

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
STAFFORD COUNTY, VIRGINIA,
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 5, 2026

CALL TO ORDER – A regular meeting of the Stafford County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Deuntay Diggs, Chairman, at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 in the Board Chambers, George L. Gordon, Jr. Government Center, 1300 Courthouse Road, Stafford VA.

ROLL CALL – The following members were present: Deuntay Diggs, Chairman; Maya P. Guy, Vice Chairwoman; Tinesha O. Allen; Pamela Yeung; Darrell E. English; Crystal Vanuch; Kecia S. Evans.

Also in attendance were Bill Ashton, County Administrator; Rysheda McClendon, County Attorney; Sukhi Purewal, Deputy Clerk; various staff members; and other interested parties.

INVOCATION

Ms. Vanuch led the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Yeung led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

CHAIR REMARKS

Mr. Diggs said that Dominion Energy would be holding multiple public meetings on its North Anna to Bristers Electric Transmission Project, including a virtual meeting on May 4 and a meeting in Stafford County on May 11 at the Hampton Inn Stafford Quantico Conference Center. He said that for more information, the public should visit dominionenergy.com/NorthAnnaToBristers.

Mr. Diggs said that last week, they published their quarterly transportation update. He said that the County had invested \$70 million in road improvement projects across the community to enhance roadway safety, improve accessibility, and reduce congestion. He said that an additional \$175 million in projects were in the right-of-way or engineering and design phases, with construction expected to begin over the next several years. He said that citizens could find more details and links to in-depth information on the projects on the front page of the County website.

Mr. Diggs said that he would like to remind everyone to save the date for this year's Memorial Day ceremony, which would be held at the Stafford Regional Airport on Friday, May 22 at 10:00 a.m. He said that they were collaborating with CAF Rise Above to bring a mobile theater and a P-51C Mustang to Stafford Airport to tell the story of the Tuskegee Airmen and the Women Air Force Service Pilots (WASP). He said that the historical exhibit, mobile theater, and airplane would be on display starting on Friday, May 22 through Memorial Day weekend, Monday, May 25.

ADDITIONS - DELETIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

ADD-ON TO "REPORT OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY"; UPDATED PRESENTATION SLIDES ON THE SURVEY RESULTS FOR NORTH ANNA TO BRISTERS PROJECT

Mr. Diggs asked if there were any additions or deletions to the regular agenda.

Bill Ashton, County Administrator, said that yes, they had an addendum to the report from the County Attorney. He said that they had updated presentation slides on the survey results for the North Anna to Bristers project. He said that the presentation slides had been updated and would be presented today by Ms. McClendon during her report.

Ms. Allen motioned, seconded by Ms. Vanuch, to approve the regular agenda as amended.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Diggs, Guy, Evans, Yeung, Allen, English, Vanuch

No: (0)

CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM 1. CAPITAL PROJECTS UTILITIES; AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE CONDEMNATION AND EXERCISE OF QUICK-TAKE POWERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CAMBRIDGE STREET SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT; PROPOSED RESOLUTION R26-123

ITEM 2. CAPITAL PROJECTS UTILITIES; AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER GRANTING A PERMANENT UTILITY EASEMENT ON COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY, TO DOMINION ENERGY VIRGINIA; PROPOSED RESOLUTION R26-143

ITEM 3. CAPITAL PROJECTS TRANSPORTATION; AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH MILL RUN MITIGATION LLC FOR WETLAND AND STREAM CREDITS FOR THE BROOKE ROAD REALIGNMENT PROJECT; PROPOSED RESOLUTION R26-163

ITEM 4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT; APPROVE A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY AS ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH; PROPOSED PROCLAMATION P26-07

ITEM 5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT; APPROVE A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY 17-23, 2026 AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK IN STAFFORD COUNTY; PROPOSED PROCLAMATION P26-08

ITEM 6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT; APPROVE A PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE MAY AS ALS AWARENESS MONTH; PROPOSED PROCLAMATION P26-28

ITEM 7. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT; APPROVE A PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE MAY 4-8, 2026, AS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK; PROPOSED PROCLAMATION P26-29

ITEM 8. COUNTY ADMINISTRATION; APPOINT MS. CHARNELL CASSETTE AS THE FALMOUTH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE STAFFORD COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOR A TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2029

ITEM 9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATION; APPOINT MR. TOM MOSSEY TO THE FALMOUTH DISTRICT SEAT ON THE CHESAPEAKE BAY AND WETLANDS BOARDS FOR A TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2030

ITEM 10. COUNTY ADMINISTRATION; APPOINT MR. ERIC LINT TO THE FALMOUTH DISTRICT SEAT ON THE AGRICULTURAL AND LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE FOR A TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2029

ITEM 11. COUNTY ADMINISTRATION; APPOINT MR. GORDON SHELTON TO THE GARRISONVILLE DISTRICT SEAT ON THE AGRICULTURAL AND LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE FOR THE UNEXPIRED PORTION OF THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2029

ITEM 12. COUNTY ADMINISTRATION; APPOINT MS. MEG BOHMKE TO THE ROCK HILL DISTRICT SEAT REPRESENTING STAFFORD COUNTY ON THE FREDERICKSBURG AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION'S CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FAMPO/CTAC)

ITEM 13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATION; APPROVE THE MARCH 24, 2026 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

ITEM 14. COUNTY ADMINISTRATION; APPROVE THE MARCH 26, 2026 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SESSION MEETING MINUTES

ITEM 15. COUNTY ADMINISTRATION; APPROVE THE APRIL 07, 2026 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

ITEM 16. COUNTY ADMINISTRATION; APPROVE THE APRIL 07, 2026 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

ITEM 17. FINANCE; BUDGET AND APPROPRIATE PRIOR YEAR FUND BALANCE FOR ROAD REPAIRS WITHIN THE HIDDEN LAKE SERVICE DISTRICT; PROPOSED RESOLUTION R26-158

ITEM 18. FIRE AND RESCUE; AUTHORIZE GUARDIAN MEDICAL SERVICES, INC. TO OPERATE MEDICAL TRANSPORTS WITHIN STAFFORD COUNTY; PROPOSED RESOLUTION: R26-165

ITEM 19. FIRE AND RESCUE; AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH AIR-CARE, INC.; PROPOSED RESOLUTION R26-168

ITEM 20. PARKS AND RECREATION; AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A LEASE AMENDMENT FOR THE GAUNTLET GOLF COURSE; PROPOSED RESOLUTION R26-164

ITEM 21. PLANNING AND ZONING; AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO RATIFY AND APPROVE TWO GRANT AGREEMENTS TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE VIRGINIA LAND CONSERVATION FOUNDATION (VLCF) AND FROM THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY (DOF) FOR THE ACQUISITION OF OPEN SPACE EASEMENTS THROUGH THE PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS (PDR) PROGRAM AND TO BUDGET AND APPROPRIATE THE FUNDS; PROPOSED RESOLUTION R26-167 (VLCF); PROPOSED RESOLUTION R26-149 (DOF)

ITEM 22. PLANNING AND ZONING; APPOINT JENNIFER HIMMELSTEIN AS PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS (PDR) ADMINISTRATOR FOR STAFFORD COUNTY; PROPOSED RESOLUTION R26-150

ITEM 23. UTILITIES; AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH BURNS & MCDONNELL ENGINEERING COMPANY, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL DESIGN AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR A PFAS REMOVAL SYSTEM AT SMITH LAKE WATER TREATMENT PLANT; PROPOSED RESOLUTION R26-63

ITEM 24. UTILITIES; AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A TASK ORDER WITH RAMBOLL FOR ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES DURING THE SMITH LAKE PHASE 2 UPGRADES; PROPOSED RESOLUTION R26-118

ITEM 25. UTILITIES; AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH INSTITUFORM TECHNOLOGIES, LLC FOR SEWER AND WATER PIPE AND UTILITY STRUCTURE REHABILITATION SERVICES; PROPOSED RESOLUTION R26-166

Ms. Allen motioned, seconded by Ms. Vanuch, to approve the consent agenda without Items 17, 20, 21, and 22.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Diggs, Guy, Evans, Yeung, Allen, English, Vanuch
No: (0)

Mr. Diggs asked if Ms. Vanuch would like to discuss Item 17.

Ms. Vanuch said that Item 17 was a document specific to the Rock Hill District, outlining the appropriation of prior year fund balance for road repairs within the Hidden Lake Service District, proposed Resolution R26-158, and constituents could review it if desired. She said that she was aware that some residents had contacted her regarding the Hidden Lake Service District, which was scheduled to sunset in approximately two years. She said that the funds being used to repair the entryway were being utilized to address winter damage caused by ice and storms. She said

that the service district was approving these funds, and she just wanted to bring this to everyone's attention.

Ms. Vanuch motioned, seconded by Ms. Allen, to approve proposed Resolution R26-158.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Diggs, Guy, Evans, Yeung, Allen, English, Vanuch
No: (0)

Mr. Diggs asked if Ms. Allen would like to address Item 20.

Ms. Allen said that she just wanted some clarification. She asked if this item was for the first of the two six-year leases, and after the second one, they were no longer bound to the contractual obligations to the lessee.

Rysheda McClendon, County Attorney, said that was correct.

Ms. Allen motioned, seconded by Mr. English, to approve proposed Resolution R26-164.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Diggs, Guy, Evans, Yeung, Allen, English, Vanuch
No: (0)

Mr. Diggs asked if Ms. Allen would like to address Item 21.

Ms. Allen asked if staff could specify the three applications mentioned in the background report for this item. She asked if the County had enough money to purchase the development rights.

Mr. Ashton said that staff confirmed they had enough funds.

Ms. Allen motioned, seconded by Ms. Guy, to approve proposed Resolution R26-167.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Diggs, Guy, Evans, Yeung, Allen, English, Vanuch
No: (0)

Ms. Allen motioned, seconded by Ms. Guy, to approve proposed Resolution R26-149.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Diggs, Guy, Evans, Yeung, Allen, English, Vanuch
No: (0)

Mr. Diggs asked if Ms. Allen would like to address Item 22.

Ms. Allen said that she was wondering if staff could provide some context on their new PDR program manager.

Mike Zuraf, Director of Planning and Zoning, said that County Code required a PDR Administrator to administer the program. He said that the County hired Jennifer Himmelstein for that position last month.

Jennifer Himmelstein, Purchase of Development Rights Administrator for Stafford County said that she held a doctorate in plant sciences with a focus on plant diseases. She said that she had worked for five different federal agencies in Washington, D.C., including the Environmental Protection Agency, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the United States Department of Agriculture, and the United States Agency for International Development.

Ms. Himmelstein said that her background was in sustainability and regenerative agriculture. She said that over the past 10 years, she had managed large-scale projects for USAID and USDA, and she looked forward to continuing to work with Ms. Baker on a part-time basis. She said that Ms. Baker had graciously volunteered her time to coach her through her retirement, and she had truly enjoyed their interactions. She said that she was excited to be here and appreciated the opportunity.

Ms. Allen said that on behalf of the Board, she welcomed Ms. Himmelstein and looked forward to working with her to continue their land conservation work in Stafford County.

Ms. Allen motioned, seconded by Ms. Guy, to approve proposed Resolution R26-150.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Diggs, Guy, Evans, Yeung, Allen, English, Vanuch

No: (0)

PRESENTATIONS

A PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE THE WORK OF THE VIRGINIA BLACK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN ASSISTING STAFFORD COUNTY AND VIRGINIA

Mr. Diggs presented the Proclamation to Recognize the Work of the Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce in Assisting Stafford County and Virginia.

Ernisha Hall, President and CEO of the Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce, said that they were extremely grateful for this proclamation. She said that the work they were doing across the state of Virginia was indeed some hard work; however, in Stafford County, they had been grateful to have the support of the Board of Supervisors, Economic Development, and the community. She said that they had had the opportunity to touch over 2,400 businesses in the last six years and were continuing to grow. She said that their goal was to help businesses start, grow, and scale in their community.

A PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE MAY 4-8, 2026 AS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK

Mr. Diggs presented the Proclamation to Recognize May 4-8, 2026 as Economic Development Week.

Liz Barber, Director of Economic Development said that she felt very privileged to be serving the citizens and the Board here in Stafford. She said that she truly enjoyed her job and found it very fulfilling, so she appreciated the recognition.

Mr. Diggs said that the County also had a video to recognize and honor their Asian Pacific community during National Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. [video plays 17:54 - 18:50]

PRESENTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

1. Sally Struthers said that thanks to Patrick A'Hearn, she had the pleasure of working with the Riverside Center for the Performing Arts on numerous occasions, and she had had the opportunity to make many true friends in this area, including Mr. Diggs. She said that as someone who had spent a significant amount of time in this area, she said that she had developed strong connections with the community. She said that she cared deeply about the well-being of Virginia, Stafford County, and the Riverside Center for the Performing Arts.

Ms. Struthers said that she hoped that Riverside would continue to thrive and become a renowned regional theater, rivaling the best in Washington, D.C. She said that she envisioned the Riverside Center being a household name, synonymous with exceptional live entertainment, and providing lasting memories for its patrons. She said that a partnership between the Riverside Center and the Stafford County Board of Supervisors, along with local businesses and generous individuals, could achieve great things.

Ms. Struthers said that theatre, like any art form, had its ups and downs. She said that even with careful planning, some shows may not have been as successful as others; however, with the support of this Board and the community, the Riverside Center could have overcome any challenges and continued to flourish. She said that Mr. A'Hearn had been instrumental in transforming the theater into a professional regional venue over the past 28 years.

Ms. Struthers said that Mr. A'Hearn had done an outstanding job, and she was confident that with continued support, the Riverside Center would remain a beacon of excellence in the arts. She said that however, it was essential that those who appreciated the arts stayed involved and attended performances to ensure the theater's continued success.

2. Ignacio Esteban, Garrisonville District, said that as a resident of Austin Ridge, his house would be approximately a mile from the proposed Buc-ee's location, and his backyard was on Austin Ridge Drive. He said that he had reviewed the Planning Commission's presentation, attended the hearings, and had also been to the town hall meetings. He said that this was a big concern for their community, and he believed they could do a lot better.

Mr. Esteban said that they constantly stated that the County needed revenue, and that was a big issue, but he was disappointed with the Board's decision to raise their taxes by over \$0.04. He said that they were already facing a \$40 million deficit, and raising taxes was not

going to help with that. He said that they needed to make other adjustments and tighten their belts. He said that they needed to make informed decisions about what they needed and what they did not need.

Mr. Esteban said that he was particularly concerned about the Planning Commission's decision to approve this project, despite Mr. Zuraf's clear recommendation to deny it. He said that the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) report was not even complete, so the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve it raised a lot of questions. He said that the potential F rating at that intersection was a significant safety concern.

Mr. Esteban said that as a retired law enforcement officer with 26 years of experience, he was concerned about the iron pipeline and Buc-ee's impact on crime rates. He said that he had researched and documented the issue, and he believed it would bring higher crime rates to their area. He said that he had seen it in other locations, such as the Sheetz armed robbery and stolen car incidents. He said that he urged the County to consider the potential costs of overtime, law enforcement responses, first responders, accidents, and emergency services. He said that this project was a loser.

Mr. Esteban said that furthermore, he had received a petition with over 3,000 signatures on change.org, and he encouraged everyone to read it. He said that he recently received a mail flyer stating that the community was frustrated. He said that this sentiment was not unique to him; it was demonstrated to be a collective feeling among the community. He said that it appeared that many people were self-generating their own opinions on the matter, and it was clear that not everyone wanted Buc-ee's in the area.

Mr. Esteban said that they could do better and that alternative retail options were available. He said that he believed that the community had made its voice heard, and it was essential to listen to the constituents and representatives who represented them. He said that it was clear that the community did not want Buc-ee's, and they could do better than a Buc-ee's.

3. John Walman, Garrisonville District, said that he was a 29-year resident of the County and lived in Austin Ridge. He said that he would like to reiterate what Mr. Esteban said. He said that he had recently been informed of the issues and concerns surrounding the Buc-ee's development. He said that he was aware that Buc-ee's had been in development for about two and a half years by this point, and there was a scheduled meeting in June of this year. He said that many of his neighbors were upset, and he would like to emphasize the importance of considering the impact on those most affected.

Mr. Walman said that as a large County, they had people across various districts, but those closest to the development would be disproportionately affected. He said that their area already had the worst traffic congestion in the country, and being from Los Angeles he could attest to the volume. He said that the proposed Buc-ee's development would exacerbate this issue, affecting not only those living nearby but also commuters and other residents. He said that it would also have a significant impact on the community's safety and finances.

Mr. Walman said that he would also like to discuss data centers, as they were becoming increasingly prevalent in the United States. He said that Virginia was a top state for data

center implementation, and these facilities required significant resources, including energy, water, and land. He said that he was concerned that the rapid expansion of data centers in northern Virginia, including Stafford County, would have a disproportionate impact on the community.

Mr. Walman requested the Board to please conduct thorough due diligence and consider the residents' interests when evaluating new developments and revenue sources. He said that they needed to balance economic development with the needs of the community, and he believed it was essential to prioritize the well-being of the residents.

4. Kristen Maxson, Falmouth District, said that in 2025, the government implemented spending cuts to reduce \$1 trillion, which was reflected in the reduction of bond issuance and fewer bond diversifications. She said that the Board stated they could read and comprehend. She said that she hoped this agenda found them well. She said that the public had much to say about the proclamation for Economic Development Week, Item 7, P26-29, which was on their agenda today. She said that it had to be sustainable, a concept that Supervisors had questioned and quoted.

Ms. Maxson said that financially, it could not be sustained. The term "cannibalism" had been used during a presentation and had since surfaced from February 6, 2026. She said that according to FY27 pie charts, 15% was defined as mandatory, which translated to debt. She said that the proposed public-private partnership, Item 2 in their agenda today, R26-143, bundled with R26-144, raised concerns. She said that the 144 resolution was not defined in the agenda. She said that their agenda had undergone significant changes at the last minute, and the hearing was incomplete with missing information.

Ms. Maxson said that long-term toxic growth was not optional, and polluting their intakes was not in line with their one-goal directive to be a leader; page 66 of 345 of their agenda today highlighted this issue. She said that given a mere \$610,000 quick-take affecting 10 acres with a pump station and land prime on Route 1 exiting Coles Landing and Aquia reclaiming water was number 1, R26-123, bundled with R26-124PH, the pump house Cambridge Street sewer replacement project, depicted across the street from the substation 1485 Forbes Street, Fredericksburg Virginia.

Ms. Maxson said that in contrast, the \$783,000 project to pick up a shovel and flip a project 10 days after payment was a stark example of the lack of transparency and interest in the state of Virginia or the Commonwealth, and never to be disclosed the end party owner upon hearing Item 3 Resolution R26-163. She said that economic design and mitigation bank instruments all stopping Stafford County water tables and utilities. She said that Commissioners stated that every day was getting worse, vote no on an unstable toxic growth.

5. Ashley Forbes, Falmouth District, said that she was there today because she believed she was being retaliated against by the members of the Stafford County Sheriff's Office for exercising her First Amendment rights. She said that on April 18, 2026, she had published content about this department that had garnered over 82,000 views within 12 hours. She said that Deputy Ethan Jones, Badge 317, pulled her over. She said that during that stop, she was asked for her physical ID.

Ms. Forbes said that when she declined and offered alternative identification, he stated that he already knew who she was, then issued an inspection ticket on a vehicle she had recently acquired. She said that this stop, conducted without legitimate probable cause, constituted an unlawful seizure under the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution. She said that following that stop, Deputy Bates, Badge 307, appeared at her residence on multiple occasions without a legitimate emergency or dispatch call.

Ms. Forbes said that when she attempted to record him, he left immediately. She said that this pattern of conduct constituted witness intimidation under Virginia Code Section 18.2-460. She had filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request 26-2238 to obtain answers. She said that this morning, the Sheriff's Office had denied every request. She said that the denied records included dash cam footage, GPS data, body cam footage, and dispatch logs.

Ms. Forbes said that the reason given was that there was an ongoing criminal investigation, which she believed was a pretext for retaliation. She said that she had already submitted a formal cease and desist to the Sheriff's Office and the County Attorney. She said she was prepared to escalate this to federal court under 42 USC section 1983. She said that she was respectfully requesting that Sheriff Decatur call for an immediate Internal Affairs investigation into the conduct of Deputy Ethan Jones, Badge 317, and Deputy Bates, Badge 307. She said that her children deserved to feel safe in their home.

Handout was provided to the Clerk and is part of the record with Clerk of the Board in the County Administrator's Office.

6. Will King, Griffis-Widewater District, said that it took a lot of courage for Ms. Forbes to speak publicly and share her truth. He said that he wanted to comment on public policy effectiveness. He said that if they asked Rappahannock Regional Jail what their recidivism rate was in this region, they would not be able to give an answer. He said that it was interesting that an inmate identification number typically started with the digits of the year someone first entered into Rappahannock Regional Jail. He said that this meant they had the means of estimating the recidivism rate based on those inmate identification numbers.

Mr. King said that the Jail was able to provide him a list of all booking entries from 2024, but did not include the inmate identification numbers. He said that they could take the total number of inmates and the booking entries of each year and be able to determine how effective the public policy solutions around justice actually were. He said that they did not know whether it was 5% or 70% because the Rappahannock Regional Jail stated that it was unknowable.

Mr. King said that he was requesting the Board to ask the Jail to furnish those records as part of the Freedom of Information Act, which must be supplied when the public requested them. He said that if they were not following that law, he questioned whether they had any transparency at all.

7. Jeff Eastland, Rock Hill District, and he was there tonight to share his concerns about the purchase of wetlands credits for the Brooke Road construction. He said that as someone who had spent the past 55 years researching, studying, writing about, and speaking about climate

and the environment, he wanted to make it clear that purchasing wetlands credits was a misleading term, and it really meant they were paying to pollute.

Mr. Eastland said that in this country, they often treated the symptoms rather than solving the problem. He said that the flooding on Brooke Road was a result of two main factors: the removal and loss of native vegetation, leading to stream bank erosion and silt buildup, which impaired the wetlands' ability to mitigate flooding; and sea level rise due to climate change caused by the incessant burning of fossil fuels.

Mr. Eastland said that they were not mitigating these problems. He said that the rapid industrialization in their County was making the problems worse by the week. He said that purchasing wetlands credits was simply a regulatory requirement that satisfied the requirement but did not fix the further environmental damage caused by this construction. He said that it only allowed developers to reach a net zero loss by purchasing credits from a mitigation bank in another County for restored wetlands, not their local ones.

Mr. Eastland said that if there were no wetlands to purchase, they would have had to do the onsite restoration themselves. He said that this was another example of the American tradition of letting companies off the hook and paying their way through it. He said that while there may be short-term gains from stormwater control, it was a temporary solution that would not prevent future flooding. He said that they would be wasting \$783,000 worth of wetland credits because they did not solve the root problem.

Mr. Eastland said that he was sharing this advice with the Board as decision-makers, which also applied to data center construction build out. He said that it was what happened when they dove into projects without considering the long-term consequences of damaging their environment. He said that ignoring this issue would be a grave disservice to themselves, their family, friends, neighbors, and constituents.

8. Nancy Reuter, Garrisonville District, said that she wanted to request that the Board follow their staff's recommendation and deny the applicant's request for the Enon Road Technology Park. She said that she had reviewed the background information, and she respectfully requested that they deny the applicant's request.
9. Karen Fox, Hartwood District, said that she wanted to discuss bats and what they had already lost. She said that they had already cleared land in Stafford for the airport and approved data centers like the Stafford Technology Campus (STC), campuses along Centreport Parkway, Potomac Church Road, with more proposed across the County. She said that this County and its land was changing entirely too fast.

Ms. Fox said that no project existed in a vacuum and the impact they were seeing today was the result of many decisions, not just one. She said that now, they were looking at clearing hundreds more acres, but certain sites were different. She said that as they examined these sites, they could see older forests, wetlands, and connected habitats. She said that for example, the environmental study for George Washington Village revealed that the land was over 1,000 acres and almost entirely forested.

Ms. Fox said that this land was a suitable habitat for endangered bats, such as the northern long-eared bat and the tricolored bat. She said that the question became, if this was prime habitat, why did they not require a survey prior to development? She said that the same documents indicated that there were no recorded species, but it also admitted that nobody had looked. She said that this was not evidence of absence; it was a gap.

Ms. Fox said that bats were essential, with one individual capable of consuming thousands of insects in a single night. She said that they protected their farms, reduced mosquitoes, and played a crucial role in maintaining the balance of their ecosystem. She said that unfortunately, many bat species were already in crisis due to white-nose syndrome, which had killed millions of bats. She said that some species had declined by more than 90%.

Ms. Fox said that the bigger issue was that when they removed a habitat once, species adapted, but when they removed it again, they struggled and eventually disappeared. She said that they were now at a critical point, as Stafford was running out of places like this. She said that older forests, wetlands, and connected corridors were not abundant; they were what was left. She said that when they considered the cumulative impact of these losses, it was essential to ask what remained and why.

10. Rick MacGregor, Aquia District, said that he had provided a family photo of himself and his grandmothers to demonstrate his family connections to the Patowomeck Tribe, including the Knight, Sullivan, Jett, MacGregor, Cooper, Groves, and Payne families. He said that his cousin, Charlie Payne was a proud member of the Tribe and had advised the Tribe in the acquisition of 870 acres of land, marking a significant step in the Tribe's pursuit of federal recognition.

Mr. MacGregor said that not one fake tribal member had to wait for whites to be served first at Christmas shoe store, as Mrs. Dorothy Jackson and her mother did. He said that none of them had to keep their heritage quiet during times of racial tension in Virginia; they enjoyed white privilege all their lives. He said that not a single family of the fake tribe was on Walter Plecker's hit list, and not a single one was affected by the Racial Integrity Act. He said that they all knew it. He said that he had spent almost a year providing the County with records proving they were all white; the Tribe had provided none proving otherwise.

Mr. MacGregor said that in light of all of this, a reasonable request by this Board for the records specified in Resolution 150 was abandoned. He asked why. He said that lots of experts claimed the Tribe was legitimate, but none could provide the abundant records of proof in Resolution 150 they were looking for, and he again asked why. He said that for asking, he had been shunned, called names, and threatened with legal action. He said that expert anthropological arguments were just a distraction from the one question they could not answer: where were the family, church, and land the fake Tribe told the General Assembly they had just 16 years ago.

Mr. MacGregor said that someone lied, and lying to the General Assembly should have consequences. He said that Resolution 150 should be deemed null and void because it was given under false pretense; that was the truth. He said that he had no animosity toward anyone, and all he wanted was the truth. He said that it saddened him most to see so many

others not want the truth. He said that the fake Tribe had done a lot of good things in this community, but their greatest accomplishment had been to deceive so many good people and innocent children.

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11. Jerrilyn Eby MacGregor, Rock Hill District said that in 1853, County Clerks of Court began keeping registers of marriages, births, and deaths. She said that the state did not assume this responsibility until 1912. She said that the Clerk's Office houses two birth and death registers spanning from 1853 to 1872. She said that she copied the 295 entries pertaining to the families who were now supposed to be Indians. She said that every single one was designated as either white female or white male. She said that the Patawomeck Tribe (PITV) applied to the Virginia Council on Indians (VCI) in 1997, the first step in recognition.

Ms. MacGregor said that this was a vetting process in which the VCI required records proving both Indian descent and tribal continuity. She said that in 1998, the VCI outlined four reasons the group failed to prove either, because they had no records. However, in 2010, the group claimed to have amassed family, church, and land records proving their Indian heritage. She said that this is a contradiction, as the VCI had asked for these records in 1997, and the group did not have them at that time. She said that if they had discovered the records in the interim, they should have reapplied to the VCI.

Ms. MacGregor said that instead, they went directly to the General Assembly, lying about having records. She said that despite a warning from some VCI members in 2010, the Assembly transformed white people into an Indian tribe without investigation. She said that Resolution 150 specifies family, church, and land records. She said that if the local family records had shown Indian heritage, the VCI would have accepted them. She said that like the hundreds of other records she has submitted to this Board since January clearly prove these individuals are not Indians.

Ms. MacGregor said that now, the PITV sought federal recognition. She said that every positive interaction they had with this County strengthened their perceived legitimacy. She said that every lease, every mention by tourism, every unjustified proclamation for Native American Heritage Month, every school field trip to their fake tribal center, and every July 4 shuttle bus all contribute to this perceived legitimacy. She said that she hoped that eventually, the Board would work with them to resolve this problem.

Handout was provided to the Clerk and is part of the record with Clerk of the Board in the County Administrator's Office.

12. Elena Prokos, Rock Hill District, said that for years, she had kayaked through all of the waterways in Stafford County, as well as some in Caroline and King George. She said that she had a deep affection for these streams, rivers, and creeks, which she considered to be her friends. She said that there was nothing like spending a day on the river, watching wildlife, and simply enjoying the surroundings. She said that waterways like these could be adversely affected by construction and operation of data centers built nearby.

Ms. Prokos said that the amount of water used was another concern, which she would discuss at another meeting. She said that to her, what was equally important, but often overlooked, was how data center construction and operation impacted the actual water in a nearby stream, creek, or river, and subsequently harmed the ecosystem in the area. She said that they could learn from Prince William County, which had data center applications near Quantico Creek, Pohick Bay, Occoquan Reservoir, and Bull Run.

Ms. Prokos said that the National Parks Conservation Association had hired CEA Engineers to conduct a detailed analysis study on the waterways. She said that although Stafford's waterways differed, the study's results were troubling and may be applicable to their County's waterways. She said that the findings were disconcerting. She said that for example, a data center with 25 buildings could generate approximately 95 large dump trucks of sediment, which would be dumped directly into Quantico Creek during construction.

Ms. Prokos said that following construction, an additional 7 million gallons of water per year could flow into Quantico Creek due to increased impervious surfaces on the site. She said that the potential adverse surface water impacts extended downstream to sensitive surface waters, including the Chesapeake Bay. She said that clearing land of vegetative cover and soil disturbance activities could lead to soil erosion during precipitation events and subsequent sediment transport in stormwater runoff, which directly discharged to receiving surface waters.

Ms. Prokos said that this could destroy stream systems and smother organisms like clams and mussels. She said that the list of problems was extensive, and she recommended the Board read the full report when they had the opportunity. She said that she suggested that the health of their waterways be given strict attention when considering applications. She said that she hoped that the Board would have no problem denying any proposals that was on a waterway or nearby one.

13. Julia Lewis, Falmouth District, said that she wanted to express her gratitude for the difficult decisions the Board made leading up to the budget decision last week. She said that she appreciated the extra effort and difficult choices, even though it meant raising taxes on top of an assessment. She said that unfortunately, they were saddled with unfunded mandates from Richmond that were forcing County residents to bear the difference.

Ms. Lewis said that she wanted to thank staff for their extra effort. She said that the menu they provided was clever, and it was a helpful way to guide them in making cuts. She said that she commended staff for presenting the budget in an excellent manner. She said that a special shout-out was due to Andrea Light, who demonstrated remarkable resilience. She said that she watched the budget sessions in person and online, and she had one request: please turn on the microphone when speaking.

Ms. Lewis said that the most disturbing thing she learned this budget season was the deal Stafford County made with Amazon as an end user in any data center built there. She said that they could raise their data center rate, but it would not affect Amazon. She said that this meant Stafford County would be owned by Amazon, as they could afford to reward the data center builder with a low tax deal until 2051.

Ms. Lewis said that on a positive note, Chris Edwards and the Utilities team negotiated a better deal with data centers regarding water. She said that they were able to Amazon to build the Purple Pipe to their standards, and each company that connects would pay at least \$320,000 per month, in addition to paying for reuse water. She said that also regarding reuse water, if Buc-ee's was approved at their next meeting, the water used by Buc-ee's would be resold to data centers.

Ms. Lewis said that they needed to diversify their commercial tax base due to Amazon's low tax rate deal that they would be stuck with until 2051. She said that data centers were not the cash cow they had been made out to be. She said that Stafford County had strong regulations, and she was asking, almost pleading, that the Board please stand by them. She said that not all data centers were created equal, and some absolutely did not belong here.

Ms. Lewis said that just because someone got in line first did not mean they deserved to be approved. She said that A1 land was a limited and precious resource. She said that rezoning A1 to M2 was destroying their rural beauty. She said that they were experiencing the data center gold rush, and technology was advancing rapidly. She said that it would not be long, and they would find ways to avoid paying taxes. She said that they must diversify their commercial base, and approving Buc-ee's was a great way to start.

REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. English – notified residents living between Walmart and Westlake on Route 17 whose home was within 1,000 feet of a hydrant that they should check with their homeowner's insurance to see if they could get a discount.

Ms. Guy – stated that she wanted to remind everyone about an upcoming town hall event hosted by Delegate Carroll at Colonial Forge High School on Thursday, May 7, 2026. She said that she wanted to specifically address the residents of Aquia who were expressing concerns about the tax rate. She said that she was more than happy to meet with constituents to discuss their budget, explain their reasoning, and provide context on how they had arrived at their current situation. She said that she was eager to counteract the misinformation and conspiracy theories that were circulating, as they were currently facing a funding issue in Stafford County. She said that she was confident that they would overcome this challenge, but they must also work to stop the spread of inaccurate information.

Ms. Vanuch – reported that in the Rock Hill District, she wanted to inform Arrowhead residents that the dam work for the large dam was nearing completion, and the smaller dam work had already been completed. She said that it was worth noting that a service district had been established in 2018 to cover this work, which was necessary to avoid the state requiring the dams to be drained. She said that the work was now complete, and the dams would meet state standards, preserving property values in the area. She said that however, some residents had requested that Boundary Drive be added to the dam service district, as it was a main thoroughfare to access the dams. She said that this was a legally possible option, and their staff had prepared a letter explaining the process, costs, and potential increases in service district fees.

Ms. Vanuch said that she would be sending a letter to all Lake Arrowhead residents within the next month, outlining the process and requirements for adding Boundary Drive to the service district. To add the road, they would require a 51% majority of resident signatures in favor. She said that the Board would then take action to make the necessary changes. She said that additionally, Boundary Drive would be paved this week, with the necessary repairs, which would deplete the existing funds for road maintenance. She said that this meant that the road would not be able to be repaired again unless Boundary Drive was added to the service district. She said that if they had any questions, please reach out to her at cvanuch@staffordcountyva.gov.

Dr. Yeung – reported that she had attended several meetings this past month, one of which was the Housing Alliance Assembly. She said that they would be having a Regional Housing Summit in October, but she did not have the exact date. She said that starting this Thursday, VDOT would begin their scheduled road resurfacing for about 40 routes throughout Garrisonville. She asked everyone to please adhere to all the posted signs and direct questions to VDOT's website at my.vdot.virginia.gov or call 800-367-7623.

Ms. Allen – reported that the FY27 Adopted Budget include funding for a full engine crew at the Potomac Hills Fire Station, and she wanted to thank the Board for supporting that and to staff for presenting options for funding. She said that Decatur Road would be discussed during the VDOT Quarterly Report later in today's meeting, so they could begin identifying a permanent solution while working on an immediate fix. She said that Community Engagement informed her that the Staffordboro Sidewalk Project had been almost completed, and there would be an official opening this summer. She said that she was very excited for establishing that connectivity.

Ms. Allen said that the Widewater Beach Association successfully completed the transfer of the pond that had been controlled by the state and federal government, and she wanted to thank Mr. Toigo, DCR, and the Widewater Beach Association for their tireless work to get the project done and transfer the property. She said that she also wanted to congratulate and thank the Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce, as their work was very important in diversifying their commercial tax base, and she looked forward to continuing their partnership.

Ms. Allen congratulated all their senior students who were preparing for graduation later in May. She wished everyone a happy Nurses Week, which was May 6-12. She also wished everyone happy Teacher Appreciation Week. She said that it was hard work but they were some of the most rewarding professions, and she was glad she had experienced both. She requested the County Administrator to provide an update on the drought outlook for the summer and the County's preparedness for droughts.

Ms. Allen also wanted to thank their GIS Office and the Treasurer's Office for providing information to residents about who their representative was on the Board of Supervisors. She said that when residents received their tax bills, they would include a QR code to access a webpage with information about their representative. She said that finally, she wanted to ask the Chair to poll the Board about sending a letter to the General Assembly to request support for the Mary Washington medical school funding. She said that having that designation would be very helpful in generating economic support and benefit Stafford County's ability to serve their residents.

Ms. Vanuch asked if Ms. Allen could explain it a bit more before they took the poll.

Ms. Allen said that Mary Washington University was seeking a designation and funding for their medical school and hospital. She said that currently, part of this process was tied up with Appropriations. She said that to move forward, the Board could provide a letter of support to the Appropriations Committee and Senate Finance Committee during the conference, which could significantly increase the likelihood of securing the necessary funding and getting it over the line. She said that she was not certain of the exact figure, but she did know that it will be sufficient to help them launch the program.

Ms. Vanuch said that she would like for staff to draft the letter and then prepare a summary that outlined the benefits and drawbacks. She said that she wanted to know what they were competing against in terms of funding, and whether allocating funds to this project would result in any potential losses or conflicts with other approvals.

Dr. Yeung agreed that she would like the letter to be written and brought back to the Board for review.

Mr. English asked if this was unrelated to Germanna's nursing school.

Ms. Allen said that to clarify, this was meant to support the designation of Mary Washington's medical school as a teaching hospital, specifically for doctors. She said that this allowed Mary Washington to do that and allowed them to be more competitive with keeping doctors in the region.

Mr. Diggs confirmed there was consensus from the Board to send the letter of support to the General Assembly.

Mr. Diggs – reported that a constituent recently brought forward a concern regarding an Airbnb issue in Stafford County. He said that staff was currently looking into it, and the Board needed to address it as well. He said that personally, he was aware of short-term rentals being operated in the County, and they needed to address it sooner rather than later. He said that he was unsure if other counties restricted them.

Ms. Vanuch said that they were typically allowed in cities, but forbidden in counties because they could not limit how many people occupied the houses. She said that their entire Zoning Ordinance was based on bedrooms and families. She said that she would be concerned about 50 people renting out rooms in a house like it was a hotel. She said that they should definitely do a legal deep dive before moving forward.

Ms. Evans said that they had a bed and breakfast ordinance.

Mr. Diggs said that the Board had also recently discussed drive-thru windows for restaurants, and they were moving forward on clarifying that ordinance language for pick-up windows. He said that constituents had reached out to him about Panda Express in the George Washington District, which was planned to be up and running by fall of this year.

Mr. Diggs said that he would also like to highlight an upcoming event, the Law Enforcement United ride, which would take place on May 11. He said that this event honored fallen law enforcement officers and their families, as participants rode 250 miles on a pedal pike from Chesapeake to Washington, D.C. He said that it was a phenomenal opportunity for the community to show its support to the cyclists.

Mr. Diggs said that he had recently had multiple constituents reach out to him regarding concerns about data centers and the potential impact on their aquifer. He said that the County had been talking about that issue since he had joined the Board, and he could assure the public that the Board was committed to protecting their groundwater. He said that the construction of the purple pipe system was intended to achieve that, so he was very surprised so many people thought it was an unresolved issue. He said that he would like to encourage citizens to reach out to their respective Board member with questions or concerns.

Mr. Diggs said that in terms of taxes, he had repeatedly heard citizens ask the County to "tighten their belt", but at some point tightening the belt would cut off circulation. He said that the County had to pay its staff and operate its schools. He said that the County was facing a significant revenue issue and the Board would be working hard over the next several years to develop a solution. He said that many of the Supervisors had two or three jobs themselves, and they experienced the same financial pressures, including tax payments, as others in the community. He said that the Board was sincerely trying to find the balance to take care of the community.

Mr. Diggs said that finally, he reported that he had the privilege of attending a celebration of life for Chief Emeritus Robert Green, a respected member of the Patawomeck Tribe. He said that Senator Durant and Delegate Cole were also in attendance, and they had the opportunity to honor his legacy. He said that one of the things that was spoken about was how he endured significant challenges as a Native American, yet rose above them to achieve recognition for the Tribe and advocate for the well-being of the youth. He said that it was an honor to be present at that event and pay his respects.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

BRIEFING ON THE SURVEY RESPONSES FROM THE COUNTY'S TOWN HALL: NORTH ANNA TO BRISTERS PROJECT

Rysheda McClendon, County Attorney said that she would be briefing the Board and the public on the survey responses received from the County's town hall and community engagement listening session concerning the Dominion Energy North Anna to Bristers Transmission Line Project. She said that all the information was included in the Board package, so she would cover it in summary format and provide some updated information along the way.

Ms. McClendon said that to provide some context, she would like to briefly review the Board's and County's efforts concerning the project. She said that on December 2, 2025, the Board passed resolution 25-303, which was the Board's first public statement regarding the project. She said that this Resolution directed the County Administrator to send letters to the State Corporation Commission (SCC) and Dominion, which were also sent later that month.

Ms. McClendon said that on December 16, 2025, pursuant to resolution R25-306, the Board requested the Planning Commission to exercise its authority under state code and ask Dominion for information concerning the project as it impacted the Comprehensive Plan amendments. She said that the County had received information from Dominion in response to these requests, which was currently being evaluated by the County's routing and power consultant and was being used to inform the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments.

Ms. McClendon said that also as part of the Resolution passed in December, the Board added initiatives to its 2026 General Assembly legislative programs, requesting the passage of legislation to increase local authority, consideration, and engagement in the process when it comes to power line projects within the locality.

Ms. McClendon said that although the language from the three proposals was not incorporated into any of the final legislation, two bills had passed: one requiring the SCC to approve up to four 500 kilovolt transmission line projects as a piloting initiative for burying transmission lines, and another requiring the State Corporation Commission to consider the construction of new overhead lines and corridor routing to be further than 150 feet from dwellings, public and private school buildings, daycares, and places of worship, unless no other practical alternative existed. She noted that with regard to the former, the County would be responsible for 50% of the costs of burying the lines, which was likely to be cost-prohibitive.

Ms. McClendon said that furthermore, last week on April 28, the Board sent proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments to the Planning Commission to initiate the process. She said that the County conducted its town hall and community engagement meeting and listening session on March 5, 2026, at which time counsel provided informational presentations concerning the project, and they received feedback and engagement areas by segment to allow the community to ask questions and discuss directly with counsel.

Ms. McClendon said that in order to gather meaningful feedback, they used a variety of formats, including paper surveys and online surveys accessible via QR codes, which were available for two weeks after the community meeting. She said that they received 465 survey responses, including both formats, and eight letter responses. She said that the full report was available in the Board package for review.

Ms. McClendon said that tonight, she would like to highlight a few key results. She said that nearly half of the survey responses came from residents living in segment five, and about 20% came from residents living in segments six and seven. Although 29% of respondents did not know which segment they lived in or did not live within any segments, their responses were still captured and their concerns were being collected and included in the results. Overall, the opinion of the project was unfavorable, with 93% of respondents objecting or opposing the project.

Ms. McClendon said that within that opposition, several themes emerged, and she would cover the ones with the highest opposition rates. The majority of opposition came from the project's proposal to place the lines above ground, with support increasing significantly when respondents were asked if their opinion would change if the lines were buried. She said that nearly 80% of respondents reported that their opinion would become more favorable if the lines were buried underground, making this a key mitigation factor.

Ms. McClendon said that the second most prominent opposition was related to property values and financial impacts, with concerns about reduced home values, limited resale options, and permanent financial loss tied to overhead lines; this was about 65%-70% of respondents. She said that the third most prominent opposition was related to health, electromagnetic field (EMF) exposure, and safety concerns, as well as issues concerning quality of life, chronic noise, stress, and uncertainty about long-term safety; this was about 60-65% of respondents.

Ms. McClendon said that given the substantial opposition to the project, it was essential to understand the future opportunities for engagement. She said that the meeting dates had been corrected in her presentation, and Dominion had rescheduled its virtual meeting to this Thursday, May 7 at 12:00 p.m. She said that the Dominion website had a link to access the meeting. She said that there were also two other upcoming meetings: one hosted by Delegate Carroll with Dominion on May 7, and another in-person community meeting hosted by Dominion on May 11 at the Hampton Inn and Conference Center.

Ms. McClendon said that in advance of these meetings, she wanted to highlight new information made available from Dominion on their project website. She encouraged checking the project website, as they had added updated and new information, including more detailed maps that provided a breakdown of the entire project length and 30 smaller segments or portions that could be used to identify affected parcels.

Ms. McClendon said that also, the scope of the project had expanded. She said that the project would still include the previously discussed 70 miles of the 500-kilovolt transmission lines, as previously discussed. She said that Dominion's website now indicated that the project also included installing a 230-kilovolt circuit on the same structure as the 500-kilovolt line. She said that this circuit would be constructed as part of the project, but would not be energized at this time, allowing the line to support future energy needs while minimizing the need for additional construction.

Ms. McClendon said that all of this was moving toward Dominion's application to the SCC, and counsel would be using the survey responses to support the County's opposition to the project and to solicit public feedback. She said that according to the survey, 43% of respondents expressed a willingness to provide public testimony. She said that the timeline for this participation remained unchanged.

Ms. McClendon said that for reference, Attachment 3 to the Board package materials provided information on public engagement opportunities, as previously discussed in December. She said that she wanted to highlight a new development regarding the timeline. She said that Dominion had recently made available information indicating that the application was still projected to be submitted in Q3 of this year.

Ms. McClendon said that the SCC was now expected to make a decision by Q2 of 2027, and if approved, construction was anticipated to begin in Q1 of 2028. She said that Dominion also projected that the project would be in service by December of 2030, but the schedule was subject to change.

Mr. Diggs asked if there was any new information regarding the executive order related to these powerlines.

Ms. McClendon said staff was currently tracking it and had not seen any rules put out yet or any information on what to expect with the executive order. She said that counsel would follow up with the Board when they did.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Bill Ashton, County Administrator, said that he had no report this evening.

PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS BY AGENCIES

A PRESENTATION ON ACCESS TO WATER PROGRAMS, PRESENTED BY DELEGATE STACEY CARROLL

Stacey Carroll, Delegate of the 64th District of Virginia, said that she was here specifically to discuss a matter that had been of great importance to herself and the delegation, particularly Delegate Josh Cole and Delegate Mark Franklin. She said that Virginia was currently experiencing a severe drought, and this had significant implications for Stafford County residents, particularly those with bore wells. She said that in the current environment, these wells were more likely to fail to produce sufficient water.

Delegate Carroll said that the delegation had been working to identify solutions to assist these residents, and she was pleased to report that they had made significant progress. They had conducted thorough research and had identified grants and loan opportunities available to help Stafford residents modernize and repair their wells. She said that there was \$21,000 in grants from South Eastern Rural Community Assistance Program (SERCAP), a private organization that provided essential and critical needs grants, including funding for critical water structures.

Delegate Carroll said in her communication with them, they had focused on the installation, preservation, and modernization of wells, along with tap fees for water and wastewater, septic system construction and installation, and wet water or wastewater repair projects. She said that they had also discussed a state-funded program run by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH), which provided grants up to \$10,000 to repair and modernize wells. She said that this program was expected to be fully funded this fiscal year.

Delegate Carroll said that additionally, they had discussed the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Single Family Housing Repair Grants, also known as the Section 504 Home Repair program. She said that this program provided up to \$10,000 in grants specifically to residents in designated rural areas. Another program run by the Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP) supported some of the smallest and often overlooked communities.

Delegate Carroll said that once they worked with local Boards of Supervisors and City Councils, they provided necessary infrastructure to support community upgrades. The four programs she had outlined had different processing times, which were influenced by the time of year, regional and national declared emergencies, and the application process. She said that what they did

expect was that all programs request an estimate be submitted with their application to ensure expedited processing.

Delegate Carroll said that she was asking the Board of Supervisors to take action on three things. Firstly, she was asking for continued partnership and communication. She could speak on behalf of the delegation, including Delegate Cole and Delegate Franklin, who were committed to ensuring that access to water was a human rights issue. They needed to ensure that people did not hesitate to access basic necessities like washing clothes or flushing toilets.

Delegate Carroll said that she had secured commitments from several organizations to assist residents in completing the application process. She said that this was particularly important for residents who may not be technology savvy or may need help with missed checkmarks or signatures. She said that she was asking the Board of Supervisors to provide the necessary infrastructure to support this process.

Delegate Carroll said that she would like to know where they could meet and stage personnel to assist residents in a timely and efficient manner. She said that she would like to schedule this meeting for the evening, rather than during the day, to accommodate people's work schedules. She said that they could provide some flexibility to ensure that residents could get their questions answered and applications completed without delay.

Mr. Diggs asked staff if they could address Delegate Carroll's request for a location to accommodate this process in the County.

Mr. Ashton said that yes, staff would work to identify a location.

Ms. Vanuch said that she appreciated Delegate Carroll coming to the Board to address this important issue. She said that she would like to note that the SERCAP funding of the \$1,000 grants was only available to people below the federal poverty line.

Delegate Carroll said that to clarify, SERCAP had confirmed in their conversations that they would make an exception to that requirement due to Stafford's proximity to northern Virginia.

Ms. Vanuch asked if that could be confirmed in writing.

Delegate Carroll said yes.

Ms. Vanuch asked if VDH had previously provided information on their program to the County.

Delegate Carroll said that she was unsure about past communications with the County, but she could assure the Board that the current state administration was committed to administering that program now.

Ms. Vanuch said that she was wondering why that information had not been provided a long time ago by VDH.

Donna Krauss, Deputy County Administrator, said that staff was aware of the program and the limitations and restrictions from VDH. She said that she had discussed this with Mr. English

previously, but if there had been other conversations with the delegation, she would not be aware of that. She said that staff would be glad to learn about any changes.

Ms. Vanuch said that her point was that the main issue was that these programs already existed, but were difficult for constituents to access. She said that if they did not make it easier for residents to access and be approved for the programs, problems would continue. She said that the state needed to make sure they were adequately administering the programs. She said that she wanted to get confirmation that the rural designation for these programs did not exclude Stafford residents who were in non-rural areas of the County. She said that if the application and approval process were more accessible, or if more funding was set aside for Stafford County, assistance from the state in those areas would be greatly appreciated.

Delegate Carroll said that the delegation's current priority was to first ensure people had access to adequate water. She said that interrogating their method was typically part of their after-action review, where they assessed what they had done and what they could improve. She said that there had not been a specific request in the budget or legislation to update these programs or allocate specific funds for Stafford County.

Delegate Carroll said that however, this had been an ongoing conversation with various secretaries in the Governor's cabinet, with the goal of making that a priority for next year and addressing it as a County-wide issue. While she was not entirely sure how certain parts of Stafford County were classified, the majority of the County was classified as rural, which affected the allocation of resources for these projects.

Ms. Vanuch said that Stafford County was not classified as a rural community.

Delegate Carroll said that there were various classifications, and the specific program offered by the USDA designated Stafford as a rural community. She said that she had met with a USDA representative to learn more about this program and how to verify addresses for residents of Stafford County, and during their in-depth discussion, it became clear that a significant portion of Stafford County, particularly areas such as Hartwood and Rock Hill, qualified for this program, which primarily affects rural areas within their County.

Delegate Carroll said that she respected Ms. Vanuch's position as the local elected official and acknowledged her expertise, but in terms of these water resources, the programs she had listed had confirmed they could be of assistance. She said that she had taken a second look herself to confirm the information was trusted and accurate.

Ms. Vanuch said that based on federal requirements for a rural community, Stafford County was over the population level. She said that she could clarify that information from her perspective as the Rock Hill Supervisor. She said that she was hesitant to put this information out for the public because she did not think many of their residents would be able to access these resources.

Ms. Vanuch said that she thought there would be some landmark action from the state to open up more resources for Stafford. She said that issues with wells and septic systems were not new to Stafford, and the current resources had not been sufficient in addressing those issues, partially because of the existing restrictions on these programs.

Delegate Carroll said that she would make sure her office reached out to Ms. Vanuch to give her the opportunity to thoroughly review all the available information.

Mr. English asked if the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) could offer any assistance as part of this effort.

Delegate Carroll said that no, FEMA could not provide support because it was not a federally declared disaster.

Mr. English said that he wanted to confirm that all of these programs could assist everyone in Stafford before they held a community meeting. He asked Mr. Ashton to work with Delegate Carroll's office to make sure they could move forward with offering these grants before they encouraged everyone to fill out applications.

Ms. Allen said that Stafford was difficult to classify because they had many rural and suburban neighborhoods co-located throughout the County. She said that this issue was brought up years ago, and she appreciated this delegation taking a proactive stance to fix the issue now. She said that she wanted to ask if SERCAP was administering the Septic and Well Program (SWAP) through VDH.

Delegate Carroll said that to clarify, SERCAP was a separate organization with its own program, and SWAP was administered by VDH.

Ms. Allen said that she would suggest that they determine how many people needed to apply before they hosted the community meeting, so that they knew how much space was needed and to make the process more efficient.

Delegate Carroll noted that the USDA Rural Development website allowed homeowners to type in their addresses and confirm if they were part of what was included in their program.

Ms. Guy said that she greatly appreciated Delegate Carroll's efforts on this issue, and she agreed with Ms. Allen that having residents do a bit of the legwork themselves would make the process more efficient. She said that additionally, if they had an overwhelming response from the community that signified the need was greater than previously considered, it may lead to the criteria and benchmarks for the programs to change in order to accommodate that. She said that if a lot of people showed up to request assistance, they could potentially measure that and advocate for changes to the programs on their behalf.

Mr. Diggs said that he wanted to commend Delegate Carroll for addressing this longstanding issue. He said that it affected six out of the seven districts in Stafford, and it was heartbreaking to hear the experiences of residents whose wells were running dry. He said that there would be challenges in terms of making it happen, but he was sincerely grateful to the delegation for taking this on. He said that he appreciated all the communication and the collaborative spirit they had taken to find a comprehensive solution.

Mr. Diggs said that the County was committed to working with the state to help their constituents and determine how many people were being impacted. He said that Ms. Vanuch also

brought up a good point about removing some restrictions at the state level next year, so he hoped they could look into that.

A PRESENTATION BY MICAH ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES

Meghann Cotter, Executive Servant-Leader for Micah Ecumenical Ministries, said that she was here to discuss a specific project. She said that for background, Micah had been in operation for approximately 20 years, initially focusing on basic needs for people experiencing homelessness in their community. She said that people were initially coming to their downtown churches seeking food, water, and shelter, and over time, they had evolved to address the broader aspects of human flourishing.

Ms. Cotter said that since 2010, their partnership with the local continuum of care had led to a 56% decline in chronic homelessness, specifically among individuals with disabilities who have been living on the streets for a year or more. She said that they currently supported approximately 170 people in some form of housing throughout the region. She said that their experience had taught them that people did not become homeless solely due to a lack of financial resources; rather, they became homeless when they ran out of relationships.

Ms. Cotter said that if they understood why people became homeless, they could develop solutions that addressed the root causes. She said that her project, Jeremiah Community, aimed to lift individuals off the streets, provide stable housing, and offer a range of partnerships and supportive services to enable them to live independently and thrive. She said that she believed that this project had the potential to create a community where no one had to sleep outside.

Ms. Cotter said that she hoped to initiate a conversation about the possibility of creating this kind of community. She said that unlike larger metropolitan areas, their community had a relatively small population of people experiencing homelessness, with numbers consistently below 200. The declining number despite their growing population was a testament to the collaborative efforts of their community, working together with limited resources to address this issue.

Ms. Cotter said that their primary focus was on supporting individuals who lived on the streets and had disabilities. She said that on an average night, approximately 60 people lived outside, often in tents, abandoned buildings, or in front of businesses. She said that a third of the population Micah served each year had a last fixed address in Stafford County.

Ms. Cotter said that furthermore, as the County urbanized, more people were living outside in their community. She said that it was crucial to understand this aspect because there was a real cost associated with people living on the streets. She said that according to national statistics, it cost around \$35,000 per year per person for someone to live outside, including hospital visits, arrests, and the strain on public resources.

Ms. Cotter said that however, providing housing and support could reduce this cost to approximately \$12,000 per year. She said that not responding to this issue came with a substantial cost to taxpayers, while providing holistic support could yield significant benefits. She said that it was notable that 78% of people experiencing homelessness had disabilities, making it challenging for them to self-resolve and requiring a lifetime of support.

Ms. Cotter said that Stafford County had played a significant role in this story. During the pandemic, their community was able to provide resources, and no one had to sleep outside. They were able to house everyone they knew in hotels for two and a half years. She said that one individual, Jeremiah, who was a graduate of North Stafford High School, an army veteran, and struggled with schizophrenia. She said that he lived on the streets for 27 years, building relationships with their downtown churches that allowed him to make meaningful progress toward stability.

Ms. Cotter said that they rented a house for Jeremiah and convinced him to live there, where he had been for the past three and a half years. She said that this experience had inspired them to develop the Jeremiah Community project, which aimed to provide housing, purpose, and relationships as its core components. She said that they had secured an rezoned land in Fredericksburg, off Fall Hill Avenue, and planned to start with 50 small houses, a community center, and a green space.

Ms. Cotter said that this project had the potential to be a game-changer for their community, as they currently supported 170 people in scattered sites and mainstream housing, which was becoming increasingly expensive. She said that case managers were spending a significant amount of time driving around the community, rather than being involved in people's lives and providing the support they needed. She said that when individuals were housed in separate locations, they often became isolated, which could be detrimental to their mental health and other dynamics at play. She said that people fundamentally required community, and the Jeremiah Community project sought to address this need.

Ms. Cotter said that she had provided concept examples of their community center, small house, and duplex, designed to provide a unique neighborhood style that catered to the specific needs of this population. She said that due to the trauma and challenges clients had faced, they struggled with shared walls, which was why this design was intended to create a supportive environment.

Ms. Cotter said that the site plan had been filed, and they were currently working through comments with the City of Fredericksburg. She said that they anticipated breaking ground later this year. She said that this project was built on proven models, with examples in Texas and Missouri, both of which had received national attention for their innovative approaches to addressing homelessness.

Ms. Cotter said that this project was a \$17.5 million undertaking, which included the community center, the first 50 homes, and three to five years of operating costs. She said that in short, they did not have the recipe to create supportive housing with deep subsidies in this community, so they were making the most of a difficult situation. She said that a significant portion of the funding came from private dollars, and they had raised \$12 million of the total \$17.5 million.

Ms. Cotter said that they were continuing to work on the remaining balance. She said that several key partners, including Tricord, a local developer, and Atlantic Builders, had been instrumental in championing and leading this project. She said that other notable partners included Stafford Rise, Stafford Public Safety, Stafford Economic Development, and several Stafford churches. She said that she would like to extend an invitation to all of the Board members to join a bus tour, where they could discuss the project's potential impact on Stafford County and the region.

Ms. Cotter said that this project was not only a local benefit but also a regional one, and they would love to have the Supervisors' input and participation. She said that the project was located in Fredericksburg, but Stafford County would greatly benefit from it and it would be a key asset to celebrate.

Dr. Yeung said that she was very supportive of this project. She said that she greatly appreciated Ms. Cotter's work and Micah Ministries' service to Stafford County.

Ms. Vanuch said that she wanted to thank Ms. Cotter and her colleagues for being here and presenting this important information. She said that her parents and her pastor were in support, so she would support it as well.

Mr. English asked if Habitat for Humanity was part of this project.

Ms. Cotter said that Habitat for Humanity focused on homeownership, but these would be rental units. She said that this project was intended to provide people with the opportunity to adjust to a stable environment and learn responsible renting, which could be a stepping stone to owning a home such as those built by Habitat for Humanity. She said that nevertheless, Habitat had been a strong supporter of their work.

Ms. Guy said that she looked forward to the bus tour. She said that this was a fantastic project and she looked forward to helping.

Mr. Diggs said that he would echo his colleagues' remarks and thanked Ms. Cotter for all the work Micah Ministries did. He said that it was incredibly important to provide support to those experiencing homelessness, as he had personally experienced. He said that taking care of each other had a limitless positive ripple effect in the world. He said that Micah Ministries had his full support for this project.

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION QUARTERLY REPORT, PRESENTED BY WALTER BURKE, RESIDENCY ADMINISTRATOR

Walter Burke, Residency Administrator for Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Fredericksburg Residency, said that he would provide updates on current projects and maintenance items. He said that the Route 1 Cambridge Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project over the Rappahannock River involved replacing the existing superstructure, which included the girders, decks, and new rails. He said that to maintain traffic, they would maintain three lanes, which would require widening the bridge.

Mr. Burke said that this would also enable them to provide a separated pedestrian and shared use path on one side of the bridge and a sidewalk on the other. He said that they were aiming to start construction in 2030. He said that the Route 626 Leland Road project was a road widening and bike and pedestrian improvement project that would widen the road between Walnut Drive and Julian Drive, providing a two-way left turn lane and incorporating sidewalks from Deacon Road to Julian Drive. A public hearing was scheduled for May 27, 2026, at Conway Elementary School, and construction was tentatively set to begin in 2029.

Mr. Burke said that the Route 1 intersection improvements at Layhill Road would provide minor widening on U.S. Route 1 for turn lanes and access management improvements, as well as sidewalks along the Layhill and U.S. Route 1 corridor. He said that construction was tentatively scheduled to begin in 2031. He said that for the Route 64 bridge replacement over Aquia Creek, they would be replacing the one-lane bridge on Rock Hill Church Road over Aquia Creek. The last update was the removal of trees necessary to prepare the site for construction, which was completed in December.

Mr. Burke said that now, they were moving forward with construction, scheduled to begin in late May or early June, so it was approaching quickly. He had a conversation with the project manager and their Communications staff to ensure that the project started after the school year ended, which was expected to be around May 28 to avoid impacting school bus routes, and the project was anticipated to be completed in the spring of 2027.

Mr. Burke said that Shelton Shop Road improvements had the project scope reduced to a single roundabout at the intersection of Mountain View Road and Shelton Shop Road, with no shared use path. He said that accompanying this, there would be shorter improvements to address concerns, including the addition of a left turn lane on Winding Creek Road. He said that construction for this project was expected to begin in 2030 and be completed in 2031.

Mr. Burke said that moving on to Route 623, Harrell Road intersection improvements at Forbes Street, they were currently in the right-of-way phase, acquiring the necessary land for the radius improvements. He said that a 40-foot radius would be created to enhance turning movements on Forbes Street. He said that once the right-of-way was secured, construction could begin. He said that in the Secondary Six-Year Plan (SSYP) projects, they had Holly Corner Roadway improvements, which would involve a wedge-waging and overlay at various locations on the route, scheduled to occur this summer in 2026.

Mr. Burke said that Village Parkway and Austin Ridge Drive would feature pedestrian upgrades and crosswalk improvements. He said that then, they had Embrey Mill intersection improvements at Aspen Avenue and Coastal Avenue, which would involve reducing the approach to the intersection to assist with some of the existing concrete bumps and restriping. He said that the construction timeline for this project was still to be determined, pending the securing of a concrete contract.

Mr. Burke said that finally, they had the Decatur Road safety improvement project, where they were evaluating the field conditions, specifically the area between Potomac Point Winery and Hoot Owl Road, where there had been instances of trucks off-tracking and shoulder concerns. He said that their staff was working with internal staff and environmental staff to finalize a plan for moving forward with this project.

Mr. Burke said that they were planning to make some short-term improvements at that location, including a shoulder upgrade and re-ditching to re-establish a shoulder area. He said that however, they were awaiting confirmation from Environmental Services on this matter before proceeding.

Ms. Allen said that she believed there was an existing pond there that made it difficult to complete the project, so they had to find a way to accommodate that area. She said that in the short term, they planned to address the shoulder, and in the long term, it was suggested to add it to the SSYP to find a solution that could accommodate that.

Mr. Burke said that he would also like to discuss their paving routes. He said that their paving contract would be open through November. He said that things were progressing well from the start, as he had been discussing with their construction section. He said that one thing he was excited to see was the routes that Stafford had submitted for the trench widening and overlay.

Mr. Burke said that he was impressed to learn that their team at the residency would be able to complete approximately 30 lane miles. He said that he was excited to see that and was looking forward to working with everyone on trench widening roads in their rural areas. He said that he was also going to be sending his updated contact information to the County staff so they could reach out to him.

Mr. English said that he was receiving criticism on Facebook regarding the road construction on Route 17 near Holly Corner in Village Parkway. He said that people were expressing frustration that the lights were not sequenced properly, causing traffic congestion. He said that he would appreciate it if VDOT could review this situation and give him an update.

Ms. Allen asked if VDOT had an ETA for the Decatur Road issue. She said that she wanted to get a sense of the current status ahead of the summer traffic.

Mr. Burke said that they did not have a confirmed start date. He said that their team would be utilizing the SSYP fund for this project, and the fiscal year did not become available until July 1. Therefore, they were planning to initiate this project in the first quarter of the fiscal year.

Ms. Allen said that she also wanted to welcome Mr. Burke and hoped he would maintain his enthusiasm as they continued working on their transportation projects. She said that she had one request, which was that as they entered the summer months, that VDOT review the signaling of their lights, especially on Route 1 and their other major roads. She said that she wanted to ensure the signal timing was not delayed.

Mr. Diggs said that he welcomed Mr. Burke and was excited to work with him. He said that there were a lot of roads in White Oak that had not been touched in a long time, and he looked forward to working with Mr. Burke and VDOT to provide some kind of framework for that neighborhood.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM 26. CAPITAL PROJECTS TRANSPORTATION; CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR A SAFE STREETS 4 ALL (SS4A) FEDERAL GRANT APPLICATION; PROPOSED RESOLUTION R26-170

Ms. Allen motioned, seconded by Ms. Vanuch, to approve proposed Resolution R26-170.

Ms. Allen asked staff for clarification regarding the outcome of the rapid action safety action plan.

Bryon Counsell, Director of Infrastructure, said that yes, they were still working through the grant agreement. He said that as soon as it was completed, staff would update the Board.

Dr. Yeung asked for clarification regarding the specific segments of Route 3 in Stafford that would be included in the safety audit and how they related to the Fredericksburg segments.

Mr. Counsell said that there were five areas on Route 3, east of I-95, that had been identified in their Tier 1 analysis as needing improvement. He said that this federal grant would be used to study those intersections to determine if a project could be developed from the findings.

Dr. Yeung asked if this was duplicating any regional efforts.

Mr. Counsell replied no; they were not duplicating any regional efforts.

Mr. Diggs called the vote on approval of proposed Resolution R26-170.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Diggs, Guy, Evans, Yeung, Allen, English, Vanuch

No: (0)

ITEM 27. PLANNING AND ZONING; CONSIDER REQUEST TO GRANT TIME LIMIT EXTENSIONS FOR VARIOUS ZONING RECLASSIFICATION APPLICATIONS FOR PROJECTS KNOWN AS GFC CORPORATE OFFICES (AKA VENTURE BUSINESS PARK) AND ENON ROAD TECH PARK; PROPOSED RESOLUTION R26-171 (APPROVE); PROPOSED RESOLUTION R26-172 (DENY)

Mike Zuraf, Director of Planning and Zoning, said that this item pertained to a request for time limit extensions. He said that these extensions are for two projects: the GDC Corporate Office Park rezoning, and Enon Road Tech Park rezoning. He said that the GDC Corporate Office Park Extension would be through December 4, 2026. He said that the Enon Road Tech Park extension would be through January 12, 2027. He said that the applicants for each project were present to answer any questions.

Ms. Allen said asked why the extension was scheduled for December if it was solely due to the Planning Commission's calendar.

Mr. Zuraf said that to clarify, it would be reaching the Board in December.

Ms. Vanuch asked if Mr. Zuraf could expand on the reasons for the extension requests.

Mr. Zuraf said that for GDC, it was to ensure they got through the full process.

Ms. Vanuch asked if the applicant had been cooperative with staff and getting everything done in a timely manner.

Mr. Zuraf said that yes, they had. He said that Enon Road Tech Park was a data center project that had to pause their process while the County worked through amendments to their ordinance. He said that the project had to be modified to comply with the County's guidelines and regulations, which resulted in delays.

Ms. Allen motioned, seconded by Ms. Evans, to approve proposed Resolution R26-171.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Diggs, Guy, Evans, Yeung, Allen, English, Vanuch
No: (0)

CLOSED MEETING

At 7:28 p.m., Ms. Guy motioned, seconded by Ms. Allen, to enter into closed meeting.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Diggs, Guy, Evans, Yeung, Allen, English, Vanuch
No: (0)

Resolution CM26-11 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Board desires to hold a Closed Meeting for (1) Consultation with legal counsel pertaining to a nonpermitted hotel/motel use on property zoned A-2, Rural Residential and related litigation, which is also a specific legal matter requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel and where such consultation in open meeting would adversely affect the litigating posture of the Board, and (2) discussion of the disposition of a County-owned interest in real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the Board; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(3), (A)(7) and (A)(8) such discussions may occur in Closed Meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 5th day of May, 2026, that it be and hereby does authorize discussion of the above matters in Closed Meeting.

CERTIFY CLOSED MEETING

At 8:07 p.m., Ms. Guy motioned, seconded by Ms. Allen, to certify closed meeting.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Diggs, Guy, Evans, Yeung, Allen, English, Vanuch
No: (0)

Resolution CM26-11 (C) reads as follows:

**A RESOLUTION TO CERTIFY THE ACTIONS OF THE
STAFFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN A CLOSED
MEETING ON TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026**

WHEREAS, the Board has, on this the 5th day of May, 2026, adjourned into a Closed Meeting in accordance with a formal vote of the Board and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stafford County Board of Supervisors does hereby certify, on this the 5th day of May, 2026, that to the best of each member's knowledge (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the Motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened, were heard, discussed, or considered by the Board

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned its meeting at 8:08 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Ashton", is written over a horizontal line.

William H. Ashton, II
County Administrator