infrastructure could not handle it and both Boards would say no. She said that their role was bringing all that information back, so she wanted to make sure it was clear what they were asking for and what they were looking at.

Ms. Allen asked if Spotsylvania had buy-in.

Ms. Vanuch said the jurisdiction should be going back to their localities to look at this stuff, but she could say that depending on where crossings went, it could be just Stafford and Spotsylvania that agree or Fredericksburg and Stafford. She said what they wanted was for FAMPO to show them what the options were.

Ms. Allen said she understood what Ms. Vanuch was saying, but she was saying that she was pretty certain Spotsylvania would have to be involved.

Ms. Vanuch said they were a part of FAMPO, but they had gotten to the point that they could not go any further.

Ms. Allen asked if Spotsylvania had agreed to this point.

Ms. Vanuch said they had not gone there yet because they had to come back to their locality to ask if they wanted to go down this road, because if they said no, they were nixing any Rappahannock River crossings, period, or looking into that from a FAMPO perspective, so they were essentially saying they were uninterested in looking at the data they had collected. She said this was new

business and would come back next week. She asked if they were okay to come back with a draft letter to come back with the unfinished business to look at.

Ms. Allen said she did not know. She said she completely agreed with what Ms. Vanuch said about it being to ask the question, but she felt as if she did not know if Spotsylvania was willing to go before their Board and ask or to have the conversation.

Ms. Vanuch said that was FAMPO's role with the other partner jurisdictions. She said what they were asking for was simple and she was surprised anyone was opposed to it. She said it was to let them tell them what some of the possibilities were with looking at crossing the Rappahannock River.

Ms. Yeung asked if Alex Owsiak was going to be a part of these meetings as their transportation person.

Ms. Vanuch said he would be. She said he was part of the transportation team on the Stafford side and CTAC, but they could not get to any of that until they allowed their Board to say they were interested in looking at this.

Ms. Allen said she thought they should wait until next week and make a decision about drafting the letter then, and that way they had input from the two other Supervisors and the rest of them. She said she could not sign off right now because she did not know.

Ms. Vanuch said they were not asking her to do that, but they would do a straw poll on what they would like to do. She said time was of the essence because if FAMPO did not start to identify routes and bring that back to them, they were going to miss any opportunities moving forward if they were to look at the infrastructure bill because they were looking for shovel-ready projects. She said a lot of this time was of the essence, so she personally would like for them to draft a letter with Mr. Vosburg and have that listed on the agenda so the public could see it at the next meeting so that it was prepared for a vote once they had the full Board.

Ms. Gary said she was good with that because it was time sensitive. She said they had been waiting a long time to be able to have an environment in which they could have these conversations in the first place and they would work in the meantime, to Supervisor Allen's concerns, to have more conversations with their neighbors in Spotsylvania.

Ms. Vanuch said they were cognizant not to start having many conversations before they even talked to their own Board. She said the way to do it was to talk to their own Board first and then

start talking to Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania. She said they did not meet with elected officials outside of their own Board, so that was where they wanted to start.

Ms. Bohmke said she was definitely in support of a draft letter. She said it was clearly their responsibility to look at this. She said she had been on and off FAMPO for several years since she had been on the Board, and the time was ripe. She said they could go out and hire one of the many consultants that FAMPO engaged with and they could come back with all kinds of data they could look at and analyze. She said until they had anything, they did not really know if they had a project. She said she was definitely in support of that.

Ms. Vanuch said it sounded like Ms. Allen already said no.

Ms. Allen said there was not even a majority anyway.

Ms. Vanuch said she was unsure of what Supervisor Yeung was doing, as she left and it was unclear if that was on purpose.

Ms. Allen said if there was not a majority, they should not draft the letter.

Ms. Vanuch said they were doing a straw poll down the row. She said at this point, she would say to draft up the letter and if people had an issue with it, they could pull it off the agenda at that meeting.

Ms. Yeung said she did not have an issue with looking at it and drafting the letter. She said Mr. English was not here and Mr. Coen was not here. She said Ms. Vanuch needed a majority and she had a majority.

Ms. Vanuch said she would need four if Ms. Yeung was in the room.

Ms. Yeung said they could go ahead and draft that, but they would need some more discussion, simply because she would like to know what the plan would be from FAMPO. She said she knew in the past, before her time on the Board, they appropriated monies that were supposed to go to 610 and put it on different projects, so she was leery to give them carte blanche. She said she was not opposed to constructing the letter and thought it was a good project. She said she was unsure if Mr. English or Mr. Coen would agree, but her roads were there and already a thoroughfare, so she did not know how they were going to make that. She said she did not have a river so it would be Mr. English or Mr. Coen. She said as long as they had their thumb on the scale and as long as Mr. Owsiak would be a part of the conversations, she would be fine with that.

Ms. Vanuch said they would draft the letter and it would show up on the agenda at the next meeting.

Mr. Vosburg said that was the first meeting of September.

Ms. Vanuch said that would be the first meeting in September, under unfinished business.

CLOSED MEETING

At 4:55 p.m., Ms. Yeung motioned, seconded by Ms. Bohmke, to adopt Resolution CM22-19 to authorize a closed session.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea:	(5)	Allen, Bohmke, Gary, Vanuch, Yeung
No:	(0)	
Absent:	(2)	Coen, English

Resolution CM22-19 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Board desires to hold a Closed Meeting for (1) consultation with legal counsel pertaining to opioid-related lawsuits, where such consultation or briefings in open meeting would adversely affect the litigating posture of the Board, (2) consultation with legal counsel pertaining to probable litigation challenge in the County Ordinance, where such consultation or briefings in open meeting would adversely affect the litigating posture of the Board, and (3) discussion and consideration of the disposition of publicly-held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiation strategy of the Board, and (4), discussion of the performance of certain appointees of the Board of Supervisors.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 (A)(1), (A)(3), and (A)(7) such discussions may occur in Closed Meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16th day of August, 2022, that it be and hereby does authorize discussion of the above matters in Closed Meeting.

CLOSED MEETING CERTIFICATION

At 5:51 p.m., Ms. Yeung motioned, seconded by Ms. Bohmke, to adopt Resolution CM22-19(C) to certify the Closed Meeting.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (4) Bohmke, Gary, Vanuch, Yeung
No: (0)
Absent: (3) Allen, Coen, English

Resolution CM22-19 (C) reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO CERTIFY THE ACTIONS OF THE
STAFFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN A CLOSED
MEETING ON AUGUST 16, 2022

WHEREAS, the Board has, on this the 16th day of August, 2022, 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 16th day of August, 2022, 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.

Ms. Gary motioned, seconded by Ms. Bohmke, to remove Hank Scharpenberg from CTAC representing Stafford County.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (4) Bohmke, Gary, Vanuch, Yeung
No: (0)
Absent: (3) Allen, Coen, English

RECESS

At 5:51 p.m., the Board adjourned its meeting until the evening session.

At 7:01 p.m. Chairman Vanuch called the evening session to order. Ms. Gary gave the invocation and Ms. Bohmke led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Ms. Vanuch asked the Board for a vote to allow Mr. Coen to participate in the meeting via phone call.

Ms. Yeung motioned, seconded by Ms. Allen, to allow Mr. Coen to join the Board meeting by phone.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea:	(4)	Bohmke, Gary, Vanuch, Yeung
No:	(0)	
Absent:	(1)	English
Abstain:	(1)	Coen

Ms. Vanuch said Mr. English was absent because he was dropping his daughter off at Virginia Tech. She said they wished her well in her endeavors at Virginia Tech.

PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation Recognizing August 7-13, 2022 as International Assistance Dog Week.

Ms. Vanuch recognized Kim and Andy Fraser from Blue Gray Therapy Dogs and said these were well-trained dogs that were incredible assets both to the County and to private citizens. She said they had police dogs, accelerant-sniffing dogs, and assistance dogs that performed vital jobs for their public safety, dogs that assisted private citizens to do the same. She said their work enabled individuals to have a better, more independent quality of life. She said the Frasers would be able to tell them more about Blue Gray Therapy as they introduced their canine partners and received their proclamation.

Ms. Fraser introduced herself as Kim Fraser, Director of Blue Gray Therapy Dogs. She said she had Michelle holding Iris, Patricia with Baby Theo, Madge with Pierre, and her husband, Andy, with his partner Jasper. She said her partner was named Myth. She said Blue Gray Therapy Dogs was established 26 years ago to bring animal-assistive therapy to the greater Fredericksburg area. She said they were an all-volunteer organization, with about one hundred dog teams in their organization. She said they had dogs as small as the papillon and as big as the Irish wolfhound, as stocky as the pit bull terrier and as graceful as the greyhound. She said any dog that had the correct temperament could be tested, certified, and registered to be a therapy dog.

Ms. Fraser said for the last 19 years, they had been in all of the Rappahannock regional libraries with their Paws reading program, in three separate school districts. She said hopefully Stafford County would be a new one when they reestablished the program. She said for 21 years, they had been providing comfort and pain relief to patients at Mary Washington Hospital and were also at Stafford Hospital and Spotsylvania Regional Hospital. She said they also provided services through hospice, memory care facilities, and nursing homes.

Ms. Fraser said they provided stress relief for their students at Riverbend High School and also at the University of Mary Washington and Germanna Community College. She said they lent a hand to the military and the families at the Pentagon after the terrorist attacks during 9/11 and stood with their first responders in their time of great stress. She said they attended their memorial services and funerals as well. She said she was very honored to receive this proclamation.

Ms. Vanuch asked if the Hoioos family wished to share how therapy dogs helped them.

Ms. Hoioos introduced Matt and his service dog, Dacy. She said this was Matt's third service dog that they had been provided through Canine Companions for independence. She said in 2006, Matt had his first service dog, Calder, for nine years, then Shiloh for five years, and then in January, they received Dacy. She said they were very fortunate; Canine Companions was the largest non-profit organization to provide service dogs, and they were all over the country.

Ms. Hoioos said they were very fortunate to belong to this family, and it was a great opportunity for people to be involved; even if someone did not have a service dog, they could volunteer as puppy raisers for 18 months, after which the puppies go on for professional training and it was decided whether they were service dog or had a change of career to be a pet. She said she hoped that people opted to puppy-raise or if they had a family member who might need a service dog, they had been around since 1975 and as she said, were one of the few service dog providers that did not charge the recipient anything for the dog, which made it so amazing. She thanked the Board for having them today.

Ms. Vanuch said she would read the proclamation and then present it.

Ms. Vanuch read the proclamation.

Proclamation Honoring and Recognizing the Actions of the Stafford County Sherriff's Office Special Operations Division.

Ms. Vanuch welcomed the members of the Stafford County Sherriff's Office Special Operations Unit who performed so professionally at the school's convocation event. She said she would like to read off some of the very important names. She read out Captain Lee Peters, Lieutenant Deuntay

Diggs, First Sergeant Heather Torrance, First Sergeant James Mangan, Sergeant Johnny Kyle, Sergeant Christine Hammond, Deputy Jordan Murch, Deputy Alexandra Stachurski, Deputy Robert Brooks, Deputy Glenn Lum, Deputy Rishawn Allen, Deputy DeAndre Taylor, Deputy Kevin Brown, Deputy Robert Bardon, Deputy Stephanie Davis, Deputy Tracy Scoggins, Deputy John McAlister, Deputy George Motley, Deputy Shawn Martin, Deputy John Alford, Deputy James Curtis, Deputy Robert Kulbeth, Deputy Ryan Weatherholtz, and Deputy Steven Russo.

Ms. Vanuch said she had heard some people say that the Sheriff's Office was just doing their job by responding to this mass casualty event. She said the answer was that of course they were, but there was much more to it. She said typically when deputies were asked to support a large event, plans were made well in advance and resources were secured and put in place. She said deputies were scheduled to be on the roster, and their Sheriff's Office was very meticulous in planning large events, especially when it involved their own employees. She said they were not asked to support this event nor invited, and members of the Special Operations Unit, including their school resource officers. She said Special Operations and SROs went to the event to support the school staff and their excellent work.

Ms. Vanuch said that day, Captain Lee Peters saw what was quickly evolving into a dangerous situation and immediately took charge to make a plan on a fly. She said with no resources or preparation, their deputies responded quickly with their training and professionalism, assisting heat victims, evacuating school personnel from the stadium, and devising a traffic plan to move buses back to their schools immediately. She said they prevented a very bad situation from becoming worse and potentially fatal.

Ms. Vanuch said she already knew their deputies were exceptional individuals, but she wanted all their residents to know that when they were in a bad situation, this was the group they could count on to know what to do to keep them safe. She thanked Sheriff David Decatur for his leadership of this exceptional group of men and women, and she thanked everyone for their service to Stafford County. She asked if Mr. Peters would like to say a few words.

Mr. Peters thanked the exceptional group of men and women who provided aid. He said one of the things he wanted people to understand that from their perspective, it was not about what someone did or did not do, this was about what their personnel did on that day. He said he could not be prouder of them, their actions, how they sprang to action, how they called from home, how they responded to radio calls he got saying they needed help. He said they were there for them, and they all came down with the mentality of being there to help, so when looking at schools, traffic safety, and the men and women who provided security for their assets of children and the public, they were the ones who did what was right and protected citizens.

Mr. Peters said on behalf of the Sheriff, they appreciated his leadership and allowing them to go do these things and to them well. He said he was extremely proud of these men and women for what they did on that day and every day, and what they were now doing during the new school year and out on the roads of Stafford County. He thanked the Board for recognizing their work and thanked the citizens for having their trust and confidence to protect their children and community. He said they looked forward to doing this more in the future. He thanked the Board for providing help and support that day; it was a great community effort and a great partnership to be able to get through that event and make sure everyone made it home safely.

Ms. Vanuch read the proclamation.

PRESENTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

1. Ms. Chandra Kornacki, 84 Kane Way, Stafford, Virginia, in the Rock Hill District. She said after playing recreational baseball with Stafford Baseball League (SBL) in the fall, her son joined a travel team with the hopes of playing higher-level baseball, but playing on a field in Stafford County was nearly impossible. She said after going most of the season practicing in Spotsylvania, she began working with other parents to find some way to access Stafford fields. She said what she learned in June was that Stafford Baseball League, or SBL, received priority to use Stafford County fields pursuant to an agreement between SBL and the County, however, she was present to express that this should not equate to near-exclusive use of Stafford County fields by only SBL.

Ms. Kornacki said based on her review of documents she received from a four-year request, it appeared that SBL was permitted to reserve nearly every Stafford County field in the fall and the spring from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m. through 8 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. She said this field allocation essentially denied field usage to any non-SBL organization. She said this SBL allocation did not equate to actual field usage by SBL. She said actual field usage by SBL was left to SBL to schedule among its coaches. She said Stafford County Parks and Recreation appeared to have aggregated oversight of actual field usage to SBL for most of the year.

Ms. Kornacki said even at the conclusion of this year's season, which ended on the 22nd of June, when she was trying to request a field in Stafford for July for their organization, it took until July to receive permission to use that field. She said it should not take over a week to reserve a field when SBL was no longer even in season and fields were no longer being used by SBL. She said Stafford County Parks and Recreation should be required to set up and maintain full oversight of a field reservation system where SBL got priority but

not exclusive use of fields that Stafford County taxpayers like herself paid taxes to maintain for all residents.

Ms. Kornacki said the Board should care that SBL paid nothing for fields, whether they used them or not, and denying the use of fields to other non-SBL organizations was depriving the County of potential revenue to help defray the costs of operating and maintaining County fields meant for all residents to use.

2. Mr. Frank Shannon, resident of the Lake Arrowhead neighborhood in Stafford County. He said he was also present to address his concerns with the Board about baseball field usage in Stafford County. He said there were several concerns he had as a taxpayer in Stafford County that fields were being held hostage by SBL. He said they were able to reserve the field and not account for how much they were actually using the field. He said they were just a block of time and they may not even use it and did not have to give it back for anybody else to use in the County.

Mr. Shannon said one of the explanations that were given to him as he was looking into this was that they reserved those fields in case one of their fields that they had an event planned on got closed, so they could move the event to an available field. He said however, they were never required to look in advance or even given an opportunity. He said his understanding was that the contract that SBL had with the County said they did not have to pay what other people would have to pay to use the field in the County. He said there was missed opportunity on the revenue for the County to pay to maintain these fields.

Mr. Shannon said as far as cost goes, it was \$35 per hour to rent a field in Stafford County, and if using lighting, it was even more. He said they were forced to go to Spotsylvania, City of Fredericksburg, or King George, where it cost \$10 per hour to rent a field. He said they were able to do that because they had players from other counties, but the majority were in Stafford County, so during the week, trying to get to practice at Spotsylvania High School with traffic was difficult for Stafford County parents.

Mr. Shannon said they may simply ask why he did not just go play baseball with SBL. He said they had tried that, and the issue was that it was a recreational baseball league with an opportunity for higher level baseball, but they only had one team per age group to play at that higher level baseball, which was nine to 12 kids for Stafford County to play at that higher level, so they were forced to go elsewhere to find that higher level baseball. He said for a recreational league, it would cost his child \$170 for fall baseball. He said there was no other sport in Stafford County that cost that much to play at a recreational level, so they should please find a solution for this. He thanked the Board.

3. Mr. Cliff Heinzer, 316 Ironside Cove in Aquia Harbor. He said he wanted to welcome the Board back after a brief but well-deserved summer break with a reminder that public investment would be needed this year if they were to overcome some of the shortages they had already identified in the last term. He said the Greatest Generation, his parents' generation, was characterized by their willingness to invest in public infrastructure. He said he asked to have entered into the record a brief article that captured the extent to which investment in both public and private ventures had declined in the U.S. since the middle of the 20th century, and they were paying the price for that, with some localities that had bridges collapse, and in the case of Stafford, with schools that were straining to meet the needs of their students.

Mr. Heinzer said one of the challenges they saw in the schools was that they passed the 90th percentile for occupancy, so scheduling and meeting the needs of the students became very hard, and they had to remember that some students, out of necessity, required a lower density than the classroom capacity would indicate. He said they also knew that there in Stafford, they had some schools that were aging and in need of significant renovation or replacement, in addition to the absence of schools where they needed them to be, as opposed to where the classrooms may be miles from the students who were using them. He said it was always easy to defer maintenance until, of course, the issue such as the hole in the roof developed, and then they had to repair it.

Mr. Heinzer said he also wanted to remind the Board that while austerity measures had a short-term appeal, they should not forget that they paid for that appeal in lower property values. He said he would not say they were declining in the current market, but they were lower than they would otherwise be, and that they were having more difficulty attracting the job creators they wanted who would also bring jobs to Stafford and help pay for the infrastructure they needed. He said in sum, there was never a good time to defer consumption and invest, so they had to go ahead and do it. He said he wished them success and wisdom in the coming sessions and thanked the Board for all they did.

4. Mr. Harold Pauley, 230 Saddle Ridge Lane in the Hartwood District. He said he came to express frustration with Parks and Recreation field ability and their deal with Stafford Baseball League. He said in the spring and fall, it was virtually impossible to reserve a field on a regular basis, and as the head coach of a local travel team that did have Stafford County residents on the team, it was a sore spot for the families involved and could create some undue hardship with travel to outside counties. He thanked the Board for the time.

5. Mr. Joe Gotzi, resident of the Falmouth District. He said he was a teacher who attended the convocation event and they were very appreciative of the support they got from the Stafford Sheriff's Office and everyone involved that day. He said it was unavoidable, and looking back, it felt like a year ago rather than two weeks. He said the reason he was before the Board was because Drew Middle School was celebrating its 70th year this fall. He said as far as septuagenarians go, Drew was enjoying its platinum jubilee anniversary with little fanfare. He said built in 1952, Drew's building saw the landmark 1954 Brown vs. Board overturned separate but equal.

Mr. Gotzi said there were eight middle schools in Stafford County that were separate and not equal. He said they had a roof that leaked when it rained, windows that also leaked, a front yard and courtyard that flooded as often as Harold Road did. He asked what it would cost to keep Drew running. He said that was about \$40 million over the next 10 years. He said they appreciated the effort to modernize Drew, but they needed a new one. He said to not say that middle school number nine was on the books, because their Drew attendance zone did not want to hear that in 13 years, the need was in the northern part of the County in 2035. He said they needed a new Drew yesterday.

Mr. Gotzi said in 2022, Drew only had three bathrooms for an entire building of students and staff, and by comparison, most other middle schools in Stafford had three bathrooms in each grade level and also had bathrooms in common areas by the office and in the gymnasiums. He said Drew only had one gym and did not have an auxiliary gym. He said they came up short inside and out; they had a 300-meter track—not 400, —they needed new lines and lane markings, because whenever they had an after-school event, they had to park on the running surface. He said there was nothing wrong with being old, and Drew was more vintage, more vinyl than digital. He said Drew was like an old car with 250,000 miles on it. He said it was reliable and comfortable, but even an old car must transition.

Mr. Gotzi asked when deciding to purchase a new car, if they were going to wait 13 more years to replace it, and whether they would do nothing to maintain that car until they got the new purchase. He asked if their financial plan was to just paint the walls and move on. He said the education referendum could pass in November and they all would be off the hook because the people will have spoken. He asked if it did not pass and the majority of taxpayers who did not have school-aged children –

Mr. Gotzi thanked the Board and wished them a good evening.

6. Mr. Angelo Melendez, 5 Penningcroft Lane in the Falmouth District. He said he was also a 6th-grade English teacher at Drew Middle School. He said he could speak today of the

fiscal matters the Board of Supervisors felt they must prioritize over the future of their students, the lack of commitment they had demonstrated toward education as a whole, prioritizing a new turf football field over an updated HVAC system at Drew. He said his classroom did not even reach 60 degrees in the winter. He said their students wore coats and he touch in a North Face because it was a brisk 54 degrees in his classroom.

Mr. Melendez said he wanted to focus instead on the term equity, a term that got tossed around all the time in education, but when it was time for decision-makers to put their money where their mouth was, equity always fell short. He said their students often came into their building complaining about the smell that filled the hallways; they often had to redirect them away from the bathrooms because the plumbing was shot. He asked how that impacted learning and answered that each grade only had one bathroom, so when one bathroom was down, a line formed, which meant that students missed out on critical instruction. He said as of this morning, their only working water fountain was shut off because of bad plumbing.

Mr. Melendez said every school was dealing with the same issue, but their water fountains were shut down because of their filtration system. He said related to the climate crisis, they were handing out plastic water bottles like it was Halloween. He said Drew Middle School had an elevator that may be on its last thread, and it was only working right now, and who knew when it would. He said more than six hundred students shared two stairwells, and said that had implications for students with disabilities and injuries. He said according to Dr. Taylor, their Superintendent, Drew Middle School was operating with "poor infrastructure." He said that might explain why the floors were wet after a heavy rain; between the roof, the windows, and the incessantly clogged plumbing, it was tough to tell where the water was coming from.

Mr. Melendez said he served in the United States Marine Corps and was familiar with being given two screws, a box of crayons, and a lightbulb and being expected to race in the Indy 500. He said this was not the Marine Corps, this was education of children in the community that they were supposed to serve. He said he trusted they were very intelligent, so the decisions that they made were not ones out of intellect but out of morality. He said while most, if not all of the other middle schools in the district got to dedicate their days to inspiring the minds of young people, their building forced teachers, the administration, staff, custodial staff, and everyone to split their time between working through the problems of keeping their building operational and trying to give their attention to students who needed them most.

7. Ms. Rebecca Garrett said she did not live in Stafford County but worked at Drew Middle School and wanted to represent the school. She said she had been working at Drew Middle School for the past two years. She said she drove an hour one way to get to school every day, and on I-95 it was more like two. She said she was present to speak on the infrastructure at Drew and how desperately they needed assistance there. She said they had some of the most amazing students and families, staff, instructors, and custodians. She said they were all loved and while they were trying their best, they needed support.

Ms. Garrett said her room could be 54 degrees and could swing to 80 degrees in the same day. She said she could go to the bathroom and there was a line down the hall, because there were two stalls for upwards of 15 classrooms downstairs, and if there was a class of 32 in one room and multiplied that by 15, there would be a line there sometimes. She said she did not think it was fair to say that the schools were at all equitable, especially the middle schools. She said middle school tended to be pushed to the backburner a lot of time, but it was a pivotal time and they should feel seen as much as the high schools and elementary schools. She hoped one day they could get the support needed at Drew.

8. Mr. Joe Neal, 122 Taylor's Hill Way, Fredericksburg, Virginia, in the Falmouth District. He thanked Ms. Bohmke for responding to his emails. He said he was a former educator of Stafford County Public Schools. He said he was no longer a professional educator because he could not afford to raise his family while teaching there, but that was a different subject. He said he was now a concerned parent of a current student at Drew Middle School and a future 6th grader at Drew. He said when it came to all the money involved with college football and contracts from TV deals, one thing that college football programs did was that with the recruitment of players, they took all their money and put it into their facilities.

Mr. Neal said that frequently when there were athletes committing to certain schools, they decided to go there because their facilities were amazing. He said he was speaking from the standpoint of an educator who may be interviewing to be an educator at Drew Middle School, and walking through the building, not knowing the wonderful people who worked there and only seeing the seventy-year-old building, it was unclear if they had everything he needed to have. He said he could not even go to the restroom as he should be able to and there were kids running all around the building because of the poor facilities that were there. He said the educators were amazing and they deserved something like this, and he hoped the Board took into consideration that it was time to give them something that could make them proud and get the kids excited about being educated there.

9. Mr. Adams introduced himself as Farmer Jeff and said he resided at Kellogg Mill Road. He said he would say something about the middle school the other public speakers were

talking about. He said when he went to a football game there in 1969, it said Stafford High School on the outside of it. He said what he was about to say was harsh and he apologized. He said there were three of them, one on the phone and two in the building who had been around with PDR for the very beginning. He said there were two ways of looking at PDR, which was calling it a Purchase of Development Rights program, or as he liked to refer to it, a Purchase of Development Rights joke. He said it was a joke because just like the butter churn, he could sit there all night long and turn the handle, and he would get nothing at all. He said it took ingredients to make butter. He said because it was a long meeting, he would not churn a pound of butter.

Mr. Adams said they had a PDR program that was a joke for one reason, which was that it had no money. He said they could not buy development rights out of thin air. He said there were three of them in the building, and the three of them knew it well. He said they had been around since day one; the first time the County bought development rights, they paid \$600,000, and the man turned around and bought more land and enrolled that land the second time. He said there was another guy that did the same thing. He said he was speaking out of turn as Jeff Adams, Stafford County citizen. He said if they wanted to keep PDR from being a joke, they should start looking at the numbers of \$2 million to \$3 million, not \$200,000.

Mr. Adams said PDR would save them money because for every development right they bought, they did not need a desk, a school bus, a rescue squad, or any of that. He said in the long run, that \$3 million would save them more than what they put into it. He said he knew that was harsh, but they also knew that Stafford County paid \$275,000 for his development rights, so he knew what he was talking about. He said he knew what that money could do to help farmers keep farming and not lose the family farm that had been in their family for one hundred years because they could not afford it anymore and because developers were offering millions to have it.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ms. Vanuch announced that Item 29 had been canceled because they did not need the public hearing anymore.

Item. 28 Planning and Zoning: Consider an Amendment to County Code Chapter 22-A, Purchase of Development Rights to Correct a Clerical Error.

Assistant Director of Planning and Zoning, Kathy Baker said this was to consider a minor amendment. She said that they had approved a revised ordinance last month and there was an

omission by the time it got from the PDR Committee to the Board. She said there was a slight omission of a ranking category. She said there was a section called "Water Quality Value" with a total of 20 points. She said there were the 20 points total, but one of the line items was missing, so it should include five points for a perennial waterway, five points for wetlands, five points for a parcel with an intermittent stream, and the fourth factor was a one-hundred-foot vegetative buffer that went along those waterways. She said she could answer any questions the Board had.

Ms. Vanuch said there appeared to be no questions. She thanked Ms. Baker.

Ms. Baker said that the PDR application round was open now and they were having a public information meeting tomorrow at 7 p.m. in this building.

Ms. Vanuch said at this point, she would open up the public hearing.

1. Mr. Adams introduced himself as Jeff Adams and said he was now speaking as a member of the Ag Committee. He said as Ms. Baker said, this was a clerical error; it was there all along in their meetings and they voted on it so it was good to go. He said it was an honest mistake, and also like Ms. Baker said, they were meeting with the community tomorrow night to explain the PDR program to see people who may or may not be interested and they were there to answer questions. He said he urged the Board to pass this portion because it was a clerical error and there were no substantive changes.

Ms. Vanuch closed the public hearing and brought the item before the Board for action.

Mr. Coen motioned, seconded by Ms. Allen, to approve Proposed Ordinance O22-22.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea:	(6)	Allen, Bohmke, Coen, Gary, Vanuch, Yeung
No:	(0)	
Absent:	(1)	English

Ordinance O22-22 reads as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN STAFFORD COUNTY
CODE CHAPTER 22A, "PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS"

WHEREAS, the Board established Stafford County Code, Chapter 22A, "Purchase of Development Rights" in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Agricultural/Purchase of Development Rights Committee is recommending amendments to Stafford County Code Chapter 22A, "Purchase of Development Rights" to improve the the process of purchasing easements for properties in exchange for development rights; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that in order to conserve and promote the public health, safety, and general welfare, establish procedures, methods, and standards for the purchase of development rights within the County, adoption of the proposed ordinance amendment is required;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16th day of August, 2022, that Stafford County Code, Chapter 22A, "Purchase of Development Rights" be and it hereby is amended and reordained as follows, with all other portions remaining unchanged:

Chapter 22A PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS PROGRAM Sec. 22A-8. Property ranking system.

In order to effectuate the purposes of this chapter, parcels for which conservation easement applications have been received shall be evaluated by using a ranking system. The initial ranking system and any changes to the ranking system shall be approved by the board.

- (b) There shall be five (5) categories of criteria for evaluation under the system. In each category, certain factors descriptive of the characteristics of property sought to be included in the purchase of development rights program are included. Each factor is stratified into a range of possible point values ranging from zero (0) to thirty (30). To determine the total points assigned to such property, the values for all five (5) categories are added. Property having the highest total scores shall rank highest in priority of acquisition. The maximum total score is two hundred seventy-five (275) points. The categories, with their respective factors, are as follows:

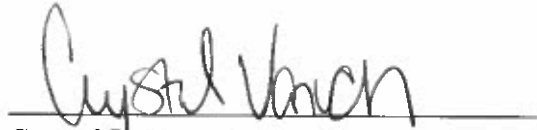
PDR RANKING CRITERIA POINT SYSTEM—SECTION D			Possible Points	Total Points
(D)	Environmental and aesthetic quality (40 Maximum Points)			
	(4)	Water Quality Value	20	
		• Parcel includes perennial waterway —5		
		• Parcel includes wetlands—5		
		• Parcel includes intermittent stream—5		
		• <u>Waterway includes vegetative buffer of at least 100 feet (perennial and associated wetlands) or 50 feet (intermittent stream - 5</u>		

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:50 p.m., Chairman Vanuch adjourned the August 16, 2022 Stafford County Board of Supervisors meeting.



Randal E. Vosburg
County Administrator



Crystal L. Vanuch
Chairman

On Jul 15, 2022, at 12:51 PM, Barry Surles <barry.surles@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Darrell-

I would appreciate you passing on the contents of this email publicly in your next Board of Supervisor's meeting.

Without going into great detail about the problematic "buy-out" of County Waste and Shifflet Trash Services by GFL.....i.e., specifically the inconsistencies and failures in GFL's lack of trash services and their billing practices. It's been at least 3(three) consecutive months that GFL has created an uproar with many other customers such as myself about the lack of trash services in the Fredericksburg region, specifically in Stafford County.

While I understand that the county has no "teeth or authority" to fix this trash issue with GFL, the county could and should consider having its own trash service offered to its residents. Much like the town of FBurg where I grew up, where my parents paid for water, sewage and TRASH service. So it's my proposal that the county create a new county job(s) with county benefits, I.e Trash Service.... Residents can pay directly for their trash service like all other county utilities or taxes.

Barry Surles
Retired Stafford County
Retired Federal Govt
547 Deacon Rd. 22405

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Subject-Comments = Presentations by the Public 3pm

Written-Comment = I plan to make the following comments on the topic of the Belmont-Ferry Farm Trail.

Comments at the Stafford County Board of Supervisors Meeting, August 16, 2022

My name is Margaret Mock and I'm 81 years old and I have lived in the North Ferry Farm subdivision in South Stafford for 50 years. I am a walker and I've walked in my neighborhood and nearby subdivisions with my walking partner, Ginny Christina, for more than 30 years. We walk about an hour each day. The subdivisions in and around Ferry Farm are lovely, but there's a major problem with them: they are dangerous. There are no sidewalks, there are no walking trails. We share the road with cars, trucks, school buses and garbage trucks.

How nice it would be to utilize a convenient walking trail. I'm not here to request that you design a walking trail for our neighborhood. I'm here to request that you proceed with your original plan for the Belmont Ferry Farm trail. We've read about those plans for a few years and looked forward to the recent completion of the new Chatham Bridge so that the trail could finally be completed. Boy were we disappointed when we "heard" that the Belmont Ferry Farm trail would end at the Chatham Bridge.

We really can't understand such a decision. A new pedestrian crossing complete with walk and don't walk signals was opened across King's Highway to connect Ferry Road with George Washington Way. It's perfect for anyone wishing to park in the Ferry Farm Shopping Center and use the crossing lights to access the Ferry Farm end of the trail. In addition, there are approximately 50 parking spaces in two lots at George Washington's Boyhood Home that could be utilized.

We've walked on many of the City trails—the Canal Trail, the Rappahannock River Heritage Trail, and the Virginia Central Railway Trail, to name a few—and we have found them to be safe and clean. We find the trails in the City popular and well used. With an estimated population of approximately 50,000 in South Stafford, we think the Belmont Ferry Farm trail will be well utilized. We also note that there are not as many trails in south Stafford as in the City. The Belmont Ferry Farm trail would help correct that imbalance.

Completion of the Belmont Ferry Farm trail can only mean increased visitors for both Belmont and George Washington's Boyhood Home. We assume both of these tourism-driven sites would welcome more guests. Please reconsider any decision that has been made to scrap plans for completing the Belmont Ferry Farm Trail. If you keep the trail in the county plan, and if you build it in my lifetime, I promise I will continue to enjoy the benefits of walking in a safer environment.

Thank you for your time.

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