BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
STAFFORD COUNTY, VIRGINIA
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 4, 2024

CALL TO ORDER – A regular meeting of the Stafford County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Meg Bohmke, Chairman, at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, in the Board Chambers, George L. Gordon, Jr. Government Center, 1300 Courthouse Road, Stafford VA.

ROLL CALL – The following members were present: Meg Bohmke, Chairman; Tinesha O. Allen, Vice Chairman *(arrived at 3:05 p.m.)*; Deuntay T. Diggs; Darrell E. English; Monica L. Gary; Crystal L. Vanuch; Dr. Pamela Yeung.

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Ms. Bohmke said that the Memorial Day weekend marked the beginning of summer and water activities. She asked everyone to exercise caution when swimming in pools and participating in water sports in the numerous bodies of water in the County. She said it was important to monitor children and wear appropriate life-saving devices. She said she wanted to congratulate Director of Planning and Zoning Mike Zuraf on behalf of the Board for his promotion.

Ms. Bohmke said that regarding a less positive matter, she reminded everyone that the June 5 deadline for real estate and personal property taxes was approaching. She said she suggested paying in person, by phone, or online to avoid delays from the mail service and any resulting penalties. She said that they were currently working on the Berea Church Road Improvement Project.

Ms. Bohmke said that people might have seen some social media updates about this project, and the County website had information on the project and the lane closings, which would be updated regularly. She said that at present, there was a full closure on Berea Church from Berea Knolls to approximately Teresa Garden Place for the next seven weeks. She asked everyone to adhere to the signs and not drive around the closures.
Ms. Bohmke said that their General Registrar had been busy notifying residents of the emergency relocation of two polling places for the June 18, 2024 primary elections. She said that the locations

had been temporarily moved due to extensive building maintenance. She said that Precinct 402, which was at Brooke Point High School, would be at Stafford Elementary. She said that Precinct 701 at Park Ridge Elementary would be at Porter Library. She asked everyone to check the County website for complete information on these moves.

Ms. Bohmke said she expressed her condolences on behalf of the Board and Stafford County to the family of Jeffrey L. Newton. She said that Deputy Newton was a 43-year Stafford County Sheriff's Office employee who was also a tribal judge for the Patawomeck Indian Tribe. She thanked Deputy Newton for his dedicated service to the people of Stafford County.

PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

ADDITIONS - DELETIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

Mr. Diggs motioned, seconded by Ms. Gary, to approve the agenda.

The Voting Board tally was:

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

PRESENTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC - I (3 MINUTES EACH)

1. Michael Stafira, 8 Dallhan Court, said he had concerns about the negative impacts of the proposed Buc-ee's next to their communities. He said that although he supported businesses, he believed that this location was not suitable due to its mismatched nature. He said that several neighbors had discussed potential traffic impact, crime, and quality of life concerns.

   Mr. Stafira said he would address the issue of cancer risks associated with gas stations. He said that there was a research article conducted by the Department of Environmental Health and Sciences at Columbia University titled "Benzene Emissions from Gas Station Clusters: A Framework for Establishing Lifetime Cancer Risk."

   Mr. Stafira said that gasoline contains benzene, a human carcinogen linked to various cancers. He said that a French study found that children living near gas stations were seven times more likely to contract acute lymphoblastic leukemia. He said that the purpose of the research was to help local jurisdictions calculate minimum setbacks and develop local code for setbacks for gasoline stations.

Mr. Stafira said that a Texas Buc-ee's with a similar number of gas pumps goes through approximately 1.5 million gallons per month. He said that this equates to 18 million gallons annually, with the rumor that this location is predicted to be the busiest. He said that for a risk of five in a million at a gas station pumping 18 million gallons a year, distances would be roughly about 515 feet. He said that this was close to the neighbors on Booth Court.

Mr. Stafira said that it took roughly 166 tanker trucks to maintain 1.5 million gallons of gasoline a month. He said that this equates to five tanker trucks a day. He said that this will be the busiest location, and left the audience with the thought that mega gas stations were relatively new concepts. He said that the long-term effects from exposure to these chemicals on the environment, neighbors, friends, and children remained unknown. He said that even the site of the new Buc-ee's outside Harrisonburg, Virginia on I-81 was surrounded by farmland.

2. Suzanne Firrell, 44 Goose Creek Circle, said she was speaking regarding the Enon Solar Farm project. She said that after examining their new map on their website, she observed that they had made significant efforts to address the concerns of the four or five homes directly across from this project. She said it was time for the Board to also consider the needs of the entire community, which included meeting future electricity demands. She said that the company proposed an environmentally-oriented project and planned to address the costs of lower utilities for low-income families.

   Ms. Firrell said that there was a concern about the solar farm being near Musselman Park. She said that there was a substantial established woodland on most of that side of the park. She said that walking through the first area where they plan to build pickleball courts revealed that most of the woodland was evergreen.

   Ms. Firrell said that further back in the second section, designated for dog parks, there was still a considerable amount of woodland. She said that at the very rear, a meadow was proposed. She said that one may be able to see the solar panels at the back, but they had proposed more plantings in the area. She said that the concerns seemed to have been addressed and asked the Board to reconsider the proposal.

3. Edward Davin, 31 Harborton Lane, said that Item 22 on the agenda discussed Enon Road Solar Farm LLC's request to waive the requirement that normally demands an applicant whose application has been denied to wait one year before reapplying. He said that there were three

reasons why this application should be reconsidered promptly. He said that this applicant exhibited commendable qualities during its previous attempt to become a member of the Stafford County community. He said that one such quality was the responsiveness it demonstrated towards the community concerns raised during the initial application process.

Mr. Davin said he understood that the company already had plans in place to maintain that positive track record during the subsequent application process. He said that another admirable trait that this applicant displayed was its commitment to joining the community by intending to reapply and requesting permission to do so early. He said that from its willingness to learn from past setbacks and adjust its future course accordingly, it seemed to him that an organization like that deserved early consideration of how it intended to contribute to the community.

Mr. Davin said he believed that this applicant merited early reconsideration due to its intention to distribute the generated electricity within a state-authorized and monitored program, enabling eligible low-income families to benefit from reduced electric bills. He said that his experience within his own extended family had taught him that many low-income families today were simply young families coping with an environment more complicated and turbulent than the one he faced when he was their age.

Mr. Davin said that the third reason for supporting the applicant's early recommendation is that, even though its contribution to Virginia's homegrown energy supply would be very low, the early reconsideration of this application would establish an important precedent. He said that both Dominion Energy and independent experts agree that Virginia currently had an energy deficit that required importing energy from other states.

Mr. Davin said that as data centers continue to be built and as motorists turn toward electric vehicles, Virginia's energy deficit, accompanied by its need to import energy, was expected to increase sharply. He said that with additional proposals for data centers coming before this body, early consideration of this application would signal that Stafford County's consideration of new data centers will be accompanied by parallel consideration of all available means to contribute to Virginia's challenged energy supply, including solar energy.

4. Jennifer Johnston, 8 Gunston Road, said that Publix had been a positive impact on the County, particularly in Garrisonville District. She said that the higher-end store catered well to the needs and preferences of the residents. She said that the Rouse Center and Embrey Mill Sports Complex had been significant additions to the County, generating substantial revenue from

various locations. She said that these top-notch facilities not only benefit County residents but can be shared with many others who hold their meets and tournaments there.

Ms. Johnston said that out-of-town guests contribute to the local economy by paying for facility usage, lodging, and dining. She said that the Rouse Center and Embrey Mill Sports Complex met the needs and desires of the County. She said that Garrisonville District residents were proud to host these exceptional facilities despite the increased traffic and activity that events bring. She said that this buzz was positive, stemming from families coming together and children developing skills under volunteer coaches. She said that this promotes healthy, managed growth that enhances the quality of life while generating revenue for the County.

Ms. Johnston said she was expressing her opposition to the proposal of bringing Buc-ees into the County. She said that she had presented two instances where the Board made wise decisions for the benefit of County residents and collaborated to achieve a favorable outcome with controlled, meaningful growth that enhanced life in Stafford County for everyone. She said that a development such as Buc-ees appeared to be so far from the desired path. She said that Buc-ees would diminish the pleasure of living in Stafford County. She said it would increase noise and pollution, and it would also strain and burden the infrastructure beyond its capacity, which was unimaginable.

Ms. Johnston said that Buc-ees would reduce the appeal for shopping and residing in the Garrisonville District and might decrease the inclination of small businesses to consider that location for establishment. She said she found it astonishing to think that elected officials believed this was a good idea on any level, allowing pressure and potential profits to overshadow commitments. She said that annually, the County distributed a survey to residents about their desired improvements in Stafford County, and this was not one of them. She said that the constituents expect more. She asked the Board to simply halt the proposal altogether.

5. Dawn McGarrity, 26 Wallace Lane, said she would like to discuss her child, who was a rising senior at Colonial Forge High School. She said he was the youngest of her children, all raised in Stafford County. She said her husband had served 30 years in the military and retired from the Army. She said that their children have witnessed their parents serving their communities and nation. She said that Liam struggled with issues in his community and questions why these problems exist, especially when he hears about money being prioritized over everything else on the news, not just locally but also nationally. She said that this had left him disillusioned.
Ms. McGarrity said she was uncertain about how to address his concerns or those of other children at his school who shared similar confusion about adult priorities. She said that Liam believes that everyone in Stafford County values money above all else. She said she assured

him this was not true; they want a safe community and excellent schools for him. She said he felt differently, believing that money was the most important thing. She said he looked forward to graduating not to leave home but to escape Stafford. She said he planned to never live in the County again. She said that friends also did not want to return to Stafford County if it meant having developments like Buc-ee's. He

Ms. McGarrity said she believed they should build a community for families where their children had the opportunity to live and grandchildren can be nearby. She said that they are losing young families who will buy their homes and contribute to their communities and schools. She said that they were failing their children. She said that they must show that they understand what was best for their community. She said that money should not be their top priority; their children's well-being was more important. She said that they needed to create a community where families want to raise their children and return to build here. She said that Buc-ee's will not achieve that, and the jobs they bring would not be buying houses.

6. Kristin Maxson, 1816 Richmond Highway, said that she prays for the parents and their children. She said that Father's Day was coming up, and they loved their fathers. She said that on May 21, 2024, the first speaker discussed receiving a FOIA request for a traffic report from 2025 to 2031. She said that traffic volumes had increased substantially during that period. She said the speaker mentioned that no traffic analysis was conducted for proposed developments. She said that one representative's information was redacted from the FOIA.

   Ms. Maxson said that on March 22, 2023, on page 41 of 373 in the packet. She said that the public was familiar with the changes presented in March and April of 2023. She said that point number two was about a traffic impact analysis for Hospital Center Boulevard, specifically for multifamily developments, which showed an increase of 47% on page 42 of 46. She said that point three involved discussing having an acting assistant director of planning and zoning as well as a principal planner on March 8, 2024. She asked whether there should not be two separate figureheads for the flowcharts directive, especially for items waiting to be processed in the pipeline.

   Ms. Maxson asked if an active chair head for the commissioners could also serve as the directive head of planning and zoning appeals. She asked about suspending the bylaws for the election of officers. She asked for clarification on the emergency to the public and its impact. She said that the May 28, 2024 meeting was not adjourned when the members exited their seats. She said that point four was that the community survey indicated satisfaction with safety, personal economic impact, and other improvements.

Ms. Maxson said that the safety information on the Stafford webpage was not dated. She said that this referred to news detailed T5R868.PHP, which might be the latest 3% of the population survey response in Stafford. She asked that the Board refer to their dockets and public hearings for more understanding of public feedback. She said that the May 24, 2024 work session had no public coverage agenda or minutes.

REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Vanuch - extended her congratulations to Mr. Zuraf. She said she started working with Mr. Zuraf while she was on the Planning Commission, and she looked forward to his leadership in Planning and Zoning. She said that she wanted to discuss a concern raised by a constituent. She said the issue revolved around Medicare Advantage plans covering gym memberships at the Rouse Center. She said that the resident was interested in members of the 65 and older community being able to join the Rouse Center, as currently there was no coverage for this demographic, and they have to pay out of pocket for their membership fees.

Ms. Vanuch said that at her own gym, Orange Theory Fitness, they had started a new program allowing Medicare coverage for a certain number of visits per month, with additional visits paid out of pocket if needed. She said that the Rouse Center was independently operated; however, it was built with taxpayer funds. She said that she was concerned over the delay in receiving a response from the Rouse Center regarding deliverable actions taken concerning Medicare plans. She requested that before summer recess, Rouse Center staff provide a brief five to ten-minute update on their efforts to help Medicare beneficiaries access the center.

Ms. Vanuch requested to pull Items 8 and 9 from the Consent Agenda because they would be discussed during the closed session. She said she would not attend the 7 p.m. meeting because her dad was scheduled for heart surgery, and she was preparing with her family.

Dr. Yeung - announced she participated in a memorial event at the Armed Services where Vice Chair Allen was the speaker. She said that the event commemorated Memorial Day in Stafford County. She said she had attended another ribbon-cutting ceremony for Mary Washington Hospital Clinic Area Urgent Care. She said that this week, there was one for Embrey Mill and Panera, both of which were aimed at supporting small businesses in Garrisonville.

Dr. Yeung said she attended FAMPO and FAMPO Subcommittee meetings but deferred to the chairs of those committees to provide further details. She said that yesterday, she participated in a Bylaws Committee meeting, and Attorney McClendon would update everyone on its proceedings. She said she had discussed vaping with the County Administrator and suggested sharing this topic

with the rest of the Board. She said that they also talked about the increasing homelessness issue in the County. She said that not all individuals begging were actually homeless; some lived in trailers. She said she proposed placing signs directing donations to charities instead of giving directly to these individuals.
Dr. Yeung said she expressed her condolences, and she said she had lost both of her parents, and her mother at a young age. She congratulated Mr. Zuraf on his achievements and hoped he would continue working for the County's best interests, maintaining transparency and planning for Stafford County's future according to the community's desires.

Ms. Allen - congratulated Mr. Zuraf and expressed anticipation for his leadership in planning and zoning, aligning it with their strategic initiative. She said she had full confidence in his ability to be a great planner and lead the organization. She said she extended her best wishes to Ms. Vanuch's family and hoped for a successful surgery and recovery. She said she wished all the dads in the County a Happy Father's Day. She said that dads were equally important as moms in a child's life and deserved recognition on this day. She said that people should get their dads meaningful gifts.

Ms. Allen said that June 6 was D-Day, marking its 80th anniversary. She said that they held a memorial ceremony commemorating all the sacrifices. She said that one of those who was honored was Marvin Boutchyard and his family. She said that given this D-Day will be one of the last times their World War II veterans will be alive to see the anniversary, she wanted to give a shout out for all those who made the ultimate sacrifices.

Ms. Allen said that regarding the update on Decatur Road and Brighton Point, she posted it on her social media accounts. She said that Decatur and Brighton Point were undergoing resurfacing and widening, which she had been advocating for. She said that currently, VDOT was using a new road treatment called slur seal to address the gravel and brick debris. She said that this involved allowing sand to settle before applying the seal. She said that over the next two weeks, the hard coating would be applied, followed by widening within two to three weeks. She said that the roads would improve with treatments and paving. She asked for patience as this was part one of the process. She said that they were getting the widening and repair they had fought for.

Mr. Diggs - congratulated Mr. Zuraf on his new position. He said that Mr. Zuraf had his full confidence and support, and he looked forward to working with him in his new role. He said he offered his prayers for Supervisor Vanuch's father's successful surgery and speedy recovery. He said that although he and Ms. Vanuch did not always agree, he loved her father because he was in law enforcement, and that was a special connection.

Mr. Diggs said he wanted to take a moment to acknowledge Pride Month, which was dedicated to honoring the LGBTQIA+ community and recognizing the progress made toward equality, acceptance, and love. He said that he wished everyone a Happy Pride Month and encouraged celebration with pride, purpose, and passion. He said that at the FAMPO Subcommittee for Regional Transportation Authority, he engaged with colleagues and leaders in the region. He said that the establishment of an RTA would enable Stafford County to leverage funds and address major infrastructure issues regarding transportation.

Mr. Diggs said he wanted to acknowledge the Fire Chief's presence during a conversation with constituents, where they updated them on fire service for the White Oak area. He said he wanted to highlight Ms. Laquita Buffington, who served in the United States Army and had dedicated 20 years to Stafford County as a probation officer, field surveillance officer, and court liaison, and she was a strong advocate for youth. He said she passed away recently, and they celebrated her life last Saturday.

Mr. Diggs said that Mr. Newton was a colleague, and he wanted to highlight his heart of service for people. He said that no matter where one came from or who they were, Mr. Newton loved to serve and occasionally played pranks as well. He said Mr. Newton was a pillar for the White Oak community and the Patawomeck tribe, and he would be missed.

Mr. Diggs said that he will be hosting the second town hall at Stafford High School on June 27, starting at 6 p.m. He said that last time, many people attended, and it was an opportunity for constituents to share their voice on issues happening in the district and across the community or County. He said that he will not be present at the June 18 meeting because he had another commitment scheduled before his time in office.

Mr. English - expressed gratitude and congratulated Mr. Zuraf on his promotion. He said that the Falmouth Bridge project was underway, and he requested that staff provide an update on its progress. He said that he attended the foster parents appreciation dinner held last month. He said that 52 foster parents in the County cared for children in need. He said that as a law enforcement officer, he had witnessed firsthand their dedication and willingness to help.

Mr. English said he wanted to acknowledge Mr. Newton, who was the mayor of White Oak. He said he had worked with him for 43 years. He said he expressed his condolences to Mr. Newton's family. He said that he was wishing Ms. Vanuch's father the best during his surgery.

Ms. Gary - welcomed back Chair Bohmke and thanked her for doing an excellent job. She said she commended Vice Chair Allen for running the most efficient meeting she had attended. She said that they honored those who gave their lives serving their country at the Memorial Day ceremony on May 24, and she thanked Ms. Allen for her speech at the event. She congratulated Mr. Zuraf on his new position.

Ms. Gary said that on May 30, she attended the final FAMPO RTA subcommittee meeting to ensure Director Ian Ollis could brief the Board about the subcommittee's progress regarding a potential Regional Transportation Authority. She said she wanted to remind everyone that they were the only planning district along I-95 without an RTA, and it was not coincidental that they had terrible traffic. She said that they needed solutions, and this could be one of them.

Ms. Gary said that on May 31, she participated in a virtual call as part of the Potomac Rappahannock Transportation Commission Strategic Planning Committee. She said that their final work would soon be presented to the full commission. She said that on June 1, she attended the Alpha Phi Alpha and LEED Foundation Gala, an incredible event that deserved recognition. She said she congratulated all scholarship recipients and expressed gratitude towards both organizations for their ongoing investment in the community.

Ms. Gary said that Alpha Phi Alpha was a Black fraternity working for everyone's benefit, as they provide scholarships to children of various races who contribute significantly to the community by offering food and numerous services. She said that she had experience serving alongside some fraternities and sororities, and she noted that attending events before their start was necessary because everything would already be completed. She said she admired the dedication of these groups in serving people within the community over the years.

Ms. Gary said she chaired the Bylaws Committee on June 3. She said they addressed several issues within that committee, all of which would be presented before the Board and made public. She said that June was recognized as both CPR and AED Awareness Month and Pride Month, highlighting the importance of heart health, both physical and emotional. She said that it was also a time to honor the LGBTQ+ community for their numerous contributions to society and the community. She said she would continue to keep Ms. Vanuch's father in her prayers during his surgery.

Ms. Bohmke - expressed her gratitude to Vice Chair Allen for leading an efficient meeting. She said she appreciated Ms. Allen’s work in the organizing of the Memorial Day event. She said she wanted to acknowledge Shannon Howell's discovery of the name Boutchyard in Normandy, France, and commended her attentiveness and care for the community, which helped facilitate the connection with Stafford.

Ms. Bohmke said that she missed the previous meeting due to a family event. She said she attended and welcomed the esteemed members of the Virginia Improved Benevolent and Protective Order Elks of the World on behalf of the Board of Supervisors and the community. She said that they had stayed at a local hotel down Route 17 and were attending their second state convention in Stafford County, with plans to return next year. She said that they were the largest Black fraternal organization, and she noted their significant work both locally and globally, including scholarships for families and assistance for underserved populations.
Ms. Bohmke said that Father's Day reminded her of J.R. Raybold, the principal at Conway Elementary, who started Donuts for Dads years ago. She said that the idea was a cool way to do something for the fathers. She said she prayed for everything to go well for Ms. Vanuch's father, and she said he was tough and in their prayers.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

There was none.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Craig Meadows, Interim County Administrator, said that he would like to share several items with the Board, starting with his thoughts being with Supervisor Vanuch and her family. He said he wanted to update Supervisor English on some information they received regarding the Falmouth Bridge annual inspection.

Mr. Meadows said that the northbound right lane will be closed for three days while they inspect that side, followed by three days of closing the southbound right lane. He said that each closure will last about eight hours a day, with the hope that the process will be completed quickly. He said that it was important to ensure the inspection was done correctly, especially for older bridges.

Mr. Meadows said he wanted to mention two upcoming events: attending the Virginia Local Government Management Association conference from tomorrow until Friday as a past president of the VLGMA. He said he was serving on several committees with that group. He said that the second event was the North Stafford Rotary Flags for Heroes event happening at the Government Center next Friday, June 14, at 2 p.m.

Mr. Meadows said that June 6 was D-Day. He said that as the city manager in Bedford for nearly seven years, he was present when the National D-Day Memorial was opened and dedicated in 2001. He said that the memorial honored those from the community and nation during that period and the heroes who were part of the invasion. He asked everyone to remember their sacrifices and the freedoms they fought for this week. He said he planned to send the Board an email with updates about the RTA.

Ms. Bohmke said that there had been an RTA meeting and they also attended a subcommittee meeting with FAMPO. She said it was a very robust meeting featuring a vigorous conversation. She said that in attendance were Supervisor Diggs, Supervisor Gary, and Supervisor Yeung. She said she planned to invite Ian Ollis, the FAMPO Administrator, to the June 18 meeting to provide a high-level overview. She said that after that, she would like to have 30 minutes included in their work session for the June 26 meeting. She said she felt it was crucial that their Board votes on whether or not they want to move forward with the RTA.

Ms. Bohmke said that as representatives of the Board on FAMPO, they needed to align their actions with the Board's wishes. She said she wanted to ensure that all other members who had not been attending these subcommittee meetings were brought up to speed and that the community was informed about the potential Regional Transportation Authority.

Mr. Meadows said that he believed it was important to point out that the FAMPO Policy Committee had not taken a vote; instead, it had only been a discussion at that point. He said it was a good idea to have FAMPO staff provide a presentation.

Ms. Gary said that they were not voting to establish an RTA. She said that when FAMPO takes its vote, the actions will be to send sample legislation of what they propose if the state decided to implement an RTA. She said that this is because the General Assembly would create the RTA, so they were essentially sending a request to the General Assembly.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Bohmke said that Items 8 and 9 would be pulled at the request of Ms. Vanuch.

Ms. Allen motioned, seconded by Ms. Gary, to approve the consent agenda as amended.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea:	(7)	Allen, Bohmke, Diggs, English, Gary, Vanuch, Yeung
Nay:	(0)	

ITEM 1. COUNTY ADMINISTRATION; APPROVE MAY 21, 2024 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES.

ITEM 2. COUNTY ADMINISTRATION; APPROVE MAY 15, 2024 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORK SESSION MINUTES.

ITEM 3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATION; APPROVE FEBRUARY 9-10, 2024 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADVANCE MEETING MINUTES.

ITEM 4. BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT; RESOLUTION R24-184; BUDGET AND APPROPRIATE STATE REVENUES AND GENERAL FUND RESERVES TO SUPPORT FISCAL YEAR 2024 EXCESS PRIVATE DAY SCHOOL EXPENDITURES.

ITEM 5. CAPITAL PROJECTS TRANSPORTATION; RESOLUTION R24-192; AUTHORIZE THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAM FOR FUNDING TO COMPLETE ENGINEERING ON THE BELMONT-FERRY FARM TRAIL.

ITEM 6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT; PROCLAMATION P24-27; PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY 6-12, 2024, AS NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

ITEM 7. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES; RESOLUTION R24-164; AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER REPEALING CHAPTERS 21.5, “STORMWATER MANAGEMENT” AND 11, “EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL” TO CONSOLIDATE THE PROVISIONS INTO ONE CHAPTER OF COUNTY CODE ENTITLED “EROSION AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT”

ITEM 8. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; REAPPOINT MR. HOWARD OWEN TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REPRESENTING THE FALMOUTH DISTRICT FOR A TERM ENDING JUNE 4, 2028.

Ms. Vanuch requested that this item be moved to Closed Session.

ITEM 9. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; APPOINT MR. BRIAN ROINESTAD TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REPRESENTING THE GARRISONVILLE DISTRICT FOR A TERM ENDING JUNE 4, 2028.

Ms. Vanuch requested that this item be moved to Closed Session.

ITEM 10. FINANCE; RESOLUTION R24-175; AUTHORIZE THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT RENEWALS WITH THE VIRGINIA

ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES GROUP SELF INSURANCE RISK POOL AND BROWN & BROWN INSURANCE AGENCY OF VIRGINIA, INC. FOR INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2025.

ITEM 11. FIRE AND RESCUE; RESOLUTION R24-182; AUTHORIZE THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH SUSTAINABLE MODULAR MANAGEMENT, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF A MODULAR STRUCTURE FOR WHITE OAK FIRE STATION.

ITEM 12. FIRE AND RESCUE; RESOLUTION R24-183; BUDGET AND APPROPRIATE PRIOR YEAR-END FUND BALANCE FOR PAVING REPAIRS TO THE WIDEWATER VOLUNTEER FIRE STATION.

ITEM 13. HUMAN SERVICES; APPOINT MR. ANTHONY COPELAND TO THE COMMUNITY POLICY AND MANAGEMENT TEAM (CPMT) AS THE PARENT REPRESENTATIVE.

ITEM 14. HUMAN SERVICES; RESOLUTION R24-190; ADOPT THE FY2025-2026 VIRGINIA JUVENILE COMMUNITY CRIME CONTROL ACT PLAN

ITEM 15. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY; RESOLUTION R24-135; AUTHORIZE THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH DELL MARKETING L.P. AND APPROVE EXPENDITURES WITH DXC TECHNOLOGY SERVICES LLC FOR MICROSOFT 365 LICENSES

ITEM 16. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY; RESOLUTION R24-191; AUTHORIZE THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH CDW GOVERNMENT LLC FOR EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES.

ITEM 17. PARKS, RECREATION, FACILITIES AND TOURISM; RESOLUTION R24-177; AUTHORIZE THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A WORK ORDER TO PROVIDE AND INSTALL A GENERATOR FOR THE COUNTY'S DISASTER RECEPTION CENTER AT SAINT PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.

ITEM 18. UTILITIES; RESOLUTION R24-148; AUTHORIZE THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A TASK ORDER WITH JACOBS ENGINEERING GROUP INC. FOR DESIGN ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE SMITH LAKE PHASE 2A FACILITY UPGRADES.

ITEM 19. UTILITIES; RESOLUTION R24-179; AUTHORIZE THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A WORK ORDER WITH SAGRES CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION FOR ASPHALT RESTORATION IN THE FERRY FARM SUBDIVISION.

ITEM 20. UTILITIES; RESOLUTION R24-180; AUTHORIZE THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A WORK ORDER WITH SAGRES CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION FOR WATER SERVICE CONNECTIONS ON TAZEWELL STREET AND WINSTON PLACE WITHIN THE FERRY FARM SUBDIVISION.

ITEM 21. SHERIFF; RESOLUTION R24-148; AUTHORIZE THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AMENDING STAFFORD COUNTY CODE SEC. 15-157 REGARDING TOWING AREAS.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM 22. PLANNING AND ZONING; RESOLUTION R24-172; CONSIDER A REQUEST TO PROVIDE RELIEF FROM STAFFORD COUNTY CODE SEC. 28-185(B)(5) AND ALLOW ENON ROAD SOLAR FARM, LLC TO FILE A NEW CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP) APPLICATION FOR A PROPOSED SOLAR FACILITY PROJECT ON TAX MAP PARCEL NO. 45-127.

Mike Zuraf, Director of Planning and Zoning, said he could answer any questions since the item had been discussed during the previous two meetings.

Ms. Allen motioned, seconded by Mr. Diggs, to adopt the resolution.

Mr. English said that the reason he opposed this was that they had dealt with this issue before, and his constituents had raised concerns regarding the appropriateness of the site due to an upcoming park development project. He said he did not support the proposal. He said that the applicant should follow the proper procedures and wait the full year.

Ms. Gary said that she wanted to mention that when they had their initial vote, she abstained. She said that after careful consideration, she believed that the issue had been complex, and at this stage, she will be supporting it.

Ms. Vanuch said that she would not support the request due to concerns about taking a risky path. She said that if the Board proceeded with action, individuals might sue them and request permission to reappear before the Board later. She said that given the upcoming summer recess, the application would likely not be addressed until after the year's end.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea:	(5)	Allen, Bohmke, Diggs, Gary, Yeung
Nay:	(2)	English, Vanuch

ITEM 23. FIRE AND RESCUE; DISCUSS ESTABLISHMENT OF RETIRED CANINE CARE PROGRAM AND EMERGENCY FUND.

Ben Gouldman, Deputy Chief of Stafford County Fire Rescue, said the item was related to medical coverage for retired canines. He said the item was initially discussed with the Public Safety Committee in November 2023, and it was asked to be presented to the full Board. He said that two months ago, he presented it to the Board, which led to its inclusion in the FY25 budget.

Mr. Gouldman said that there were three options available: option one was comprehensive medical insurance coverage; option two was not an insurance but a dedicated medical fund; and option three was a combination of both option one and option two - the insurance and the medical fund. He said that the third option was the recommendation of staff. He said that associated funding had been secured. He said that regarding vet pricing, they had reached out to several vets to obtain out-of-pocket costs for different routine visits as well as emergency care from two different vets in the area.

Ms. Allen asked if it would be acceptable to approve the resolution without having the deputy present. She said she had reviewed it previously and did not identify any issues. She said that one of the topics discussed was coverage, and they had already allocated $10,000. She said that unless there were concerns from other Board members, she did not see the necessity for the presentation to continue.

Ms. Vanuch said that she was uncertain about the topic they would be voting on due to the lack of a resolution for the unfinished business. She said that the Board had already decided to move forward with a combination of option 1 and 2. She said she believed they had already made the decision when they allocated $10,000 in the budget and discussed the combination option. She said that the Public Safety Committee showed unanimous support to move forward with options A and B to the full Board. She said that nobody objected during the budget discussion, so they included it in the budget. She said she did not believe there was a need for a vote.

Donna Krauss, Deputy County Administrator, said that they reviewed the minutes to determine where they were in the process. She said that they had allocated money because at that time, the budget had not been adopted yet. She said it was merely something that the Board directed staff to do, which they completed. She said that the meeting's direction, which seemed unclear during that period, indicated that staff should return after the budget adoption to provide clarification on what everyone truly wanted.

Ms. Krauss said that Supervisor Vanuch had questions about surgery or emergencies concerning the care provided. She said that they wanted to come back today to assure the Board that it was included in the budget, and the $10,000 was designated as a one-time placeholder, while there were ongoing costs of $4,900 for annual expenses. She said that was why staff returned at the Board's direction - to discuss it again and ensure they all agreed on what they wanted to do.
Ms. Bohmke asked if there would be a resolution.

Mr. Meadows said that there was no resolution in the agenda packet. He said that staff was seeking a consensus from the Board regarding the recommendations from staff.

Ms. Krauss said that she believed option three was what the Board had been heading towards, as Supervisor Vanuch had indicated. She said that they only had new information to consider at this point.

Mr. Gouldman said that staff requested to offer Wellness Level 2 coverage for retired canines. He said this would cover two routine visits per year along with all vaccinations, heartworm testing, additional health screenings, radiographs, and EKGs.

Ms. Vanuch motioned, seconded by Ms. Gary, to move forward with Option 3 and to adopt the 12-month Wellness Level 2 coverage plan.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea:	(7)	Allen, Bohmke, Diggs, English, Gary, Vanuch, Yeung
Nay:	(0)	

ITEM 24. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; RESOLUTION R24-186; DISCUSSION OF REVISIONS TO THE BY-LAWS AND RULES OF PROCEDURE TO ADDRESS CHANGES TO THE BOARD'S MEETING AND AGENDA STRUCTURES.

Rysheda McClendon, County Attorney, said that the overview for the Board bylaws would provide a quick background recap of how the Board reached its current state, both for the supervisors and the public. She said they would discuss the revisions to the proposed bylaws and then cover the calendar for the remainder of the year based on the new agenda and order of business schedule.

Ms. McClendon said that the Board first considered suspending the use of its committees in January 2024, followed by a more in-depth discussion at the Board advance in February 2024. She said that this meeting focused on comprehensive research about what other localities were doing. She said that the Board then coalesced on its preferred option on May 7, 2024 and directed staff to focus on bylaws and amendments in a bifurcated way. She said that the session will cover the first part, revisions based on the Board's meeting and agenda structure.

Ms. McClendon said that the main revisions in the bylaws were found in section three, which was the new order of business. She said that in the Board package, the bylaws were highlighted to show the sections that were changed. She said that a table of track changes was provided for the Board to follow if they preferred using it.

Ms. McClendon said that the Day A schedule, typically held on the first Tuesday of the month, will now start at 5 p.m., as directed by the Board. She said that major changes included removing items from the consent agenda just prior to the agenda being voted on, which was different from how it was done previously. She said that Board member reports and comments have been moved further down on the agenda.

Ms. McClendon said that during Board member report and comment time, the time was available for Board members to give updates and provide the Board with additional information regarding BACCs and regional bodies they served on. She said that discussion items from the Board would now be moved to the time for Board reports and comments. She said that under the new proposed bylaws, information would return to the Board at the direction of the County Administrator, meaning where it was placed on the agenda when staff work was completed.

Ms. McClendon said that the next item which changed was presentations and reports by agencies, which allowed the Board to hear updates from regional partners such as VDOT, landfills, or any other agency. She said that the action items for Day A were different. She said that action items were items which the Board was prepared to vote on accompanied by a brief summary. She said that items requiring more information or work will be deferred until another day or sent to a work session. She said that an action must occur, and if the Board did not take action on an action item, and there would be no further consideration of that item.

Ms. McClendon said that for day B, typically held on the third Tuesday of the month, all meetings start at 5 p.m. She said that Day B work session items were those that required more staff support and discussion but were also ready for Board action, allowing the Board to vote without any waiver of bylaws or time-sensitive changes. She said that that there was a section for presentations and reports by departments, which included routine presentations, reports, and updates from County departments. She said that with the Board's direction, the County Administrator can bring the items back as a department item.

Ms. McClendon said that staff had proposed starting public hearings at 6:30 p.m., however, at the last meeting, the Board provided direction to start the public presentations at 6:30 and to have public hearings follow that. She said that staff wanted to confirm this was the actual direction of the Board. She said she recognized the nodding heads of the supervisors as support for the direction previously provided by the Board.

Mr. English asked for clarification about the presentations from the public for the Day B schedule. Ms. McClendon said that at 6:30 p.m., regardless of the Board's agenda, the current business would pause and they would move directly to presentations by the public at 6:30 p.m. She said that afterwards, the Board would proceed to public hearings, and after that, the Board would continue whatever business was left unfinished earlier in the meeting.

Mr. English said he did not support that change, and he would rather public presentations start at 7 p.m.

Dr. Yeung asked when presentations from the public would take place on the Day A schedule.

Ms. McClendon said that on day A, there was no designated time for public presentations. She said that they would follow the agenda and its order, and once they reached the relevant section, the public would have the opportunity to speak, just as it was currently being done.

Dr. Yeung said she was concerned by that schedule. She said that she has an issue with it because, as she previously stated, regarding the timing aspect, they needed to be consistent. She said that the public had requested time to be able to travel to the meeting. She said that if they did not know where they were with the agenda and were scheduling Day B at 6:30 PM, then they must also follow the same approach on the Day A schedule. She said that the public should know there is a set time to speak.

Ms. Vanuch said that there are two reasons for the difference in times. She said that now, public comment was the same setup, but the meeting started at 3 p.m. She said that the meeting was proposed to start 2 hours later, so people would have that time to travel to the meeting. She said that the second reason was because they wanted to allow the public to speak on action items for the day. She said that if the item was set to a specific time, they could quickly move through proclamations and reports, and then they would move to action items, but it would be well before 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Vanuch said she did not recommend moving public presentations because the public would not be able to speak on items which the Board was taking action on at the meeting. She said that the new structure was designed so that the action items were addressed on day A, and public hearings were addressed on day B. She said that this concept was different from their current operation where everything was done in the same meetings.

Ms. Vanuch said that starting at 5 p.m. helps make the process more transparent for the public, as they can speak on anything before the Board takes action. She said that if it were changed to 6:30, they might finish all business, so the public would not be able to provide input before they make decisions.

Dr. Yeung said that regardless of whether an item was an action or non-action item, the public expressed that starting at 5:00 PM was too early. She said that some individuals might leave work and arrive at 3:00 PM, while others could come at 7:00 PM. She said that regardless of the type of item, the public indicated they needed more time to reach the location. She said she suggested reconsidering the schedule.

Dr. Yeung asked how this was addressed in other localities. She said that people were coming from work and required additional time to attend meetings and voice their opinions. She said that her only concern was ensuring that everyone had enough time to participate, regardless of the nature of the item being discussed. She said that if it was proposed that starting at 5:00 PM was due to action items, she believed this should not limit attendance only to those concerned with such items.

Ms. Gary said she had received emails expressing similar issues to those brought up by Supervisor English and Dr. Yeung. She said she thought that they were not yet ready to move forward with the proposal. She said she preferred to defer it and provide more time for supervisors to meet with staff if they had additional questions. She said that reorganizing their meetings was a significant change, and she thought it was better to ensure it was done correctly rather than rushing the process.

Ms. McClendon said that the remaining part of the presentation was brief as Day A and Day B are the most business and action-oriented days. She said that Day C was the work session day, which will be scheduled; however, it will only be utilized when necessary, as requested by the Board.

She said that this was a familiar work session schedule for the Board. She said that this is the day designated for the Board to delve into depth with business and information.

Ms. McClendon said that it should be noted that they have included the provision requested by the Board regarding not voting unless the item was deemed time-sensitive by a two-third vote. She said that the primary distinction between the Day C work sessions and the Day B work sessions was that Day C items were not ready for action, but Day B items were even if they may require more in-depth information.

Ms. Bohmke asked if a closed session could be called for the Day C schedule.

Ms. McClendon said that closed sessions were always permissible, and they could be held at any point, when necessary, as long as they met the state code requirements.

Ms. Bohmke said that they may have situations, such as now regarding personnel issues, where they need to enter into a closed meeting. She said that the aim was to avoid having closed sessions, but they might be necessary occasionally for such matters. She said that if they moved through the Day A schedule quickly, Item 5, Presentations by the Public, may happen earlier than 6:30 p.m. She said that Board members had expressed concerns about that. She asked what time the Board would be comfortable with if they started the meeting later.

Mr. English said he had concerns about the meeting starting at 5 p.m. because senior residents or other residents may not want to drive that late. He said that in the winter, it would be dark by 5 p.m., and he had concerns about seniors not being able to drive at night. He said that Day A should start at 3 p.m., and Day B should start at 5 p.m. He said that personally, he did not like change. He said that they should take senior residents into consideration.

Ms. Bohmke asked Mr. Meadows to provide his insight into the issue.

Mr. Meadows said that the scheduling of meetings varied depending on the Board's preferences and their members' availability. He said he acknowledged concerns about citizens attending meetings and explained that some Boards had members with full-time jobs who could only start a meeting at 5 or 5:30 in the afternoon. He said that in Roanoke City and Roanoke County, meetings were scheduled for either 2 or 3 in the afternoon.

Mr. Meadows said that the key was ensuring public address opportunities were available. He said that if it was early in one meeting and later in another, that was acceptable as long as there were times for the public to address the Board. He said he had observed various ways in different communities, but as long as there was a component for public address, the need for public participation was addressed.

Ms. Vanuch said that in terms of avoiding driving at night, they allowed online comments. She said that these public comments were read prior to the Board meeting and required submission by Monday night when reviewing the packets. She said she treated those comments like listening to ones in public. She said she wanted to focus on the actual questions regarding the bylaws. She asked what Section 5.2 was reserved for.

Ms. McClendon said that the intention was to reduce the number of changes made. She said that as a result, a portion was removed. She said that instead of renumbering all subsequent sections, it had been labeled as reserved to maintain the original spacing.

Ms. Vanuch said that her other question was regarding Board comments, Section 3.7, Item 1. She said that in this section, they allowed five minutes for Board comments but also mentioned the responsibility to provide updates on committees. She said she was unsure if the Board would agree to this change because it has been a contentious issue, but if they reduced Board comments to three minutes per person, then those providing committee updates could be granted an additional two minutes. She said that this proposal would give the Chair authority to monitor and adjust time as needed.

Ms. Gary said that she believed limiting the comment time to five minutes was reasonable and added that they had discussed this briefly in the Bylaws Committee meeting. She said that regarding updating the Board on other boards and commissions they served on, perhaps having more open-ended language with flexibility would be beneficial. She said that members did not necessarily have to provide updates during their Board comments.

Ms. Gary said that the previous attempt to mitigate other issues may not have achieved the desired results, so their language could state that reports can be given in Board comments or through alternative methods like email communication. She said that as long as members were providing the necessary updates, the Chair could adjust the time limit if needed.

Ms. Vanuch said she supported three minutes because five minutes was unnecessary. She asked for there to be a vote on whether to change the time limit from five minutes to three minutes for Board updates. She said that the time limit could be extended for committee updates by two minutes. She said that she suggested changing the number of items each Board member could bring up for discussion from two to only one.

Ms. Gary asked for clarification about the discussion items from Board members.

Ms. McClendon said that at the previous meeting when the Board was reviewing the agenda, staff had explained that the discussion item section was being moved under the Board comment section. She said that this change aimed to give Board members a chance to preview an issue or concern with the overall Board. She said that if the Board agreed, they could then direct staff to address it or perform related work. She said that as a result, the discussion items would be relocated to that part of their comments.

Ms. Gary asked if this would mean that staff would present information related to the discussion items during the Board comments section.

Ms. McClendon said that the purpose of a discussion item was for the Board to raise a topic they were interested in. She said that typically, there was not any staff work associated with it initially. She said that once the Board expressed their interest, then the staff work began. She said that this adhered to the established process and new structure.

Ms. Bohmke asked if the matter would be tabled if the Board did not express interest in the item. Ms. Vanuch said it would be up to the Board member to get three others to support the item if they wanted to bring it up again.

Ms. McClendon said that there was no limit on the number of times a Board member can bring up an item for discussion. She said that they might want to discuss it further with their colleagues before mentioning it as their one item at the next meeting.

Ms. Gary said that it sounding like they were adding obstacles to their job by requiring Board majority support for discussion items.

Ms. Vanuch said that she would remind the Board that there were other ways to bring things forward via work sessions and other items. She said that the second point she had was the voting district in lieu of address under section 3.6(A) Item 1. She said that currently, people were required to state their name, address, and the district they reside in.

Ms. Vanuch said she suggested changing it to name and district instead of address. She said she recalled when she first came to the Board to speak, she was hesitant to provide her address, so she believed there was no reason for them to require individuals to give their addresses. She said she would like that updated since they were reviewing this matter.

Dr. Yeung said that the Bylaws Committee had recommended support of that change.

Ms. Vanuch asked if they could reflect the recommendation in the current draft.

Ms. McClendon said that the purpose of these changes was not to modify anything already present. She said that if the Board instructed to implement such changes now, they could be done.

Ms. Gary said that at this moment, they were reviewing the Board meeting structure as suggested by Ms. McClendon; however, there were additional proposals and suggestions from the Bylaws Committee that would be presented later.

Ms. Bohmke said that was correct. She said that since Ms. Vanuch's suggestion was simple, it should be included.

Dr. Yeung said that they previously had four opportunities a month for public comment—one at 3 p.m. and one at 7 p.m. at each meeting. She said that now, they were proposing only two, one at 6:30 p.m. and one at 3:30 p.m. She said that she believed that significant changes should be memorable and that they did not need to rush the process. She said they were in month six, and the change seemed sudden. She said that those who required it should have one-on-one or two-on-two conversations with the County Administrator or the County Attorney to address concerns.

Dr. Yeung said that the five minutes could be used as the supervisor wanted. She said that if a supervisor had reports or nothing else to say, they could yield the time. She said she recalled feeling uncomfortable when it was under five minutes and felt like she had to finish her comments quickly. She said that five minutes allowed them to speak freely without feeling rushed. She said that they should keep some of the bylaws the same. She said that they needed to make sure they were doing it right.

Mr. Diggs asked for clarification about the procedure for when no action was taken on an action item.

Ms. McClendon said that the agenda currently consisted solely of new business and unfinished business, so there was no other place for an item to go. She said that the Board must decide how they wish to handle their business matters. She said that if an item was before them for action but required more information, the Board would need to defer it. She said that this would involve a vote by the Board, after which the item would be brought back for further discussion. She said that the goal was to ensure that the Board made meaningful choices regarding action items and that there was no option to carry over items, like new business or unfinished business, on the new order of business.

Ms. Bohmke said that it appeared there were Board members who were not comfortable moving forward. She said that the Board should only move the item forward unanimously. She said that some board members might have minor concerns about specific items, possibly due to the fear of change, which was something nobody enjoyed. She said that they should defer the item to the next meeting.

Ms. Vanuch said that according to their current bylaws, the item had to remain on the agenda for multiple meetings. She said that there were no discussions regarding taking action during this session. She said that this was solely to adhere to the bylaws requirements. She said that the item needed to be advertised for multiple meetings.

Mr. English motioned to amend the bylaws by decreasing the speaking time from five to three minutes on Section 3.7(A) Item 1. He said that this was plenty of time to speak. Ms. Vanuch seconded.

Ms. Gary asked if they were going to take a vote to change the recommendation or if they were only going to poll the Board. She said that the Chair wanted unanimous approval.
Ms. Bohmke said that they were voting on a specific item within the bylaws.

Ms. Gary said that restricting Board members to three minutes was inappropriate. She said that members of the public speaking on behalf of organizations had five minutes. She said that as representatives of thousands of people, it did not make sense to limit their speaking time in this manner. She said that although they had been managing their time more effectively recently, it was still their right to speak to the community and potentially even more so than someone from a smaller organization.

Ms. Gary said that reducing the time to three minutes seemed like an overreach and an attempt to control Board members. She said she had been shut down by the Chair for her comments, and this was another way to do that to any other Board member. She said that it was not appropriate.

Ms. Bohmke said that she would like to clarify that she did not believe it is an attempt to shut people down. She said she thought it was an attempt to run efficient meetings. She said she did not think there was an intention of controlling or silencing individuals.

Ms. Gary said that Ms. Bohmke had turned off her microphone, which was why she did not think that.

Ms. Vanuch said that she was supportive of the three-minute time limit because they only allowed the public three minutes to speak. She said that these updates were general in nature, and they had ample time to discuss each agenda item. She said that limiting the time to three minutes focuses on essential information for district updates and reminded them that the Board has $10,000 allocated for constituent communications and outreach in their specific districts. She said that she encouraged Board members use those funds wisely. She said that she encouraged the Board to move forward with keeping the Board comments limited at three minutes and to keep their meetings on task.

Ms. Allen said that she understood the concerns of individuals who believed reducing from five to three minutes may hinder their ability to communicate with constituents or rush updates to the public. She said she did not wish to change bylaws if people had general concerns about communication. She said that she respected Ms. Vanuch's point regarding access to staffing and the $10,000 allocated for the communication pieces. She said that however, she believed each person should decide how to use their funds.

Ms. Allen said that regarding Board comments, she was tempted to inquire what data said about average speaking time. She said that there may be a metric that could provide comfort, knowing it was based on scientific analysis. She said that they could collectively analyze the average length of Board comments over a year and then consider adjusting the time limit if the average justified three minutes. She said that this would make it harder to argue that voices were being stifled.

Ms. Allen said that if the information supported this, they needed to determine the appropriate length of time. She said that she was unsure if she was ready to support doing this. She said that while listening, she felt that while she did not have a specific preference for the duration, but if she did, she would choose three minutes. She said that she did not want to impose that on others who may be uncomfortable with it.

Ms. Gary made a substitute motion, seconded by Dr. Yeung, to defer the item and request staff to review the previous comments.

Ms. Vanuch said that to clarify, there was no reason to defer the item because they were restricted from taking action on this item according to their bylaws.

Ms. Bohmke said that there was a motion on the floor about this particular item, which Ms. Gary wished to defer.

Ms. Gary asked Ms. McClendon if they should be polling on the issue of the time for Board comments rather than the motion that had been made.

Ms. McClendon said that it was ultimately up to the Board to decide how they would like to proceed with offering staff direction. She said that if a motion had been made, a substitute motion was appropriate. She said that the Board may choose polling as a method for giving direction to staff, which could be accommodated. She said that it was ultimately up to the Board to determine their preferred course of action.

Ms. Bohmke called the vote for the substitute motion.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea:	(3)	Allen, Gary, Yeung
Nay:	(4)	Bohmke, Diggs, English, Vanuch

Ms. Bohmke called the vote for the original motion to limit the time for Board member remarks to three minutes.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea:	(4)	Allen, Bohmke, English, Vanuch
Nay:	(3)	Diggs, Gary, Yeung

Ms. Allen said that she had wished to abstain from the motion.

Ms. Bohmke motioned to reconsider the vote.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea:	(5)	Allen, Bohmke, Diggs, Gary, Yeung
Nay:	(2)	English, Vanuch

Ms. Bohmke called the vote for the original motion.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea:	(3)	Bohmke, English, Vanuch
Nay:	(3)	Diggs, Gary, Yeung
Abstain:	(1)	Allen

Ms. Allen said that to explain her abstention, she believed there was a middle ground that had not been explored yet, and hopefully, this would help them reach it. She said that the middle ground involved considering the staff's recommendation because it would come from an impartial perspective, which could alleviate concerns about other motives or machinations at play.

Ms. McClendon said that because the motion failed, the direction for the staff would be to maintain the duration at five minutes. She said that this decision was based on the current guidelines outlined in the bylaws.

Dr. Yeung asked what would happen to the committees, specifically the Workforce Housing Committee.

Ms. Bohmke said that they would discuss that later because it was not part of their current discussion on the meeting structure.

Dr. Yeung asked if they would discuss that during their work sessions.

Ms. Bohmke said that they had many items to cover during their work session on June 26, so she did not anticipate it would be an item for discussion during that session.

Ms. Gary said that there was additional information that would be brought to the Board from Ms. McClendon regarding that issue.

Ms. Vanuch asked if Ms. McClendon could review the next steps for this item so the process was clear to the public.

Ms. McClendon said that the bylaws mandated this notice to be presented during the current meeting, and then subsequently, the Board could address it at their next meeting, they needed to determine what the Board desired to see. She said that there were still some unresolved matters. She said that they had resolved the five-minute item, but other concerns had also been raised.

Ms. McClendon said that if the Board was not ready to approve this matter at the upcoming meeting, they could bring it back to the next meeting for further discussion on the remaining items. She said that currently, there had been no clarity regarding specific questions about public comment time or a 3:00 p.m. start time on day A because they had not received feedback from the majority of the Board.

Mr. English said that he would like to see the A day start at 3:00 p.m. to accommodate their senior citizens who attended their meetings.

Dr. Yeung said that she would like to ensure that public comment time took place later in the day because they reduced it from four to two sessions. She said that to maintain consistency, both of these sessions should be held in the evening, either at 6:30 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. She said that she would propose arranging a one-on-one meeting with Ms. McClendon before their next meeting, which would allow for any additional questions to be answered and prepared for voting.

Ms. McClendon said that she would like to make a suggestion. She said that without offending any individual Board members, she recommended ensuring there was a majority in the decision-making process. She said that to achieve this, she proposed that the Board member report what they would like to see, then conduct a Board poll so she knew what information to incorporate into the bylaws.

Ms. Bohmke said that the consensus of the Board was not to start A day meetings at 3:00 p.m., so they would stay with the existing proposed schedule.

Dr. Yeung said that she had proposed that the public comment periods begin at 6:30 p.m. during both meeting days.

Ms. Bohmke said that the consensus of the Board was to not begin public comment at 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Vanuch said that she would prefer that Board comments and reports be included under one item rather than two numbered agenda items.
Ms. Bohmke said that the consensus of the Board was to have one agenda item for Board comments and reports.

Ms. Gary said that she was concerned about how the action items would be brought up and then go away after that first time. She said that she would recommend they be brought back in the same manner as unfinished business and new business.

Ms. McClendon said that ultimately, the Board could write into the bylaws that it would come back as an action item. She said that staff encouraged the Board to consider the items they wanted to bring back. She said that if a motion was made for an item to be deferred and brought back, then it should be done. She said that leaving it open-ended might result in the Board not addressing the item, leading to unnecessary items being brought up at future meetings. She said that this approach ensured that the Board only dealt with items they wanted to address and directed how they would handle them, either through deferral, action, or work sessions.

Ms. Gary thanked Ms. McClendon for the clarification. She said that her concern was that sometimes, matters were presented to them only to require further discussion later on. She said that this could be due to changes in their perspectives or new information coming to light. She said that to avoid having to advocate for revisiting such topics, she suggested adopting a standard practice of returning items as unfinished business. She said that it would provide the necessary time and space for discussions without any need for additional support to revisit the item. She said that she requested that the Board reconsider that option.

Ms. Allen said that while she understood Ms. Gary's point, she believed that if this day was dedicated to action items, the mindset should be prepared to take action then and not consistently deferring. She said that if they continued to defer, their subsequent action days would only consist of actions they must complete. She said that having it on just that day would efficiently handle business, unless they absolutely needed it.

Ms. Allen said that as Ms. McClendon suggested, they would address a deferral if they desperately required it; however, leaving items unfinished as they currently did may result in 20 additional items added to the next action day. She said that consequently, instead of having a smooth process, which was their intention, they could find themselves there until late hours due to an overwhelming number of action items.

Ms. Vanuch said that this went back to Mr. Spence's remarks about viewing this through a different lens than their current approach. She said that previously, he mentioned that action items consisted of general consent matters or topics previously reviewed in work sessions, presentations by department or agency reports. She said that these would be familiar issues they had encountered before and required the Board's action. She said that if further clarification was needed, they could defer it. She said that however, these were not unexpected occurrences unless they were the typical consent items, which were uncontroversial and routine in nature. She said that she did not have any specific issues or concerns regarding this matter.

Dr. Yeung said that if the action items were matters that the Board had heard previously, then it meant that the public had also been made aware of them.

Ms. Vanuch said that the public may not have had a chance to make comments on the items if they were items that were presented during work sessions where public comment was not allowed. She said that if the staff presented the information, they would hear it on the second Board meeting of the month. She said that if someone wished to comment on that item at the first Board meeting of the month but it was on the agenda before public comment, the Board must take action prior to allowing the public to speak on that item.

Andrew Spence, Chief Director of Information Services, said that this schedule provided numerous opportunities for obtaining the desired information. He said that with work sessions on multiple days for both B and C, these served as chances for staff to present discussion items requiring further exploration and dialogue.

Mr. Spence said that additionally, during department reports, some new business items could be addressed, allowing the Board to have those as action items for the next A day meeting. He said that this schedule provided more opportunities for asking questions and receiving information on items presented by staff while also providing transparency to the entire community and staff on many items that would appear before the Board.

Ms. Bohmke asked if Ms. McClendon had the direction she needed.

Ms. McClendon said yes, they would incorporate the majority polled items into revised versions of the bylaws for the next meeting. She said that she would like to give an opportunity for Deputy County Administrator Donna Krauss to address the Board briefly about the calendar moving forward, as there was a change in addition to the meeting schedule.

Ms. Krauss said that Ms. Holmes had provided a large calendar for reference purposes. She said that the PowerPoint presentation created by Ms. McClendon contained the dates in list format; however, they decided to create a calendar for a broader overview. She said that they could see the guide on the left using A day, B day, and C day. She said that they had incorporated budget work sessions happening next October and additional meetings into this calendar. She said that below the color box was a guide indicating what those meetings were. She said that the dates for the BACC holiday gathering and organizational meeting were also included in the calendar.

Ms. Krauss said that the staff had considered scheduling the advance meeting in advance for better preparation earlier in the process than in previous years, but it was not adopted yet and could only be decided during the organizational meeting. She said that they had also included their closure dates for reference, including when the County was closed, when schools were closed, and when both were closed. She said that this provided situational awareness of their partners across the street and their schedules. She said that in looking at the fall calendar, they had checked the school calendar to avoid conflicts in terms of scheduling joint meetings related to the budget.

Ms. Allen said that she noticed their first meeting in August would be a B day.

Ms. Krauss said that was the plan, but if the Board determined that it would not work, they would adjust the calendar accordingly.

Ms. Bohmke said that June 27 was the date of their three-on-three meeting. She asked if they could set the calendar for the three-on-three meetings during their organizational meeting in January.

Ms. Krauss said yes.

Ms. Bohmke said that she did not see the Christmas event on the calendar.

Ms. Krauss said that the tree lighting event was typically handled by the Department of Parks and Recreation. She said that the date was typically determined by the Chair of the Board and staff. She said that it would likely be December 6 or December 13.

Ms. Bohmke said that it would be beneficial to include that in this calendar as well.

Ms. Krauss said that staff could add it for the date of December 6.

Ms. Bohmke said that the Christmas tree lighting should be specifically handled by the Parks and Recreation Department, but she did not think the Board Chair should be involved in the event. She said that it was a great event created in the County, but Parks and Recreation was capable of organizing the event without the Board Chair's help. She said that it would be appropriate to have a quarterly update from the County Administrator on any relevant information, and if there were any new ideas from Board members, they could be included in the process.

Ms. Krauss said that it sounded like a great idea.
Ms. Gary asked if the Chair would help with fundraising for the event, which had been helpful in the past.

Ms. Vanuch said that it was in the budget this year, so fundraising was not necessary.

Ms. Bohmke said that Ms. Vanuch and Dr. Yeung had done an outstanding job in raising funds in addition to their Chair responsibilities. She said that because it was included in the budget this year, it would benefit everyone.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 25. DISCUSSION ABOUT A TREE CANOPY ORDINANCE REQUESTED BY SUPERVISOR MONICA GARY.

Ms. Gary said that she did not want to remain idle and keep requesting grants without assurance of receiving them; she would like to be prepared ahead of time. She said that upon consulting Laura Hassel, their part-time conservation specialist from NVCT, she suggested examining the maintenance of the tree canopy as a potential solution. She said that other Counties and localities such as Fredericksburg, had recently taken steps to address this issue.

Ms. Gary said that she would like to explore this option and gather information from staff about its feasibility. She said that although it might not be possible to establish an actual ordinance at present, she believed that obtaining relevant data would be beneficial. She said that she had been receiving emails from developers expressing concerns over the potential impact on their profits.

Ms. Gary said that Friends of Rappahannock were working towards passing legislation that allowed localities to implement ordinances concerning this matter. She said that if they could obtain relevant data from their staff and return to the topic if the Board was amenable, it would help them mitigate future flooding issues resulting from land clearing and other factors.

Mike Morris, Deputy County Administrator, said that Kathy Baker had information regarding what was in the current landscape ordinance if they would like to have that. He said that they could provide a complete update of all legislative aspects and existing provisions during a work session this fall. He said that they could then discuss potential additions as well. He said that they would be glad to do that in a work session this fall.

Ms. Bohmke said that there was consensus from the Board to discuss the matter during a work session in the fall.

CLOSED MEETING

Ms. Allen motioned, seconded by Ms. Gary, to defer the closed meeting until after the 7:00 p.m. session.

Ms. Bohmke said that they did not have to motion to defer the closed meeting. She said that they could just move it. She said that they had one Board member who could not be in the closed session, so they may defer an item or two, but they would take that up later.

RECESS

At 5:11 p.m., the Board recessed its meeting.

At 7:00 p.m. Chairman Bohmke called the evening session to order. Mr. English gave the invocation. Ms. Allen led the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

1. Kevin Haimovici, 998 Aspen Road, Stafford VA said that the first item he would like to discuss was about adjusting the meeting start time to accommodate commuters. He said that while the Board may prefer a 5:00 p.m. start time, many people were still on the road during that hour. He requested that the Board consider a 6:30 p.m. start time for public presentations on one night and maintaining the 3:00 p.m. start time for the other day.

   Mr. Haimovici said his second point was regarding Buc-ee’s. He said that it was understood that it was likely a year before the matter would appear before the Board, but the public would continue to come before the Board to keep the issue front and center. He said that if any of the Board members lived near the affected area, they would be strongly opposed to it as well. He said that the public did not want it at Exit 140, and in the spirit of compromise, he suggested placing it at Exit 136 where it was more commercial. He said that the impact extended beyond Garrisonville District and impacted Rock Hill, Hartwood, Falmouth, and Aquia.

   Mr. Haimovici said that considering the location and district borders, other districts would be impacted as well. He said that traffic congestion would be a nightmare. He said that Dr. Yeung was already on board, but they needed the rest of the Board to be on board if the location remained on Austin Ridge Drive. He said that lastly, Governor Youngkin was being manipulated by the owner of Buc-ee's, and he asked that the Board not be manipulated and to make a sensible decision based on what is best for their constituents, avoiding placing it in a residential area.

2. Peter Stencavage, 12 Booth Court, was present to discuss Buc-ee's. He said that in the novel God's Little Acre, a character named Ty-Ty pledged to donate profits from one acre of his land to the church; however, he feared that gold would be discovered on that particular acre. He said that to relocate the small marker designating God's acre, Ty-Ty repeatedly altered its position. He said that likewise, Stafford County had modified the proffers for the three-acre parcel situated at the northern end of Buc-ee's 36-acre plot over time.

   Mr. Stencavage said that ten years ago, they fought against rezoning and lost, resulting in the removal of the park proffer. He said that instead, proffers were implemented to restrict business types and operational hours. He asked if these proffers would be honored, or if Stafford County would continue to permit developers to shift God's Little Acres for their benefit whenever they desired. He requested the Board to act in the best interests of Stafford County residents, individuals who lived there and contributed to the community. He requested that they did not act for Buc-ee's interests, a business that was not community-oriented and primarily attracted out-of-state and out-of-County visitors.

3. Russell Stegemoller, 358 Embrey Mill Road, said that he moved to the area in 2016 for work and found it to be a great, affordable place with reasonable commute time to Fairfax. He said that traffic had increased significantly since then. He said that if the meeting times changed, he could never attend the Board meetings due to the longer commute, which would prevent him from having a say in matters that concerned him.

   Mr. Stegemoller said that his second point was about the proposed Buc-ee's location. He said that while he was not opposed to Buc-ee's itself, he found the location problematic. He said that it would increase traffic in and out of the neighborhood, delay response times for first responders, and prolong travel time for residents from Woodbridge to Falmouth. He said that on a recent Saturday morning he tried to reach Prince William Forest Park.

   Mr. Stegemoller said that it took him 20 minutes just to go from the Walmart intersection to Route 1 due to traffic congestion. He said that the drive from Garrisonville to Courthouse took 35 minutes for three miles because of wall-to-wall traffic in both directions. He said that traveling to Quantico took 28 minutes. He said that many of the things approved in Stafford were industrial, transforming a residential area into an industrial park.

   Mr. Stegemoller said that there had been three warehouses, a data center, and now potentially Buc-ee's. He said that all of these developments created an industrial corridor between Woodbridge and Fredericksburg. He said that this was not residential. He said that most residents here commuted because there were no local job opportunities. He said that the jobs

Buc-ee's would provide were not high-paying; they were fast food worker positions, with salaries under $20 an hour.

Mr. Stegemoller said that this was not what Stafford County needed. He said that the percentage of high-paying jobs from Buc-ee's was around 1% or 2%. He asked if the governor's support and opinion would influence the Board's decision when representing Stafford County residents. He said that regarding traffic concerns on I-95 mentioned during the VDOT meeting, adding Buc-ee's would only worsen the issues they previously addressed.

4. Darla Stencavage, 12 Booth Court, said that she would be discussing Buc-ee's. She said that Buc-ee's was not building their community but rather potentially causing further disconnection and division in an already fragmented world. She said that Stafford County leaders had the power to do something for Stafford to foster a sense of community. She said that she was inspired by great leaders of the past who strived towards a better community.

   Ms. Stencavage said that one such leader was Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who highlighted the importance of joining together to work for common humanity in what he called the beloved community. She said that Dr. King pointed out that without a harmonious community, people could not work together to realize their dreams. She said that the idea of a beloved community was first developed by Harvard professor and theologian Josiah Royce.

   Ms. Stencavage said that in 1913, Royce wrote, "My life means nothing; either theoretically or practically, unless I am a member of a community." She said that he believed that there was an ideal, beloved community made up of all those who were dedicated to the cause of loyalty and truth. She said that for Dr. King, this beloved community was a realistic, achievable goal in which all people could join together in inner group and inner personal living to share in the wealth of the earth.

   Ms. Stencavage said that Dr. King stressed that to achieve this, it was crucial to care for one another and strive for justice for all people. She said that as Dr. King often said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." She said that injustice was something every human being in the beloved community must face. She said that fortunately, the injustices many people experience today are not as severe as those Dr. King fought against.

   Ms. Stencavage said that there were injustices occurring in Stafford County, and she emphasized the need for leaders to take a stand and address them. She said that there was an injustice when founders of large corporations made donations to political leaders who then pushed projects that were not in the best interest of the community. She said that there was also injustice when citizens relied on County leaders to protect their health and welfare, but instead those leaders brought pollution and traffic congestion into the area.

Ms. Stencavage said that there was injustice when people needed jobs that paid living wages but instead County leaders only settled for companies providing low-level jobs. She said that Dr. King affirmed that the ultimate goal inherent in the quest of the beloved community was not political power or economic power, but rather they were ingredients in the objective they sought in life. She said that he believed that the end of that objective was truly a brotherly society, the creation of the beloved community.

5. Ann Turpyn, 105 Aquia Bay Avenue, said that her main concern was regarding Buc-ee's, a business she frequently encountered during her daily commute from Hope Road to the Rouse Center and her church on Shelton Shop. She said that recently, while returning from Costco via I-95 North, she had to exit onto Route 630 West and turn left into the left lane. She said that if she were heading towards Buc-ee's, she would need to turn left again and merge across two lanes.

   Ms. Turpyn said that the traffic impact of Buc-ee's would be immense not only for the residents of Embrey Mill but also for all of Stafford County. She said she was familiar with how Route 610 backed up during afternoons and evenings, causing congestion at every light. She said that as a result, many people from the Courthouse area took Mine Road to Austin Ridge because it was nearly impossible to navigate on Route 610. She said that a Buc-ee's in that location would be terrible. She said that perhaps it would be more suitable near the airport in an industrial zone, although she was unsure if that exit could handle the traffic.

   Ms. Turpyn said that placing Buc-ee's among the existing gas stations, Wawa, McDonald's, and Rouse Center would likely exacerbate the current traffic issues for both north and southbound travelers. She asked the Board to carefully consider that this location was not suitable and would be a significant disservice to those who lived there.

6. Laura Carlson, 19 Patriot Way, said that it had come to her attention that the 70,000 plus square foot convenience store and gas pump of Buc-ee's would require rezoning at least one parcel of the land they intend to purchase as it was currently designated B-1. She asked that the property not be rezoned to B-2 for use as a mega gas station, convenience store, or other high intensity industrial business because it would not be good use of that land for residents. She said that they did not want potential environmental hazards from fuel nor the air and noise pollution of a 24-7 mega gas station.

Ms. Carlson said that she proposed relocating Buc-ee's to another location, as others had suggested. She said that their family-oriented community would like to see better use of the land. She said that they could include a mini downtown similar to Fredericksburg or even a Stone Bridge. She said that they should consider a hotel to attract and have higher paying wages for their residents. She said she wanted to create a community where servicemen and women who work in this area and retire in this area want to stay in this area.

Ms. Carlson said she works with a lot of military personnel from Quantico and Fort Belvoir, and their decisions were already being changed not to stay within this area. She said that it was a disservice to them who have given their time, a long time, for their freedom. She said that she wants a place where the community can work, socialize, and spend money in Stafford rather than in Spotsylvania or Prince William Counties. She said that guests should also have a place to come, shop, eat at sit-down restaurants, attend local festivals or cultural events, and get to know other farther out neighbors from Stafford Districts.

Ms. Carlson said that recently, she became aware of a study conducted with vehicle counters in the proposed area by either Buc-ee's or VDOT. She said she heard that it was stopped at 4 p.m. on a Thursday, which did not reflect rush hour or weekend traffic in that area. She said that this was a high concern for all local residents and those unaware of the impacts on other districts.

7. Cherie Smith, 18 Booth Court, said that in January of this year, she left her house at approximately 5 a.m. She said that the weather was cold, foggy, and dark as she made her way down the driveway. She said she noticed a man standing between her house and her neighbor's house. She said that before he could see her, she ducked behind the cars to avoid being seen. She said her heart raced, and her hands became sweaty with anxiety. She said she wondered why this man was on her property and how he had managed to get through the tree line at the back. She said she watched him walk up the street towards Booth Court before turning onto Century going towards Austin Ridge Road.

   Ms. Smith said that concerned for her safety, she called her daughter to inform her of the situation and assure her that she was safe. She said that despite feeling uneasy about the man's presence, she continued to think about how he had entered her property undetected. She said that she drove down the road intending to call an officer when she reached the traffic light, she saw a police car approaching. She said she decided to flag it down to report the suspicious individual. She said that as she continued driving, she noticed another officer nearby.

Ms. Smith said that although this was unusual, she carried on her way to Petersburg where she served as a provider for active-duty service members. She said that upon arrival, she still felt shaken, thinking about what could have happened if the man had seen her. She said her daughter called to inform her that the police had apprehended the suspect on Austin Ridge. She said that if this was possible without development behind her house, she was concerned about what Buc-ee's would bring if it was located behind her house.

8. Connie Smith, 201 Larkspur Lane, said that she had found herself standing before the Board for the second time in a few weeks instead of using her Fred Nats tickets to cheer on local teams. She said she was willing to sacrifice her personal time to ensure she could continue calling Stafford County home. She said that as she tried to figure out the next steps, she spent considerable time talking with neighbors and conducting research. She said that before sharing her findings, she acknowledged that discussing Buc-ee's in numerous meetings might be exhausting for everyone listening.

   Ms. Smith said that being a homeowner in Embrey Mill, living with the potential of having a Buc-ee's store nearby, was also tiring. She said she had sent a couple of emails and received responses. She said that this issue was not about party lines or political affiliations but rather about being a Stafford County homeowner. She said she moved to Stafford from Fairfax three years ago and built a house in Embrey Mill, where she loved the community and wanted it to continue thriving while maintaining a sense of belonging. She said she would share some findings from a quick Google search that caught her attention, such as "Disney World of Gas Stations" and "Son of Buc-ee's co-founder indicted after invasive visual recordings."

   Ms. Smith said that the megastore Buc-ee’s was sued over cheap gas prices. She said that Stafford also appeared in that Google search because many neighbors in the area wanted to oppose it, and rightfully so. She said that she had been examining a few other things as well. She said that they discussed jobs and all the benefits they could bring to Stafford. She said that she began conducting a quick Google search about the types of jobs available in Stafford for those positions. She said that the list was extensive.

   Ms. Smith asked them to consider what would happen if they brought more jobs of the same quality and level to the area. She said that they were already having trouble filling the existing jobs in the area. She asked what they were doing for businesses that have come to be a part of Stafford County.
9. Kristin Maxson, 1816 Richmond Highway, said that the meeting held at 3 p.m. had a vote with a seven to zero majority, but the vote was not matched to a resolution, ordinance, or other. She said that the subject was voted on, but there was no need for a vote on it again. She said that

the Chair was confused about the vote. She said that the safety personnel said the presentation was the wrong one, causing public confusion about the true presentation. She said that this was considered a floating vote, like approval of minutes. She said that Item 8 and Item 9 had no identifier for a possible vote, but these were decided to be in the closed meeting.

Ms. Maxson said that most terms were two years as a vote, and then reassigned later with another vote, not to exceed four years, as stated in the bylaws. She said that the Board discussed their recent observation of trying to assign officer positions. She said that bylaws for voting and voting identifiers should match so that people can follow what the vote is. She said that when they voted, there was no identifier on the screen, which made it even more confusing. She said that bylaws from May 13 and June 3, 2024, in a subcommittee, did not contain minutes for the public, which was not required.

Ms. Maxson said that one had to go to the meeting to receive approved minutes after voting for the minutes had been casted. She said that most discussion had taken place concerning conflict of interest and suspensions of bylaws before decision voting or voting for council members. She said that two Board members felt that suspension of bylaws should only happen if the Board is stalemated or an emergency has occurred and announced to the public. She said that if a closed meeting is needed for the public's safety, then the meeting is tallied by date, place, person, subject, and list of members to be presented.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ITEM 26. UTILITIES; RESOLUTION R24-119; CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE REAL PROPERTY DEED OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MILESTONE TOWER LIMITED PARTNERSHIP-IV.

Chris Edwards, Director of Utilities, said that in December of 2022, the Board approved Milestone Towers to construct a tower on County property at 71 Coal Landing Road, near the Aquia Wastewater Treatment Plant. He said that the construction was almost complete, and this week they were installing the first antennas on the tower. He asked that the Board update the easement location to match the current roadway position.

Dr. Yeung asked for clarification about the final position.

Mr. Edwards said that the current position of the gravel driveway aligned with their intended placement. He said that upon examining the plat map from 2022, it could be seen that the requested easement matched up with the red line in the diagram.

Ms. Bohmke asked if there was something particular that caused its placement at the location indicated by the green line. She asked if there was something that staff did not anticipate.

Mr. Edwards said that it was quite the opposite; it was indicated on the map but originally, there was a fueling station in that area several years ago. He said that it was one of the Coral stations and they were attempting to match up with the Coral station design. He said that it did not seem likely to happen soon. He said they stayed on the access easement and used the small path going behind it. He said that if they ever needed to realign it in the future, they would. He said that it made more sense to put it where it was now located.

Ms. Bohmke opened the public hearing. There was no one wishing to speak, so Ms. Bohmke closed the public hearing and brought the matter back before the Board.

Ms. Allen motioned, seconded by Ms. Gary, to approve Resolution R24-119.

The Voting Board tally was:

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:35 p.m., Chair Bohmke adjourned the June 4, 2024 Stafford County Board of Supervisor's meeting.

F. Craig Meadows
Interim County Administrator

Meg Bohmke
Chairwoman

From:	Wufoo
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Topic (please see the Public Hearings page for specific topics coming up) *	ADIVES SERVICES

Online Comments: *

MY NAME IS INGRID VELASQUEZ AND MY BIRTH DATE IS 07-13-1991

IN PERSON I HAVEN'T WENT TO VISIT ANY PRISONERZS TO GIVE MY SERVICES START FOR GOOD PERSONAL LIFE LIVING IN PRISONS. I DON'T DO SEX AND LOVE SEX VISITS AND I DON'T PLAN TO DO SO SEX VISIT AT ANY OF THEM ALL INMATES BECAUSE MY ENTENTION IS TO BE GOOD HEART AND BEST ACHIVEMENT TO HELP OUT WITH MONEYS, CLOTHS, AND FOODS. I DON'T LIKE NO ONES KISS ME IN MY LIP AND MY BODY AND SEXUALTY. I LIKE TO BE RESPECTED BECAUSE I NEVER BEEN LOVED AND LOVE AND RESPECTED BY ANY ONE, EVEN DURING THESE DAYS. I AM HERE TO HELP OUT AND PLEASE DON'T DO MISUNDERSTANDING BECAUSE I AM NOT FORGIVINGABLE BY MY LIFE TIME BAD EXPRENCES HISTORY PERSONALY!!!! TO KNOW MORE ABOUT MY PERSONAL SERVICES WITHOUT ID APPROVAL SERVIES. I WILL BE ON IT TO PROCEED TEMPORARY !!!! MY PHONE ARE (202)369-5492. (202)369-5457 AND MY EMAIL IS iv265017@gmail.com

THANK YOU, I APPRECIATE YOU!!!!

From:	Wufoo
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Topic (please see the Public Hearings page for specific topics coming up) *	No zoning waiver for Buc-ees off exit 140 - No Buc-ees in Stafford

Online Comments: *

It appears Governor Youngkin told Fox 5 reporter when he recently visited Stafford that Buc-ees would be a great addition to the community and local residents who oppose Buc-ees need to spend time getting to know them.
We have done our homework and our answer in no thanks. You can keep the Beaver and find it a new home and not in Stafford. It is obvious the governor and those on the BoS who support this haven't done yours or don't care about the residents who would be directly impacted by this behemoth for the many reasons including higher crime, severe traffic congestion, higher pollution, water shortage and public safety. Stafford should not cater to motorists on I-95 but the tax paying residents of Stafford. The petition I started in March to stop Buc-ees from coming to Stafford has close to 1,300 signatures and counting and should reach over 2,000 signatures by mid summer. (https://chng.it/SbydMtPnGf) The communities of AR, EM, CF, Augustine and others pay over $20 million dollars a year in real estate tax and Buc-ees might pay around $2 million depending on the type of sweetheart deal they get from the county. Yahoo! News, MSN and other have picked up on this story and the world is watching if residents from Stafford can stop this mega-gas station from intruding into their communities. It is a safety issue to have a gas station with120 gas pumps that close to residential communities. NO ZONING WAIVER FOR BUC-EES. The Beaver needs to find another home.
We will continue to email and contact the Governor's Office and the BoS here in Stafford and let OUR VOICES BE HEARD. THE BUC STOPS HERE!! NO BUC-EE'S IN STAFFORD, VA!!!

From: Wufoo
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Subject: Public Comment Form [#76]
Date: Friday, May 31, 2024 12:40:50 PM

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Topic (please see the Public Hearings page for specific topics coming up) *	Buc ees
Online Comments: *	NO more tree clearing for more junk building and traffic

From: Wufoo
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Topic (please see the Public Hearings page for specific topics coming up) *	Buc-ee's
Online Comments: *	Please highly consider in bringing Bucee's to Stafford. Unlike a few individuals whole dislike the idea, a majority of residents in the county would actually appreciate a change in scenery and something different. Bucee's will bring more jobs and diversity that the county currently does not have. It is something out of the ordinary that is not a Wawa, Sheetz, fast food, vape shop, used car dealership, or storage facility. Stafford wants and needs Bucee's

From: Wufoo
To: Mark A. Kaminski; Andrew L. Spence; Cheryl D. Giles; Julia E. Holmes
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Topic (please see the Public Hearings page for specific topics coming up) *	Buc ees
Online Comments: *	I cannot wait for them to open. The opportunities for young people and employment with this company is so promising! I think they'd be a great asset to Stafford county. And

From:	Wufoo
To:	Mark A. Kaminski; Andrew L. Spence; Cheryl D. Giles; Julia E. Holmes
Subject:	Public Comment Form [#79]
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Election District	Garrisonville
Topic (please see the Public Hearings page for specific topics coming up) *	Buc-ee's
Online Comments: *	Please don't think one very vocal neighborhood speaks for all of Stafford. Many, many, of us, including many of us who live very close to the planned location, want to see Buc-ee's come here. Commercial growth is the answer to helping with funding for our schools, transportation, roads and public areas. The residents should not have to continue to carry this tax burden. This is an exciting new opportunity for Stafford County.

From:	Wufoo
To:	Mark A. Kaminski; Andrew L. Spence; Cheryl D. Giles; Julia E. Holmes
Subject:	Public Comment Form [#80]
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Topic (please see the Public Hearings page for specific topics coming up) *	Buc-eee's in Stafford

Online Comments: *

The board should disavow the comments from the minority of this county who are whining on social media about Buc-eee's in Stafford. The biggest whiners are the Embrey Mill community, which is ironic because their massive development is what is driving the need for more tax revenue for the county. The board should do what's best for the entire county, not a few Embrey Mill complainers. If the revenue is needed, let Buc-eee's come. Growth is inevitable. The rest of us should not be forced to miss out on tax revenue because Embrey Mills residents bought their homes so close to a key I-95 exit in Stafford County. I'm sure Route 17 was once rural as well. It's now built up. That's just progress.