

**Buckingham County
Board of Supervisors
VDOT Work Session
March 13, 2023**

At a reconvened meeting of the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors to hold a work session with Virginia Department of Transportation for Six Year Plan held on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the Peter Francisco Auditorium of the Buckingham County Administration Complex, the following members were present: Joe N. Chambers, Jr., Chairman; Dennis H. Davis, Jr., Vice Chairman; Cameron Gilliam; Donald Matthews, Jr.; T. Jordan Miles III; Harry W. Bryant, Jr.; and Danny R. Allen. Also present was Karl Carter, County Administrator.

Re: Call to Order

Chairman Chambers called the reconvened meeting from the February 13, 2023 meeting to order.

Re: VDOT Six Year Plan Work Session

Scott Frederick: I've been doing this now, this will be my 4th year going into work sessions for Six Year Plans and every year I feel like I have it figured out and it goes smoothly and go well and so far I've been unsuccessful every year and it turns into a volley of questions and a little bit of confusion mixed in and I don't know how to make it go fully smooth. Every year I start by just reading through what's currently on, what we approved last year and then the funding, you guys are always as familiar as I am with inflation, but some of our stone contracts are up 32% this year. That's going to make the amount of money we roll forward smaller. Because we spent more getting roads done this year. Normally I'd say we can add 4-5 miles but to be safe and not over plan, I'm going to try to put 2 miles of road on the Six Year Plan. Then seeing how things go next year and hopefully have a better feel for what the money is going to do. So saying all that to let you guys be thinking about it, I'll go ahead and read through it. The one's in the beginning, I'll tell you we have built up to Rt. 673. So I don't really need to read through those first ones. They should come off the list when we do the programming this year which is Virginia Mill Road is the last one on the current plan that's been built. We go through this in order for any of you guys that are new to the system here. We work our way in order through the list. We built Virginia Mill and the next one on the list is Blackwell Road. We'll be doing that one this coming construction season. We are working on getting 4 roads open to charges right now. Blackwell Road, Rt. 739; Wyland Road, Rt. 693; Mill Road, Rt. 620; Warren Ferry Road, Rt. 627. We will be building those 4 roads this year.

Davis: What about the 2nd half of Virginia Mill that didn't get done?

Frederick: So Virginia Mill is on here. It says 0.3 miles Rt. 676 to dead end.

Davis: They surface treated one half of it but the other half didn't get done.

Frederick: Was that in Jones...

Davis: My district.

Frederick: In your district? Ok. That we double checked to make sure we did the right side of it.

Davis: The north side didn't get done.

Frederick: We did the side that has the church on it and more traffic.

Davis: The other side has all the houses on it. I've been catching a lot of flak about that.

Frederick: Yeah, the other side could be put on the plan this year. That .3 I remember it coming up from where we were working last, I went up there and checked. I feel pretty confident we did it...

Davis: You did the side the church is on but the side with Steve Toney and all them live at.

Frederick: Like I said Blackwell Road, Rt. 739; Wyland Road, Rt. 693; Mill Road, Rt. 620; Warren Ferry Road, Rt. 627. We are working on getting those open for charges getting environmental clearances. We are doing what we call the preliminary engineering now. We are spending money to do that work so anything we've done that we don't edit those ones anymore. They are locked in. Anything I'm about to read through can be changed.

Miles: Mr. Chairman, Scott, those four roads will be done this fiscal year, is that what you are saying?

Frederick: This summer. We've got stuff we are going to work on, we call it construction season.

Matthews: I have a question for you, Mill Road, you said 620, is there 2 Mill Roads in Buckingham?

Frederick: There's a Virginia Mill Road and Mill Road.

Matthews: Mill Road, is that off of 15 down here?

Frederick: Yes, sir. It says from 15 to dead end 1 mile.

Matthews: I think that's one of the roads...

Miles: Where my mom lives on, Supervisor Matthews just so you know.

Matthews: I just want to make sure I'm looking at it right.

Chambers: Is Hatton Ferry getting worked on this year?

Frederick: Warren Ferry.

Chambers: Rt. 627.

Frederick: I'll keep reading through them now so we can see what's on this list. Then we'll talk about any changes we want to make and additions. So 740, Firehouse Road from 655 to dead end. That's 1.1 miles long. Rt. 766, Old Fort Road from Rt. 60 to dead end. That's .3 of a mile. Rt. 714, Pembleton Road, from 15 to dead end, .6 of mile long. Rt. 778, Boulevard Road, Rt. 650 to .4 of a mile north of 650. 1.3 miles long. Rt. 820, Avon Road. From 640 to dead end. That's .6 of mile long. Maxey's Road, from 20 to dead end, .7-mile-long; Rt. 608, Elcan Road, from 636 to 1.07 miles north of 636 which is 1.8 miles long; Rt. 780 Hill Top Road from 636 to dead end which is .2 of a mile long.

Allen: We don't see anymore.

Miles: This is not on what we were provided. Do you have copies of that for us?

Frederick: The one I handed out has 8 pages. I think the emailed might have been...

Miles: Can someone get us copies of that Mr. Chairman?

Frederick: That's a slip up on my part. I just handed out a copy. At the bottom it says 5 of 8. Everybody back on page 5 of 8? Rt. 790, Plantation Road from 638 to dead end is .4 of a mile; Rt. 713 Happy Hollow Road from 695 to dead end is 1.4 miles. Rt. 608, Elcan Road from 635 to 636 is 1.8 miles long. Rt. 801 Hope Road from 15 to dead end is .1 of a mile. Rt. 664 Sycamore Creek Road from 737 to 604 is 1.3 miles long. Rt. 804 Shady Road from 669 to dead end and that's .3 of a mile long. Rt. 649 Mulberry Grove Road, from 602 to .8 mile east of 56. That's 1.5 miles long. Then the rest of the squares, page 7 of 8 and 8 of 8 are just programming things. The last few boxes are traffic services, survey work and environmental drainage work. That is something that is in every county's plan. So that's reading through the list. One thing that I do have to say is last year there was an error made and I take credit for it. Supervisor Allen caught it. 717 Randolph Creek Road was in the 21 plan and it didn't get programmed in the 22 plan but I made a commitment to you to get it put back in when we approve

this year's plan. It was in the 21 plan and I'll put it back in the same spot. Same length and spot and everything like it should have been.

Allen: How about the Randolph Creek Road we've talked about a couple times? I don't see it on here.

Frederick: That's what I'm telling you about now. 717.

Allen: Oh you said 717. I thought you said 617.

Frederick: I meant to say 717, if I didn't. Somehow it just got missed. We reviewed it and I missed it too. Good thing you guys are on your game and were able to catch it and we'll get it corrected this year and when you guys approve it this spring, it will be back in there.

Allen: Thank you, sir.

Frederick: After reading through that, any other edits that may need to be made?

Allen: We can add Cole Comfort Road down below me.

Frederick: I think Donnie Bryan was here last year when we did this and he said just make a list of everything you guys want and program what you can and save the rest for the next year and we won't have to do this again. That would actually be the way to do it. We got everything that you guys came up with last year programmed.

Allen: He got what I wanted.

Frederick: Let me write that down. What was the Route number?

Allen: I can't read the number of paper.

Frederick: What's the name?

Allen: Cole Comfort Road. I'm looking on here and it looks like 760 almost. You might be able to see it better than I can.

Carter: Do you want me to get a list of the roads from them and get it back to you?

Frederick: That would work.

Carter: That way you don't have to go through that small map and figure out everything.

Chambers: District 1?

Davis: Biggest one I have the biggest concern about is the other end of Virginia Mill and a couple more that I want to...Randolph Creek one you've already mentioned.

Frederick: Okay. That one is going to get put back in anyway. That's not deducting from the 2 miles I mentioned.

Davis: Shade Tree. That one's going to be a pain in the butt but the lady calls me and cusses me about 3 times a week. Nobbing Hill Road.

Frederick: You want me to put the Nobbing Hill on here too. You are going to eat the 2 miles up quick.

Chambers: District 2?

Gilliam: District 2 is okay.

Chambers: District 3?

Matthews: I've got a couple questions Scott. Elcan Road is on here twice.

Frederick: It might be 2 different sections.

Matthews: It's not Elcan Road if its 2 different sections because 608 goes across 636. Two different roads.

Frederick: 608 Elcan Road from 636 to 1.07 miles north of 636. Does that make sense?

Matthews: Well, if you go up 636 the first road you get to is 608 and that goes north. That goes all the way over to Buckingham Springs Road. Okay. Are you talking about that whole length there?

Frederick: It says 1.8 miles.

Matthews: That sounds about right. If you go to Concord Church and 608 goes to the east or south really. Is that what that part is?

Frederick: This is the old map that I brought from last year, but this one is worse than the one I just handed out. That's from 635 to 636 so it's a different section of it but it's also the 1.8 miles long.

Matthews: 635 is Buckingham Springs Road.

Frederick: I think what it looks like happened is maybe it was put on there in different years and you picked a section to be added the next year and then you picked another section so now it's the whole road in its entirety.

Matthews: The one side is already surface treated. The one that goes south towards 460 is already surface treated. From 636 to 460 goes through Prince Edward County and crosses Appomattox River and goes all the way through. That's already surface treated. 608 from 636 to 635 is the section that has not been surface treated.

Frederick: Right so that's the section these two routes from 636 North 1.07 miles and the rest of it catches the rest of it to 635.

Matthews: I'm good. There's a couple roads. #1 you covered everything with Elcan Road and Mill Road is on there which is good but I want to add Allen Rosen Road.

Frederick: I can just jot it down. Allen Rosen is the one. I'll get a list together and put it in front of you. It's confusing with Elcan now that both sections are programmed in I think we should put them together and pull the money together. That way it's not confusing anymore.

Matthews: That's fine.

Chambers: District 4.

Miles: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. Just one for me. Family Farm Road which I can't see this map and can't half see anyway, Mr. Frederick, it looks like it's 735. It looks like it is but I can't really tell. It's off of Ranson Road near Mr. Chairman's district and myself. Right near there. But it's Family Farm Road. It's a lot of new homes down there. It is a dead end road with a lot of new homes.

Chambers: After you pass 657 you will see both of them.

Miles: They are parallel to each other. The second question, Mr. Chairman, I see here, Mr. Frederick, that we get 865,000 and then 371,000 for resurfacing. What is that money used for? Is it for secondary routes because I assume it is because federal money has to be tied to primary routes right?

Frederick: You talking about this page here?

Miles: I'm talking about 7 of 8. Since it's on here I wanted to bring it up. I know there is a lot of busted up roads in this county.

Frederick: The one's that say various was the fiscal year 27 and 28 projects. At one point they programmed them, I don't know if you guys remember but I do, they put all the names of the roads in the comment section and they thought it would be better. It made it easier for the programmers to program but it made it harder for the one's doing the work to divide the money amongst routes and I got those fixed and they all got a new UPT number over here but they weren't able to delete these. From my understanding is they have to let the program, the program doesn't just delete them that easy.

Miles: It's very convoluted but can you tell how much money we have to fix secondary roads that are busted up?

Frederick: The answer to that questions is best answered on this front...well what you are talking about is routine maintenance. Our residency gets about 14 million a year to fix busted up roads. This money on here is for the secondary six-year plan. This is turn gravel roads to surface treated.

Miles: This is for that only.

Frederick: Yes.

Miles: This is not maintenance. Okay. That helps clarify.

Frederick: Two totally different pots of money.

Chambers: District 5?

Bryant: Yeah, Logan Road off of 602.

Frederick: Logan Road off of 602?

Bryant: Yeah, you haven't finished the other part have you?

Frederick: So the section that hasn't been done yet? 623 to 602. That sounds familiar when you were talking about it. I thought Logan Road was already on the plan. You would have caught it. I might be thinking of the other section that was done already.

Bryant: It has busted up improvements.

Miles: That happened on 602 too. That has got to be one of the roughest roads in the county. Then trying to fix it made it worse. It will throw your truck out of alignment right now.

Chambers: What's the status of Hatton Ferry Road? I didn't see that on here.

Frederick: Hatton Ferry Road? I don't think it's on the list.

Chambers: I want to put it on there.

Frederick: You want to put it on. Okay. I'll get that one there.

Chambers: Mr. Frederick, I don't see a need in you hanging around unless you want to.

Gilliam: I need to talk to him about a serious issue in my district before he leaves. We can talk about it now if you want too. We talked about this before and it's probably one of the more serious things I've had to deal with since I've been on the Board. Where Scotts Bottom Road comes out on 60 and goes across to CAIRA Road. I brought this to VDOT's attention and understand this has nothing to do against you Mr. Frederick. You represent VDOT. I represent District 2. The head of Dillwyn Fire Department came to me a few months ago and told me this was one of the most serious issues with road. I mentioned that to you. I don't know the status of that. This week I'm not kidding I bet I got about 14 text messages and calls as of last week Buckingham County either lost a citizen or has a citizen on life support from what I understand we are in the same position again. No discretion and I'm not blaming VDOT, but I didn't work the wreck but I'm not official but I believe this is the exact same place. So it's all I can do as a citizen and representative of District 2 is to ask you what's being done. Nothing is worth losing a life over. I'm not sure whose fault it was or if it had anything to do with the road but it was the exact same location so I'd like to ask you what's the clarification of what's going on with that road at this point.

Frederick: I do know when we talked about it in the past, I submitted it to traffic engineering and they studied it and came back with the recommendation of striping and additional signage. I know the striping has been placed.

Gilliam: Has been or has not?

Frederick: Has been. Stop bars and a double yellow line that will lead up to the intersection on the side road. I know that got down. I actually recently road through there and saw it. It was probably done in

the late fall. Right after the time you asked. I do need to check to see why the signs haven't been placed yet.

Gilliam: I ask you because I have to go back and answer and it doesn't make any difference whether it's people traveling through or people in my district inside of Buckingham. I ask you to please take the time, this is the second request to go back and look at traffic reports either from state police or sheriff's department and take a look at this, but by no means am I positive but we lost a citizen at that same intersection and it's all I can do is pass it along to VDOT and for all matters concerned VDOT try to address the situation.

Frederick: I agree. I think every accident is tragic and I think a lot of them can be prevented. I speak every year about contributing factors. I do everything I can.

Gilliam: All I'm asking you is if it is blinking lights or bumpers like the medium strips that you come up. The Chief of Dillwyn Fire Department came so it's not just a regular pitch. The Chief said Cameron, I'm tired of going to wrecks there we've got to do something then next week we had another tragedy. We have got to address this problem. If we don't do anything else for me in District 2, please do this.

Miles: Mr. Chairman, are we doing road issues, general ones now or not?

Chambers: Yes sir.

Frederick: If yall want to let me leave early.

Miles: So a lengthy list and I'll email you these too so you can further investigate. I'm still getting calls from Troublesome Creek Road that needs to be resurfaced. Dixie Hill Road, the shoulders are crumbling and has several potholes. Same with Andersonville Road. I had a call yesterday that the culvert is stopped up South of Sprouse's Corner at Rt. 15 right there as you go south leaving Dillwyn area. Potholes and broken shoulders on Twin Creek road off 60. Potential for extending the turning lane on 60 W to 690, High School Road. It's a very quick right hand turn if you are headed west on Rt. 60. I'll email you that. Then I wanted to ask for update of speed reader for courthouse village.

Frederick: I'm glad you brought that up actually. I've been working a lot with Karl on that and they put together a package and submitted it to us and traffic engineering reviewed it. They were pretty happy with the products that were picked. I think you guys staked the location so we just have to check to make sure the sight distance is going to work and we'll give you guys a permit. So it's almost a done deal at this point.

Miles: Almost, like in a month.

Frederick: Once we give you the permit, it's on you guys' time frame to get it installed.

Matthews: Did you ever find out anything about the timeline of the destination sign in my district.

Frederick: I've never been given a firm date as to when it's going to get put back yet, but I can ask again.

Chambers: Any more questions for Mr. Frederick?

Davis: One thing Mr. Chairman, right there at 15 and Chapel Road going north, water is just standing and not going anywhere. I see them working on ditches and wondering if there's anything we can do. I think it's a couple culverts there stopped up. But every time it rains the water stands right there between Chapel Road and Arvon Church, water just stands in the ditch all the time.

Frederick: We'll get that checked. No problem.

Chambers: Anything else? You are welcome to stay around.

Frederick: I'll put together the list of roads you guys came up with and I'll see about a \$ estimate for them and we'll get them programmed.

Chambers: How does the budget look for the State this year? Are you going to have more funds?

Frederick: Well actually yeah, there is some in FY24 statewide they've allocated \$70 million to ditching, shoulders, pipe work and tree removal and that gets divided amongst the 9 districts and so I think as a residency we are getting about 2.5 million extra next year so you will see a lot of drainage, shoulder and tree work going on next year. More to come on that.

Miles: Mr. Chairman, more to note on that if I may, for the people we need to talk to is the Commonwealth Transportation Board if we want more money in this county to fix these busted up roads, right?

Frederick: Yes, sir.

Chambers: We are going to adjourn.

**Buckingham County
Board of Supervisors
Monthly Meeting
March 13, 2023**

At a regular monthly meeting of the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Peter Francisco Auditorium of the Buckingham County Administration Complex, the following members were present: Joe N. Chambers, Jr., Chairman; Dennis H. Davis, Jr., Vice Chairman; Cameron Gilliam; Donald Matthews, Jr.; T. Jordan Miles III; Harry W. Bryant, Jr.; and Danny R. Allen. Also present were Karl Carter, County Administrator; Kevin Hickman, Finance; Nicci Edmondston, Zoning Administrator; E.M. Wright, Jr, County Attorney; and Jamie Shumaker, IT Manager.

Re: Call to Order

Chairman Chambers called the meeting to order.

Re: Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Chambers certified there was a quorum, seven of seven members were present and the meeting could continue.

Re: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Miles gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all who were in attendance.

Re: Approval of Agenda

Supervisor Miles moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the agenda as amended.

Re: Approval of Minutes

Supervisor Gilliam moved, Vice Chairman Davis seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2023 meeting as presented.

Re: Approval of Claims

Supervisor Bryant moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the claims as presented.

Re: Approval of Fourth Quarter Appropriations

BUCKINGHAM COUNTY FY 2022/2023

FOURTH QUARTER APPROPRIATIONS

General Fund	\$ 2,611,579
Water Fund	\$ 354,198
Sewer Fund	\$ 119,079
VPA Fund	\$ 549,566
CSA Fund	\$ 444,479
School:	
Instruction	\$ 5,441,227
Adm/Attn/Health	\$ 426,419
Transportation	\$ 576,926
Buses	\$ 67,500
Operations	\$ 796,476
Facilities	\$ 307,948
Cafeteria	\$ 364,710
Technology	\$ 505,939
Total School	\$ 8,487,143

Supervisor Miles moved, Supervisor Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the Fourth Quarter Appropriations as presented.

Re: Announcements

Chambers: Do we have any announcements?

Miles: I have one brief one, Mr. Chairman. If you haven't seen this publication, it's called "A Day in the Life" It's says "Progress 2023". It was put together by the Farmville Herald and Mr. Carter, our County Administrator is featured in here and they did a really good job. He was actually the first person on page two or three or something like that. So like to offer congratulations to him. And I hope you can read that really good story about the hard work he's doing on the board's behalf. So thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chambers: You're welcome. Thank you.

Re: Public Comments

Chambers: Public comments. We will allow each citizen three minutes to speak in public comments, those that are signed up. How many do we have signed up?

Lann: We have 20.

Chambers: 20. We'll start at the first one in order. First one.

Lann: Frank Schawaller, District 5.

Frank C. Schawaller, District 5: Hello, my name is Frank Schawaller. I live in District 5. After learning about the many communities that have been prevented from protecting themselves because of corporate pressure, we felt a zoning amendment was not a viable way to protect our county. That is why we went the rights based route. The rights based ordinance is not a land use zoning law. It doesn't propose regulation of metallic mining in Buckingham County. Rather, it insists we protect the rights of the people and communities here to be free of toxic trespass and to prove it safe first. It empowers you, our local elected leaders to do just that. Through the centuries the courts have unjustly and increasingly empowered private corporations with more and more rights originally meant for humans. Public corporations, you our county government, have been left behind as have we the people. This is why we find that again and again, communities are forced to take on big polluting, all-consuming industries. The rights based ordinance does an end run around regulatory and corporate law. It's not a new environmental law. It's a civil rights law for all of us. The rights based ordinance takes its authority from Number 1, the Ninth Amendment of the US Constitution, the rights of the people are not limited to just the rights listed in the Constitution. Also Number 2, the 14th amendment. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities or rights of the citizens of the United States. and also from five articles from the Virginia constitution. Mr. Wright advised you, our elected leaders, that there was no Virginia Code giving authority to the rights based ordinance. But in Virginia Code 15.2-1102 municipalities were given, "permission, and granted general powers which are necessary or desirable to secure and promote the general welfare of the inhabitants of the municipality."

Mr. Wright, here is Virginia law giving authority to Buckingham to pass the rights based ordinance. Its clear intention is to protect public safety and welfare. I asked for the county Gold Mining Committee to reconvene and to discuss this, which is what we had hoped would happen or this Virginia Code gives the rights based ordinance the legal support, you said it didn't have. So send it to a public hearing straight away and adopt it now. Thank you

Lann: Rick Ewing with the library.

Rick Ewing, Library: Hello, everybody, thanks for the opportunity to speak. I'm Rick Ewing, the Library Director for Buckingham County and in Prince Edward County. And I'm here for two reasons. One of the first is to introduce our new branch manager. Kim Westerhoff, has been with us a couple of months and we are trying to coordinate both of us being here. And here we are. So if you have any things good things to say, tell me. If you have any complaints? Seriously, if you need anything, Kim will be here to answer your questions, or anyone else's, and help them out. So I'm very, very pleased to have her join us. The other reason is that a little bit later in the in the agenda and your agenda, you're going to be hearing from a few organizations in terms of their budget and their asks, and so on me, I sort of missed that. But I don't really have a whole lot to say. I am asking for a small increase. And I believe you have the document that explain that. It's a lot of it is minimum wage in the second half of the year. Last year was six months this year, it's 12 months. So up a little bit, but kind of not really because it just covers a greater time period. So if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me on that one. And I'd be glad to answer any questions about that. So few reasons for me to be up here tonight. And again, just to introduce Kim Westerhoff. Thank you very much.

Chambers: Do any board member have a question for her? Welcome aboard. We look forward to working with you.

Miles: Welcome aboard.

Lann: Maggie Snoddy, District 5.

Maggie Snoddy, District 5: Good evening my name is Maggie Snoddy. I live at 194 Mountain View Road, Scottsville and I'm in the Glenmore District. I have two topics I would like to discuss with the Board tonight. One's kind of light hearted the others a little more serious. First off, I'd like to do a little trash talking with you guys tonight. Yes, believe it or not is that time already. That time of year again in the Buckingham County Anti-Litter Task Force is gearing up for our fifth semiannual road cleanup. We're hoping for another record breaking turnout. And I'll have more details on that at a later date. The other topic I would like to comment on is the Electoral Board issues. I want to thank those of you who have been attending the Electoral Board meetings. The question was asked at the Electoral Board meeting on Friday afternoon, why are there so many people attending these meetings. I'll tell you why.

Because the people in this county do not trust this new Electoral Board. One person has already resigned. What does that say? As has been previously stated, this is not a Republican or Democratic issue. It is an issue of good governance, and it's about right versus wrong. I want you to know that I relayed the same concerns directly to the Electoral Board on Friday, for whatever good it did, because personally, I don't think they were listening. But I want to state my concerns directly to you. Because you need to have this information as well. I have been an officer of election for 13 years and I have talked to many of my fellow officers of election. Everyone I talked to told me that they have never worked an election like the one in November, and the reason was the intimidation of officers of election by some of the Republican observers. A strong election system has a well-trained, experienced, honest, and nonpartisan registrar, and a good balance between experienced, long serving officers of election with newly appointed officers of election. We have a huge election coming up this November. And we cannot afford to lose any experienced officers of election. The electoral system in Buckingham County will not hold up under that stress. And you need to know I'm not the only one with those concerns. So I want to thank you again, for your past support. And I just humbly urge each one of you please continue to come to these Electoral Board meetings. Thank you.

Chambers: Mrs. Snoddy, I have gotten probably about three or four complaints about way the county looks over at Scottsville across the bridge into Buckingham. I hope you can get that area when you start to clean up. It does look kind of bad.

Snoddy: Can you say that again?

Chambers: 20 South.

Snoddy: Is that right before you come into Scottsville?

Chambers: Not in Scottsville, Buckingham. Cross the bridge into Buckingham. Did you see how that looked?

Snoddy: Pick a road in the county, any road. You got my word. I've already sent out email from all the people that participated last year. I'm working on getting new people to participate. And I actually talked to the County Administrator in Scottsville. Because there's all kinds of truck trash in Scottsville. That's, I mean, right, right, as you leave Buckingham heading across the bridge there. so we're going to be doing great things. If I can take another minute.

Chambers: I asked a question. You take your time. Hey, look, I asked a question. You've time was up. So I asked you the question. You're not violating your three minutes. My other suggestion to you is clean up 20 before you clean up some of the backroads. Don't a lot of people travel the backwards like 20. When they come in on 20 that's what they see. That's all I'm saying.

Snoddy: I see what you're saying. Well do it right.

Chambers: Thank you.

Lann: Amanda Dillabough. (no district listed)

Amanda Dillabough: Good evening. Thank you for the opportunity to come here today. I am a Buckingham County parent that accesses the James River Boys and Girls Club services. And I want to thank you for your support of that programming in the past. And I wanted to come here tonight. I know that they're on the docket to speak. But I wanted to speak in support of your continued support of the access to those programs. When I thought about that, coming here today and talking to you the question in my mind is, with continued support, what benefits will the children of Buckingham as well as the families have? I want to say too, that this comes from not only as a parent, but I've also been working in Buckingham County and the surrounding counties in the field of mental health with children and families for about 15 years. So I think I have a little bit of a unique perspective on access to programming. And I can say that I think that the benefits to the children that are able to access the programming at James River Boys and Girls club have. The benefits are you know that they have healthy pro social environment that is supervised by authority figures that can be trusted. That they provide programming designed to develop healthy, responsible citizens. They provide opportunities for personal growth and development that may not have otherwise been accessed by these children. They have amazing ability to plan trips, and excursions that give children exposure to things that they may not have seen before. And I think it gives the children an excellent opportunity to practice building healthy relationships with adults outside of their own household. As far as benefits to families, you know, I did a little research about what families experience in Buckingham County financially and in the surrounding counties too. And I was a little surprised at what the median income was, according to the US Census Bureau in 2021. You know, in that research, I found that the median household income in Buckingham was in 2021 was \$49,841. And at the poverty level was 16.8%, which is only close to second by Prince Edward counties and the other counties surrounding Buckingham are higher than that, in the sense of a positive side. So when thinking about that, as well as the challenges that parents face in providing access to resources for their children, you know, for us, having the access to this programming has decreased our childcare costs, which, you know, when I did our income taxes this year, I did the math and found that we spent...

Chambers: Thank you.

Dillabough: Oh, dang, I'm done. Anyway, thank you for your time, Sorry I spoke to much.

Lann: Bob Thomas, District 4.

Bob Thomas, District 4: Thank you. I appreciate the opportunity to speak. And I want to apologize to all the people here who are speaking about much more serious issues than mine. Mine is personal in nature. I bought a piece of property here two years ago, as a family compound, kind of, you know, hunting, fishing retreat, I put a lot of money into trying to develop it as a trophy property. I have what I consider a very irresponsible neighbor, a disrespectful neighbor who I have tried to deal with this issue with him directly and through your animal control department. His dogs run on my property. And I'm not talking one dog, I'm talking five or six dogs every day, all over my property. They bark at me when I'm in my deer stand. They bark at me when I'm fishing at my pond. So I'm simply asking that maybe you would allow your animal control people some other methods to deal with this other than trapping them? Because I've tried twice with that it just doesn't work. That's it. Thank everyone for their indulgence have such a minor issue with everything else.

Chambers: Mr. Carter, could you pass this on to the dog warden, Animal Control so they can take care of it. We'll pass it on to the Animal Control Officer to take care of it for you. Thank you.

Thomas: Thank you

Lann: Mindy Zlotnick, District 5:

Mindy Zlotnick, District 5: The zoning ordinance amendment that the Supervisors have decided to move ahead with is not without risk. Even though the Virginia Code gives municipalities permission to regulate mining through zoning, history shows that corporations can use the takings clause based on the Fifth Amendment of the US Constitution to sue or threatened to sue local governments to change their minds. Brian Carlton's excellent editorial in the Farmville Herald on February 24, quotes Aston Bay's CEO Thomas Ullrich, saying that his company plans to continue working with local landowners are no matter what local officials do. Moreover, he continues, "if the county decides to remove that right to mine, then that is a takings issue for the landowners to pursue." So what is a takings issue? The Supreme Court established the regulatory Takings Doctrine in the 1922 Case of Pennsylvania Coal Company vs. Mahon. This case is the first case in which the Court declared that the Fifth Amendment mandated that corporations be compensated for the diminishment in property value resulting from the application of regulations that seek to protect the health, safety and welfare of people and the natural environment. In other words, if Buckingham County has a zoning ordinance that results in limiting a future profits of a company or the diminishment of property value, the county can be sued. It's not an automatic win for the corporation so courts would have to weigh in, but the above all rich quote sounds like a warning or saber rattling to me. I'm interested in knowing what the county attorney says about the takings issue. Please ask him as I am not in a position to. He has stated his concerns about the rights based ordinance. He said "it would put the county in a difficult position of called upon to defend such an ordinance," implying the county would be sued. What does he think about counties getting sued or threatened to be sued under the takings doctrine for land use zoning amendment, which has a long

history of lawsuits against local municipalities in just your position? After learning about the many communities that have previously been prevented from protecting themselves because of corporate pressure, we felt a zoning amendment would be vulnerable and that's why we chose to create a rights based ordinance which is not based on zoning or regulation. Thank you for your attention.

Chambers: Thank you maam.

Lann: Heidi Dhivya Berthoud, District 5.

Heidi Dhivya Berthoud, District 5: Wow, that went fast. Hello, my name is Heidi Dhivya Berthoud and I live in District 5. You've got very bad legal advice in the memo dated August 2, 2022 from Mr. Wright and Mr. Carter to the Supervisors. This has distracted and delayed you from adopting the right based ordinance to protect us from metallic mining. You have no legal reasons to not adopt it now. The August memo was in response to our initial meeting with Mr. Carter about the proposed Buckingham metallic mining ordinance that is based on the ordinance adopted by Halifax unanimously in 2008 to ban uranium mining. The first I quote the misleading memo and the first one is 'the authority set forth in the Town of Halifax ordinance might be categorized as a claim of right rather than authorized and permitted by the State of Virginia a Dillon State' The Halifax ordinance has a list of authorities including Virginia Code Section 15.2-1102, which gives authority to localities to secure and promote the general welfare of the inhabitants of the municipality and the safety, health, peace, good order, comfort, etc. Number 2 sites misinformation that says the ordinance concerning banning the metal, the mining of metals in Buckingham County presented by the Friends of Buckingham and Virginia Community Rights Network is based on the same claim of right that was used by the Town of Halifax. Actually, the Buckingham ordinance does not ban mining. It is carefully and intentionally not regulatory. It is rights based and prove it first based. As we said above Code 15.2-1102 gives you our leaders authority to secure and promote the general welfare etc. Another piece of bad advice reads, "We cannot recommend the Buckingham County adopt an ordinance based on this claim of right. It would put the county in a difficult position of called upon to defend such an ordinance." You just heard that. Later in the memo it says thus it seems a little benefit of little benefit to adopt a parallel ordinance. Again, Virginia Code 1102 gives you the authority to adopt the rights based ordinance. Just do it. Also, we now know Virginia Code 15.2-2280 explicitly gives authority to localities to prohibit or ban mining. The memo reads though the state does not have a prohibition against metal mining. Yikes. How else are you being misled? You have sent the problem to the Planning Commission to create a county ban on metallic mining. You have invited industry to the table again for next Monday's work session. Do you really think industry will encourage a ban? The rights based ordinance is not a ban. It is a brilliant dodge...

Chambers: Thank you.

Berthoud: Prove it first. Thank you. You represent us not industry. Right?

Lann: Cindi Marchetti, District 1.

Cindi Marchetti, District 1: Good evening, Cindy Marchetti, District 1. I am here to talk about the rezoning of Olympia Moore wanting B-1 from A-1. And I'm confused. Because I thought I was listening to the tape of the last planning meeting. And I thought that it was a four to four tie, which meant that it would not go forward to the Board of Supervisors. But here it is tonight. I'm just baffled because another meeting, there was a tie. And it did not. It said that it wouldn't go the planning wouldn't go to a hearing public hearing. But then it did. So I don't know what the rules are. I'm not sure anybody knows what the rules aren't. Maybe it's, it's not good governance. But I think we need to figure out what we're doing here. And I really am not against business coming in to but maybe that area, because I don't see how VDOT could have done a real good study if you don't even know what business is going to be there. If you don't know what the traffic patterns are going to be, how much business is going to be coming in and out, where the entrances and exits are to this place. So I don't, I don't quite get it. So maybe y'all can just really step back, look at this. And, you know, do your due diligence and not just pass something because, you know, you think you want some business because you don't even know what business is there. Is it going to be residential because that's not going to bring any money to the county? So and then I have to take a moment to respond to someone who, Mrs. Snoddy who was talking about what does it say about someone resigning from the Electoral Board, which would be my husband. And what it says is that my husband cares very deeply about his family. Because personally, I was scared out of my mind because of vitriol that's going around with people in the county against the Electoral Board before they ever got started to do their work and try to do something based on rumors and this and that and the other. And, you know, social media is a very powerful tool. My daughter was scared to even have her daughter be cared for in our church. So I mean it's just crazy. And that kind of stuff needs to stop.

Chambers: Thank you

Lann: Theresa McManus, District 2.

Theresa McManus, District 2: You've never listened to me before, you're not going to listen to me tonight. I've read to you the declaration. I've read to you the declaration of this state. I'm going to now explain to you the first two paragraphs. One rights are given to us by God, not you. The purpose of civil government is to serve my right not yours. You lost them when you became a board member. The power of the civil government is given by the consent of the governed. These people and me, each who is fully entitled to rule. Let's talk about the three most important things in this county to me are the three boards. This Board, the Electoral Board and the Planning Commission. Just get rid of the Planning Commission because you don't pay any attention to what they do. When they do do something, you throw it out the window. So just get rid of them because they don't matter to you. The Electoral Board. We have people on this board who are inciting riots. We have people in this audience who have never read the full law.

Some of you have been given the full law and know what is truly happening with the Electoral Board and how since 2011 one law in particular has never been followed in this county. That's all I'll say there. But I will say to you, Mr. Miles, you should be ashamed of yourself. You are sitting up here. Did you listen to the whole hour and 45 minutes of that conversation that you posted only 59 seconds of? So have any of you held a supervisory position anywhere? If you had your interviewer would say to you, can you fire someone if you find that they have done something wrong? That's in every job interview that you would go to. Let's talk about the Board of Supervisors. You don't follow the law, you don't listen to your constituents, the Atlantic Investment Corporation, Jordan Miles' baby. If you had followed State Statute 15.2-734 and State Statute 15.2-1802, you wouldn't be in the mess where you had to sell it back and I hope that people Buckingham know they have \$170,000 extra that they get to pay back because of your mistake, not ours, your mistake. So you not only bought it back you bought it back for \$170,000, folks that you get to pay because of their mistake. I hope you're ashamed of yourself because I am. And rumors. You promised me something tonight.

Chambers: Look, I told you if I said anything to offend you I will apologize. But the more I get out there and search, I gotta sit down and talk to you. We got some conflicts...I'm not gonna apologize to you because you came up and cursing me and...

McManus: When did I curse you? When did I curse you? I came up and I defended you and said you did not owe this county anything. You should be defending because you know I never said what he said. You know I never once said anything about a black child. I said any child in the community not every child you who I've defended all along. You should blow this rumor out because it's you he's talking about.

Chambers: Your time is up.

Lann: David Spears, District 7.

Chambers: When people come up and talk, why don't you respect people the same way they respect you and you need to get yourself together, Mrs. McManus because you're the only one that comes out here like that. And I got a, Mrs. McManus, I got a tape I'd like for you to listen to what some of your members of the Republican Party said. They'd be glad you leave the county because you are messing up the Republican Party. Did you want to go back and listen to that tonight?

McManus was speaking from audience but didn't pick up well on recording.

Chambers: Look, here, it is not the time. You shut up. I'm not talking to you. I'm not talking to you. She came up here and blasting the supervisors. I got the right to defend ourselves. Right.

McManus stated it's her right to speak. The rest was inaudible.

Chambers: It's my right as a supervisor to speak. You come up and run people down and criticize people and we don't have a say defend ourselves. That's the problem now. There is too much animosity in Buckingham throwing stones. I hear a lot of rumor about two people sitting back there, Mel Taylor and Shelby Taylor, two of the finest people in Buckingham County. I got a lot of respect for them. You run out run down name and family name. Y'all need to stop it. And you know who you are to? I'm sorry, sir. Go ahead.

David Spears, District 7: Thank you. Good evening. My name is David Spears. I'm a geoscientist with over 40 years of experience in government and industry. I recently served on the state agency committee that studied the potential impacts of gold mining. I'm also a resident of Buckingham County, District 7. Mr. Allen. Hello, Danny, how are you? Good see you. My wife and I have lived at Buckingham County for 32 years. All three of my children have graduated from Buckingham High School. We love it here. We came here for the rural beauty of Buckingham. But we also recognize that industry has been an essential part of the rural landscape since the earliest days of colonial settlement. From the flour mills and sawmills of the 18th century to the railroads and the mines of the 19th century, to the pipelines of the power lines and the power plants of the 20th century. Industry has coexisted here with agriculture and rural living. Our modern way of life could not exist without these industrial facilities here in the rural area. Now our nation is in the middle of a great transition to more sustainable forms of energy. We see more electric cars on the road. We see solar panels popping up all around us. We're about to see wind turbines off the coast of Virginia Beach. And this energy transition is creating a powerful demand for metals such as lithium and nickel for batteries, the rare earth elements for solar panels and copper for transmission lines. Our hunger for modern electronics is also increasing the demand for metals to manufacture a typical smartphone and how many smartphones are in the room tonight, requires over 60 different kinds of metals for one smartphone. Some people in this county now want to ban metal mining. This is a terrible mistake. We're on the verge of a great shortage of the metals we need to sustain our modern way of life. Many of these metals are currently supplied by Russia, or China or third world countries in Africa. Those sources can be considered risky at best. Furthermore, when we rely on foreign sources, we import the raw materials, but we export the impacts of those industries to countries that may be poorly positioned to handle those impacts. The proposed ban on metal mining reflects the 1970s mentality, one in which if you don't like an industry, you just try to stop it regardless of the ways in which your own consumption contributes to demand for the products. There isn't a person in this room who didn't wake up this morning, and immediately contribute to the demand for metals. When you use electricity, drive a car or change your thermostat or stir your coffee, you are benefiting from industrial metals. To those who want to implement this mining ban, I say try going a single day without using any metals and see how your life changes. Whether you like it or not, we all need the metal mining industry. What we need is a new form of environmentalism, one in which we're responsible for the impacts of our own consumption. Many of us recognize the benefits of consuming

locally grown food and purchasing locally grown products. I say the same reasoning should apply to the metals we consume every day. Thank you.

Chambers: Thank you, sir.

Lann: Joyce Gooden, District 6.

Joyce Gooden, District 6: Good evening. Thank you for the opportunity to speak. I'm Joyce Gooden, and I'm from District 6. 1779 Shelton Store Road. Thank you first, to the Board of Supervisors. I was really excited when I saw the construction in front of the Ag building where you're repairing the sidewalk. I sincerely hope you are putting in the handicap ramp. So we'll make it so much easier for those of us who have disabilities to get into the Ag building and not having as far to walk. So great thank you for that. I also want to do a shout out and a thank you to our former Deputy Registrar, Ms. Rebecca Ragland Kelly, who was an awesome fit for our electoral registrar's office, but had to leave her position. And I want to say we should be trying to keep young people in the community and not run them out of the community. So she was just awesome fit and knowledgeable. And so Buckingham has truly lost an individual that was serving the county well. A third thing I want to point out that Saturday, April the 1st, we will have our Dr. Carter G. Woodson celebration at Historic Village at Lee Wayside. Last year the Board did a resolution to observe Dr. Carter G. Woodson Day, so Saturday April the 1st from 11am to 4pm. Rain date is April the 8th. Last year we had over 400 people come out to this event. It was an awesome event. And it looks to be better this year. Our motto this year is Educate, Unite and Prosper Together. It is Family Fun Day with great food, live music, games, exhibits and vendors. The food was wonderful last year I have to say that. There is no admission charge for this event. And the sponsors are Buckingham Unity Action Team, Historic Buckingham Incorporated, Buckingham Branch NAACP, the African American Buckingham African American Life and History Society, Straight Street and Forward 2020. For more information 434-218-2576. So again, thank you.

Chambers: Thank you.

Lann: Katherine Thimnakis, District 5.

Katherine Thimnakis, District 5: Blessed are peacemakers. We are at the crossroads of either strengthening our duty to protect Buckingham's democratic agencies which serve us all or submitting to extremists impaneled as the governor's party. Patriot partners with our registrar's built one of Virginia's finest elections network, secure for 30 years. Power brokers loaded with dark money, strategize, hammering into rubble our legacy elections office. Plans reopen with coached loyalists who serve only their party supporters while begrudging against our entire community. Protection of everyone's vote in secure elections is profoundly sacred. We genuine patriots must overcome our collective moral outrage and experience pain to power, pain to power. Assaults upon our election agency, shuttering the office of

the people's will are severe body blows. Expect assaults on every candidate who is not a demotae of the governor's party. America's lawyers honor and our duty is to protect the Republic's rule of law. Justice Department's enshrine the durability of the people's agencies. Prosecutors Beasley and Wright with son of distinguished judge, Attorney Snoddy must publicly alert all local members of the Virginia bar. Remember you, the people's advocates are the fore most enemies of anti-Democratic politicians. We need the public forum to radiate our shared guiding principles. Resilient. We will not live in the rubble captives of predators and boys. Protect the peace.

Chambers: Thank you.

Lann: Delores Green, District 1.

Delores Green, District 1: Good evening, I'm Delores Green from District 1 in Arvonion. I come before you this evening in support of Olympia Moore's request to have her property zoned from A-1 to B-1. It is my understanding that the request for Olympia Moore to rezone her property, it does align with the Buckingham County Comprehensive Plan. Regarding business businesses currently in the area, the Dollar General Store is located on this same corridor and has been open for a year or so. I believe also that a Family Dollar Store was approved last year to be located next to the Central Virginia Community Health Center. Again same business corridor. I would think that it is easier to attract future businesses if the property is already zoned commercial. We would adhere to the list that shows the type of businesses the county approves of. We will we would be remiss in not doing so. I often hear that Buckingham County forgets about the rest of the county sometimes when it comes to planning. This would include the Arvonion and New Canton area as well. Also, as I have stated before, Mr. Jeffries owns the business directly across the road from the proposed business site for Miss Moore and his business is The Shed service station, and he simply cannot understand what the delay is all about in getting this rezoned. It's already in a business area and there have been in the past different types of businesses in that area. I've never known the Planning Commission to deny a public hearing before but they did earlier for Miss Moore. The residents also have the right to voice their opinion, whether it's yay or nay. There are other businesses in that area and have been through the years. I'm hoping that the Board of Supervisors will be favorable in granting her requests. Thank you.

Chambers: Thank you.

Lann: Lesa Johnson, District 1:

Lesa Johnson, District 1: My name is Lesa Johnson and I too live in the Arvonion, New Canton area. And I am here also to show support for Tammy Olympia Moore in her support of having the land rezoned to commercial. I've been in Arvonion now for over 20 years. And after Jax and Cactus Jax closed, we have no form of a restaurant or anywhere to go for entertainment on that end of the county.

We either have to take our money and spend it in Fluvanna, Zion's Crossroads, Gordonsville all of those places because they're actually closer for us to get to then to come back to Dillwyn and people when they come to visit from out of state that's the first thing that they will say, there's nothing here on this end of the county for us to do. We don't even have a decent restaurant or anywhere to go. And I feel like if we were able to get this land rezoned that would open up the opportunity for that type of business to come in that area. That's all I have to say.

Chambers: Thank you.

Lann: Kenda Hanuman, District 5.

Kenda Hanuman, District 5: Good evening. Kenda Hanuman, Supervisor Bryant's District 5. At the Planning Commission meeting, Guy Dixon, Kyanite Mining chairman was speaking. He referenced the gold mining related zoning rule changes and possible outright ban. I don't know who of you were there to have heard that. But he specifically cited their economic role in our little corner the world recommending your diligence in regarding the Economic and Employment effect on the county. I looked it up. Kyanite has 96 Parcels of land in the county comprising 4000 acres, quite the sizable investment obviously. The Booker Mine complex is in that neighborhood. There's been a lot of attention to that. And I'm told that Blue Rock owns that property. That as I understand is connected to the Kyanite Mining. Well, there's a question about metallic versus mineral mining. Kyanite is a mineral. It's not a metal. I was on the state agency committee with Supervisor Bryant and David Spears. Didn't know you'd be here tonight. You're in my comments David. Gold is both a mineral and a metal. Kyanite is only a mineral and it is a Blue Rock. So I guess there's a reason that that corporation is named as it is. 43 minutes into our ninth state agency committee meeting in September, David Spears speaks on metal and says Kyanite is not a metal. Although on a technicality, Kyanite is sometimes considered a metal due to its being an aluminum silicate for regulatory purposes. The federal government sometimes considers Kyanite to be a metal but for right now, Gold is the only metal mined here. He goes on to speak of other metals, the copper, lead, and zinc which he mentioned tonight about critical minerals, which Aston Bay says it's looking for now. Aston Bay did a presentation on his website March of 2023. saying there's an additional 532 perspective acres recently added along the strike to the south east. The Booker Mine area. They say timbers recently harvested, soil sampling, panning and prospecting is underway. They expect to be doing drilling down depth and in the south east extension So I hope that you will be diligent and cautious as you consider how to move forward. Thank you.

Chambers: Thank you.

Lann: David Watso.

Mr. Watso passed on speaking.

Lann: Julia Gibson, District 5.

Julia Gibson, District 5: Good evening to all of you. My name is Julia Gibson; I live in District 5. We persist in asking you to stop metallic mining from coming to Buckingham, by passing the proposed rights based ordinance. One of the numerous sensible key protections in that document is the prove it first section. This requires the applying industry to simply first show proof before getting any permits of another mining project of similar scope that is caused no harm to that community. This simple and effective requirement was adopted into state law by Wisconsin in 98, and held for 20 years. The legislation was passed by overwhelming bipartisan margins 27 to 6 in the Senate, and 91 to 6 in the General Assembly. More than 60 organizations supported the legislation along with petition signed by more than 40,000 residents. While it was law, not one mining company applied for permits. Thus, it was a solidly effective roadblock, and it took hundreds of 1000s of industry dollars and energy to take that law down with the help of industry friendly politicians. This law was directed at Copper sulfide mines, which are the largest source of taxpayer liability under the EPA Superfund cleanup program. It was this track record of sulfide mining pollution that prompted a massive grassroots environmental sportfishing and tribal movement to successfully oppose Exxon's metallic sulfide mine at the headwaters of the Wolf River and enact Wisconsin's landmark mining moratorium law known as prove it first. I thank Professor Al Gaddicks of the University of Wisconsin for this information and his work to help create the Prove it First law. Renowned biophysicist Steve Emerman, who also participated in the creation of the law and unformed us to it also reviewed and approved the Buckingham proposed rights based ordinance for scientific and journal correctness. He presented to the state assembly, the state agency committee on the study of the impacts of gold mining in Virginia. We have asked Chairman Bickford, to invite Dr. Emerman to the Planning Commission work meetings on metallic mining to advise on the scientific questions and prove it first. The rights based ordinance is a gift a collaboration by many quick clear thinking concerned people, please take it to truly protect our home. Thank you.

Chambers: Thank you.

Lann: Chris Godschalk, District 5.

Chris Godschalk, District 5: Hello, my name is Chris Godschalk and I own land in District 5. I'd like to start out by saying that we are thrilled that you are looking at banning all metallic mining and not just gold. It shows true planning and acknowledgement of the risk we would take to limit any solution to just gold. Now, I turned to the takings clause. We understand that the takings clause is a way that corporations can pressure counties to change their zoning laws to favor the needs of corporations. If counties resist, they are sued under the takings clause, which is derived from a court interpretation of the Fifth Amendment of the US Constitution, based on a 1922 decision that stated a corporation would be compensated for the diminishment in property value as loss of future profits, resulting from the

application of regulations seeking to protect the health, safety and welfare of people and the natural environment. The Virginia Code gives the counties permissions to prohibit mining, but corporations have been given rights by the court that trample on our rights to protect our water, air and land. This is not fair. And this is why we support the rights based ordinance. I'd like to ask Mr. Wright what he thinks about the takings clause, and its justice served for our community. Thank you.

Chambers: Thank you.

Lann: Marie Flowers, District 3.

Marie Flowers, District 3: Hi, Marie flowers District 3. I'd like to say that I think David Spears had a lot of good points to his little speech. But I still think that the environment should be the first concern of everybody. You know, what good is the cellphone gonna be if your water is poisoned? I think you all need to think of the people first. That's why I think the prove it first might be the answer. It doesn't ban the mining, but it just proves it first. And also, I'm disturbed about what's going on at the election board. The election board is not going to re hire the registrar. And I think there is some evil behind that. I think maybe they're gonna try to disenfranchise people, I do not know what the capacity of the board is. But they don't want to rehire a good person who's done a good job for all these years. And I also want to thank you all, who have been to the meetings, who care about what's going on. And I hope that you all will go to that meeting, about the mining on the 20th with the Planning Commission. You got to know, I don't know how you cannot know a lot unless you go there and you hear it for yourself. But I'm just and I'm also very disturbed, and I just said that I'm gonna say it again about the election board. We do not need to have that kind of conflict. If the registrar had done anything wrong, they should sit down with her and tell her and that could be worked out. And, Jordan, I liked what you wrote. And thank you all.

Chambers: Thank you.

Lann: Todd Jamerson, District 2.

Todd Jamerson, District 2: Good evening, my name is Todd Jamerson. I live in District 2. Thank you gentlemen of the Board. What I'm here to discuss about and I was told to bring it towards the Board was the Apex. I'm sure you all may have heard of this. The Apex solar panels down on 60. I just had some questions if you can indulge me for a minute. Out of those all of the solar panels I'm sure some of y'all been aware drove by and all that there's a lot of solar panels there guys. Um, what kind of batteries are in them? What does that mean to the community? And what does that mean to the health of the people in that community? Because I live in that community. I just wanted to know, a quick question or quick answer if you were able to, I need to wait and maybe talk to my supervisor and get the answer. I'm more than willing to do that. But I would like to have a good straight honest answer about that. Because that's um, that concerns me a little bit.

Chambers: Any Board member know about the batteries? I got the slightest idea. I'm sorry, I don't know,

Miles: That's the Dominion on 60 East. Is that what you're talking about, Sir?

Jamerson: Yes.

Miles: Yeah, that's the Dominion project.

Jamerson: It's not Apex, it's Dominion.

Miles: But still that's okay.

Allen: The solar panels most time don't have batteries. If you put one at your house on the roof, they put one in your basement. They put a battery in the basement. Here lately I've heard some bad stuff about that type of battery.

Jamerson: That's what I've heard.

Allen: They smoke out and blow up really easy. But anyway, as far as his solar panels out here in the open, they don't have no batteries because they can charge up. I mean, too much energy.

Jamerson: So it goes directly into the grid? From where they are right now, is that being sufficient? Is that working correctly? Is that helping out our community?

Gilliam: This last solar power that we just approved actually goes back into the community. A certain percentage of it comes back into the community. And you asked a question about what happens when getting rid of the panels, what not? The company actually gets rid of the panels and just say if we said the company was broke, going out of business, which is a big question that most of the constituent has, what happens when his company's gone? They have a bond. They put the money up at the beginning, that's a bond that takes care of it, and covers the cost if they're not in business with something. Is that right, Supervise Miles?

Miles: That's my understanding. And if it was in right, it's called a decommissioning bond. And Mr. Chairman, if it was, like the Apex one, which is up and to the north, part of the northern part of the county, there were no harsh or no harsh chemicals in the in the panels.

Jamerson: Okay, but one real quick question before I run out of time here, apologize for that. But one real quick question. Is there ever been any health issues due to these panels? They've never been because I live close by that. I just wanted to know.

Miles: Like physical health?

Jamerson: Personal health problems. Has anybody ever had any physical health problems due to that?

Allen: One person who had trouble with the heart that was never defined. Never could come up with any real answers. We had people to look into it real deep.

Jamerson: Okay, if something came up, y'all be able to look into it and give us a good straight answer.

Miles: Okay, if something legitimate came up.

Jamerson: Okay. Something legitimate. Well, if I bring it to the board, I want it to be legitimate. Thank you.

Chambers: Thank you.

Lann: That is all.

Re: VDOT Road Matters

We have already done VDOT Road Matters at the work session.

Re: Presentations: Ruth Wallace: Virginia Cooperative Extension Service Annual Update and Follow-up on Extension Leadership Council appointment

Chambers: We now move on down and we presentations. Mrs. Ruth Wallace.

Ruth Wallace: As Karl is hooking up the presentation now. I have also with me Miss Jennifer Ligon, who is our ANR Agent, Agriculture and Natural Resources at the Extension Office. I'm Ruth Wallace and I'm the 4-H Agent and Unit Coordinator. So today, we are coming before you and you can go to the next slide. Three things we want to do an overview of what we do, what we've been doing, how we serve our community. A follow up on our request from last month for a representative to our Extension Leadership Council. I apologize. I wasn't able to be here last month, but can answer any of your questions tonight, and then want to speak very quickly about our requested budget, increase in our budget as well. Okay, Jennifer is going to start and talk about what we do on the Ag side. But I do want

to point out that I don't have anything in this presentation about family and nutrition program, family and consumer sciences. We have a vacant family nutrition program position that is 100% grant funded through federal grant funds, and works primarily to work with low income families and individuals on making nutritious meal choices and ones that are financially feasible. So I'm not addressing that tonight because that position is vacant.

Jennifer Liggon: Okay, hello. So in the agricultural realm of Virginia Cooperative Extension, we've done a lot of women in agricultural programming, and that has to do with not only cattle, but also with women operating and management of equipment. Also, I do a lot with cattle handling clinics and beef quality assurance as I work closely with the Cattlemen's Associations in Buckingham and also in surrounding areas. We've done many programming that's also been nationally televised. We work closely together with other agents to bring tobacco grant funding to the area. We assisted the Virginia Cattlemen's Association in obtaining a \$350,000 grant to help with local processing in Virginia, also with other Cattlemen's Associations to help their cattle sales. We brought \$15,000 directly to Buckingham producers for hay barns, precision ag equipment and cattle handling equipment that also generated \$97,000 in this local economy. We saved Buckingham producers, a lot of money in artificial insemination schools and offer pesticide recertification classes. We're working with the Buckingham Cattlemen's Association, the Buckingham BARN beef hub expansion brought \$389,000 from the Tobacco Commission directly to Buckingham. And as you see in the pictures that refrigerator freezer combination and a refrigerated trailer to increase the people in our area finishing cattle so that we can provide local beef to the community. Also, the feeder calf, the BCAAs, feeder calf sale brings in about \$2.3 million. And that contains \$282,000 that are premiums that our local producers get for marketing their cattle this way and not just taking them to the livestock market. So that's added income in this area as well as the heifer sale brings in around 150,000. We have some of the best genetics around because of the AI program where we artificially breed to over 2000 cows and heifers in the area. And recently, I was able to take a visit to the Canadian Feeder Cattle Association annual meeting to increase marketing options across the US border for our local cattlemen. We've already sent a couple loads to Canada to the Canadian feed lots so we're just trying to increase that as well.

Ruth Wallace: I forgot to mention also we're only hitting the highlights she does a whole lot more than what she just talked about, too. But I'm in charge of our 4-H program here in Buckingham. We also have a 4-H program assistant. And I just put some figures up here on the screen. Last year, we had over 1500 4-H members involved in the program in one aspect or another. Of course, some are more dedicated than others. But that also we had 53 adult volunteers who have gone through the training and the background checks and everything else required and 18 teen leaders who helped with different programs and leadership roles. I'm not going through all the rest of it. But suffice it to say we offer a lot of programming for the youth of Buckingham County. Two things I do want to highlight in the summer, we're very active with camping programs, JR 4-H camp is one of my favorite programs in terms of the impact it makes, but it's also one of the most stressful programs of my job. But we bring a good amount

of campers from Buckingham County out to Holiday Lake and really make a significant impact in their lives while they're there. Day camps do the same thing, but not quite as grand scale as the intensive nature of programming of Junior 4-H camp. And these are just a list of some of the other programs that that we do offer, just the highlights. Above all 4-H is a context where youth can find belonging. They can find developmental relationships with peers and with adults. They can find a place where they can fuel what sparks them, what gets them excited, and they can learn and grow many life skills. Now following up on our requests from last month for the Extension Leadership Council. You've heard a lot about what we do. What we do is to meet the needs of the citizens of Buckingham County. We try to gear all of our educational programming to what the community needs. What we can do to help citizens improve their lives. Part of that we had a very vibrant extension leadership council before COVID. During COVID it kind of died away and we never really resurrected it. We're trying to get that back. And with that we would like for you as a Board to appoint someone, it could be a Board member, it could be a county employee, it could be just a general citizenry, but someone to represent Buckingham County, on our Extension Leadership Council. The purpose of that council is to have an ear to the ground to be able to listen to what's going on in the community and what the needs are that extension may be able to address. We can't dress everything, but we can address a lot. This person, back up just a moment if you don't mind, Karl, this person would serve a three-year term. We have three meetings per year we do them at lunchtime so we can do a working lunch meeting and we feed you and they just help us understand the community. And then my last slide deals with our budget increase. This past year we did a salary compression study, but we didn't do it. Virginia Tech did a salary compression study looking at salaries for educators in similar roles within the education system within other extension systems in the south, and realized that we were grossly underpaid, underfunded. And so that has led to an increase in base salaries. So our budget that we submitted this year is a significant increase. But that is our new baseline budget with nothing else added, no anticipated raises No, nothing that is our new current baseline figure for your share of Virginia Cooperative Extension funding here in Buckingham. And that's roughly 30% of our funding. The rest of it comes from state and federal, and grant funding. So if you have any further questions, you can feel free to contact me and I'll follow up. So thank you.

Chambers: Thank you.

Re: Amanda Jones, James River Boys and Girls Club Annual Update

Amanda Jones: Good evening, my name is Amanda Jones. I'm here on behalf of the James River Boys and Girls Club and I brought my colleague, James Compton with me in case I can't answer any of your questions. We are here tonight to say thank you, you helped an enormous amount of children and from Buckingham County with the ability to attend some of our excellent programming. So we are here to say thank you. I'll give you a little recap and update of what's going on at the club. Thank you for your support from last year. Your support is an investment in our club, and a growing partnership between the community and the club. So thank you. Your support reflects the investment in our young people, and

helping all kids develop long term success. Little bit of information about our club, thanks to the county's support, and our community, the investment in the young people, it's been a very successful year at our club. We serve over 70 kids per day. We call them club members. And during the summer that number reaches around 100. Each day after school we serve 14 kids from Buckingham County, and 20 during the summer. That's 20% of our club membership is coming from Buckingham County. We know that this number could be much higher with more transportation. We've had some transportation issues in the past and we had a very generous donor that heard of the Buckingham County problem and donated a bus for Buckingham County students to the James River Boys and Girls Club. It only holds 14 students though, so therefore we have a 14 person max right now, but a waiting list of Buckingham County kids that would like to attend the James River Club on a daily basis. So transportation is our barrier at this point. Some of our program highlights is last July, the James River Club competed in the Boys and Girls Club of Central Virginia's organization wide stem Olympics, and we took on the gold medal. We have the mayor of Scottsville, who was one of our volunteer judges. So we are very thankful to the mayor of Scottsville for helping with that. In October the James River Club's financial literacy program, won Program of the Year for the Virginia-Washington DC area Council. Our summer reading program, we had 90% of the 36 summer reading participants at the James River Club maintained or improved their reading levels. So very proud of those students. We are here, well I actually I would like to echo our club member, parent Amanda who spoke so eloquently earlier. So what we provide is amazing program to youth for citizenship and development. And we provide it at a rate of \$15 to \$35 per club member, per child, per family in order to receive this after school programming, and summer programming for kids all day programming during the summer. The actual cost of serving each child is about \$2,000. It was much higher during COVID. Those numbers are coming down because of safety factors have decreased. Our cleaning factors have decreased So, what we provide is excellent childcare services after school and all day during the summer for families in Buckingham and the surrounding carrot counties who need us most. So we again, thank you for your support of last year and hoping that you will continue and think of as in your budget going forward for this year. Your county support also reflects an investment in the club's programs, like stem, arts, financial literacy, summer reading, healthy cooking, and other enrichment activities that promote our priority outcomes and academic success for healthy lifestyles and good character and citizenship. So thanks to you. We have had a very successful year. And we just wanted to come and give you an update on the club to tell you, thank you. But we do have a transportation problem. So we would love your help in terms of getting more of your kids to our club on a daily basis, if at all.

Chambers: Thank you. Does any Board member have any questions?

Miles: I have a question, Mr. Chairman. Could you further describe the transportation issue and it sounds like you all have a 14 passenger bus, but it sounds like you need more capacity.

Jones: Historically Buckingham County and the surrounding counties, the school buses would bring the kids to the club after school every day. I don't know exactly what happened in Buckingham County a couple of years ago. This was before COVID. And that transportation stopped. I don't know if it was lack of bus drivers or school route or what happened but the kids from Buckingham County were unable to attend the club after school during the school year. So we did everything that we could on our end. We do have a couple of small buses. We would bring the bus out to the Buckingham County Schools pick up the kids. We did have a very generous donor that heard of this transportation issue and gave us a bus called the Wright bus, W-r-i-g-h-t, specifically for transporting kids from Buckingham County to James River every day. So we're very grateful to him, and would love to have the school bus or the school system reinstate bringing even more kids from Buckingham County to the James River Club every day. But we can only seat 14 safely in the bus at this point. So any help with that would be greatly appreciated.

Chambers: We'll bring it up at budget work session and try to get some help for you.

Matthews: Mr. Carter, I know we've worked in the past with the school system on providing transportation, I can't remember what the deal was a couple years ago. But you know, every once in a while they get a surplus bus that they're giving back to the county or some type of vehicle. Maybe we could contact them to see if we could work with them on getting you something.

Jones: Thank you so much. We would really appreciate any help or just the conversation.

Matthews: And I think, Mr. Matthews, it wasn't the actual bus that was the problem, I think she's right. I think they were having a shortage of bus drivers. They couldn't find anybody to drive the bus all hours. That was the issue I think, they were running into like most localities are having that issue.

Matthews: But we'll reach out to the school division.

Jones: Thank you. That would be terrific. And we've already submitted all of our budget proposal and information to you. Thank you. Thank you for your time.

Chambers: Thank you ma'am.

Re: Budget Presentation: Jaunt Inc.

Chambers: Budget presentation Jaunt. Thank you.

Ted Rieck: Hi, my name is Ted Rieck, CEO of Jaunt. Thank you for letting me have some of your time tonight to discuss our budget request. (Speaking to Amanda Jones) I do have some excess buses if you want to buy any. Options that may be cheap.

I want to give you some context about how Jaunt operates. And I'm sorry if this gets into the weeds a little bit, but it'll give you some sense as to why our budget request is what it is. We serve a seven county area. Five jurisdictions are actually part of our corporate structure. Buckingham and Greene County are served by us but are not stockholders at this time. Jaunt has a long history and quite a bit of resources that we have used to sustain a seven county transportation system. We have vehicles, we have a facility, we have IT, a call center All these things are used collectively by our funding partners. And therefore, they're shared resources that we try to equitably distribute among our partners based on the services we provide there. Jaunt has been in the last 12 months, 16 months that I've been there, trying to adopt a more transparent equitable process for funding our services. In the past, not always quite straightforward. Today, we're trying to be a lot clearer about how we charge communities for services. What the community pays, what we call the local share with Buckingham pays is really the cost of service. After we deduct federal and state resources. what's leftover is what we ask the communities to make up. We have a three to one margin in services for every dollar the county puts in, there are \$3 and services that are being rendered. We have both operating and capital costs associated with our request to the county. We provide two basic services for the county. Their commuter services, they take workers from the county, mainly to UVA. We charge no fare for our services. So whatever the people make in their jobs at UVA, they're able to keep it and use it for either discretionary necessities here back in the county. So we think it's a pretty good deal. We hope to get people to jobs. The other service we provide is very similar. There's some very minor differences with the other route. We hope to combine these routes really make it one service instead of two separate ones. Therefore, we were able to simplify the route and make it more effective in serving the population that goes to UVA. The way we, this is gonna get a little bit nerdy here, but the way we figure out our costs, is we determine how much service we're going to provide in each community. And this is illustrative of the different service levels we provided over the last few years to our different funding partners. The biggest one is Albemarle County. Right next to it to the right, is what we provide Buckingham and the other communities progress further to the right. And our costs are based on hours and also on miles. fuel and maintenance, miles driven. bus operator wages are hours driven. This is getting really in the weeds here. So we take our hours and miles, we figure out what our costs are. We allocate those based on those variables to different communities to arrive at our total cost. And we deduct from that costs our federal and state revenues. And then what's left over is what we ask the communities to provide. If we spend more than we think our operations costs, then we have a deficit which we try to manage with that. Fuel costs. As you might

imagine, it can be very volatile, somewhat unpredictable, but we try to estimate as best we can. If we under spend our budget, then we have a surplus. And those funds have typically been banked. With COVID funding the last couple of years, we actually ran some surpluses, which will actually be good news for Buckingham County, that I'll mention in a few minutes. For FY 24, which is our funding request. Federal funds usually cover half the cost of service. That's kind of the norm. And then we use state funds. We distribute state funds based on the proportional share of cost of each community. In the case of Buckingham, you represent about 2.8% of our operating costs, and therefore you get 2.8% of our state funding. In the past, between COVID money and past practices, Buckingham County has actually gotten a higher share of federal and state funds and having a higher share of federal state funds, lowered how much you're actually contributed. And in fact, Buckingham County got a higher share of those funds in the average Jaunt community. And this is not blaming Buckingham, I'm not even sure if you're aware of that. Other communities were also benefiting to the detriment of others. Our goal is to try to normalize things. Make sure everyone's on the same on the same footing. In doing that it creates a financially challenging picture for the county. The true cost of services is around \$125,000. That's the local portion. This year, you're paying less than around 40,000, which is not the true cost of services. Federal and state funds were allocated in such a way that it benefited the county at the expense of other issues. Again, the county, I don't believe asked for that. It just how it was done. Our goal today is to make sure everyone is on an equal footing, and have a transparent process for allocating costs and funds. However, there's some good news. Just last week, our shareholders who represent the five counties I mentioned earlier, have voted to distribute surplus funds. You heard that I we ran some surpluses in the last couple of years, mainly because of COVID funding and other factors, to the tune of about 1.25 million system wide of that, Buckingham would receive almost \$30,000, which we would apply as a onetime fix. And then UVA is also making money available to help communities out as well. And we'll be allocating \$35,000 of that funding to the county as well. So instead of paying 125,000, your net cost would be around \$61,000. It's still significantly higher than this year. But hopefully it's a little bit more manageable than the 125,000. Next year, we don't anticipate a surplus to be distributed. Hopefully UVA will continue to fund services, but at least give you an opportunity between now and next year to see how we might rationalize services and budgetary expenses. So I wanted to pause at that particular point. And hopefully, you're able to see your way to fund the services. Given these discounts that we want to be able to provide to the county. We think the service is very much needed. It is an employment source keeps people not only employ but they bring the money back to the county to spend not only on necessities, but also on discretionary funding as well that we all need. Thank you. I'll take any questions if you have any.

Chambers: Any Board member have any questions for the gentleman?

Miles: Quick question, Mr. Chairman of the gentleman. Do you all apply for federal transit administration, state and federal 5310 money?

Rieck: Not 5310. That's usually for nonprofits. So we don't apply for that. The funding available is pretty short. But we do apply for other funding, 5311. And then we also get a little bit of urban federal money through the City of Charlottesville as well.

Miles: And then my second question, Mr. Chairman, would be if you all were to combine these two routes that go up to UVA, would you obviously see a savings and is that reflected in your budget request or not?

Rieck: It really wouldn't be savings. We're just cutting out some miles and reallocating them to the areas that are heavily used. So for example, we don't pick up very many people, west of Dillwyn and then in the northern end, we don't pick up anybody north of the camp grounds. So instead, we'll allocate the service to Martha Jefferson area, Pantops, and then starting in Dillwyn. So that kind of balances out but we think it gives people more choices and a less confusing service.

Miles: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chambers: Any other Board member have any questions? Thank you, sir.

Re: Budget Presentation: FLIPP Inc.

Chambers: FLIPP Inc.

Raye Elliott: Afternoon Board. Thank you for allowing us to speak. This is Makenna Dunbar. She's with the Sierra Club Foundation, a national organization and one of our partner organizations. I am Raye Elliot, Co-founder and Executive Director of FLIPP Inc. We are a workforce training development organization. We specialize in training individuals that are underrepresented and disadvantaged in solar panel installation training. We have recently become NABCEP certified, which is the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners is a national accreditation and we are also a NABCEP approved registered training provider. Meaning we can train locally here in Buckingham, the workforce and we can also certify eligibility for the exams. What that means for Buckingham County is we are able to focus on training the youth. We are able to train formerly incarcerated individuals. We're also able to train women, and also minorities as well in this training. Training with FLIPP Inc. offers validation of knowledge nationwide with upward mobility potential, meaning we're not training just wrench turner's or utility scale workers. We're training workers that can be project managers coming from Buckingham County. We're training workers that can also become construction managers from Buckingham County. And we're also training workers that can do analysis and implementation and site investigation from Buckingham County. So there's plenty of upward mobility for this as well as energy managers. Our training meets national diversity, equity and inclusion and accessibility requirements, which we all know by 2030, the State of Virginia will need to meet these requirements. We are a nationally an industry

recognized quality training provider, and we provide skilled worker pipeline for the renewable energy industry. I'm going to also focus on how accelerated and compressed our training is. It's 40 hours, 5-eight hour days. We focus on hands on training, residential, commercial, as well as utility scale. So what you guys see on 60 E, or north of Buckingham County that's utility scale. Residential is what you see of course on residential homes. So we train for each level of training. We also provide, our cost that we ask for at the budget request is \$40,000. This covers four trainings for the year. It also covers the instructor, the books, the study guides, and also the exam fees and further incidentals for our participants. I'm gonna pause right here and I'm gonna let Makenna focus on how we partner and then I'll come back and give you all what you really want to hear is how can it help Buckingham County specifically, and what our reach or impact will be?

Dunbar: Hello, everyone. Thank you for the introduction. My name is Makenna Dunbar with Sierra Club. I'm the building electrification lead based in Virginia. And I just wanted to speak a little bit on the concept of building electrification and for those in the audience, who aren't sure what that means. And it refers to the shift away from fossil fuel powered systems and appliances into being powered by renewable energy based sources. And the importance of that, the nexus of building electrification and green workforce development that FLIPP Inc. is engaging in really centers on the Clean Energy Transition and making sure this process is equitable and accessible for rural communities. And in collaboration with FLIPP Inc., we are carrying out a building electrification education module called BEAM. And this is sponsored by Sierra Club, Microsoft, Building Good and Power Force. And really, it centers on the key theme of heating and cooling systems of our Inflation Reduction Act, consumer tax credits, providing the holistic education that is needed in order to accelerate and veer into upward mobility for residents here in Buckingham County. And according to the Department of Energy, the building sector is particularly important in this clean energy transition because energy consumption makes up for the building sector at 40% of nearly 40% of greenhouse gas emissions. So if we were to combat that and reduce our carbon emissions and meet our statewide goals for the Virginia Clean Economy Act, it's really essential that we meld this holistic education alongside the technical training that program like FLIPP Inc. provides. An addition to its environmental benefits, building electrification contributes to public health, especially with adverse outcomes that young children experience as a result of reduced indoor air quality, like asthma and bronchitis and other illnesses in addition to protecting more vulnerable populations that do not have increased comfort in their homes due to lack of retrofitting and weatherization, which is another component of the FLIPP Inc. program that is included in the building electrification education module. And all in all, this program. We are in full support of FLIPP Inc. because it not only meets the holistic education requirements, and providing skills and knowledge for those reentering the workforce, it also acts as a tool for upward mobility that encourages all parts of the State of Virginia to veer into the clean energy transition.

Elliott: So I'm going to give you guys and everyone on the Board some quick facts about the State and the County of Buckingham. Our reach or impact potential. As of 2023, there are 16,728 residents in the

County of Buckingham. Approximately 140 incarcerated individuals will be released directly back into Buckingham County, from the Farmville Regional Jail within one year. Those people need to be trained. Those people need to prevent recidivism. Buckingham is also part of the MSA the metropolitan statistical area of Charlottesville. Buckingham County High School serves 573 students per the Virginia Department of Education. We can train those students and get them involved in STEM specifically in solar quicker. According to the US Census Bureau, it states that from 2017 to 2021, 1797 veterans reside in Buckingham County. According to the US solar industry diversity study, women represented only 26% of the solar workforce as a whole. Other gender disparities are that only 28% of women in the solar industry hold manager, director or president level positions. And the disparities get even more stark for women and men of color. In 2021, the median household income for Buckingham County was \$49,841 compared to the State of Virginia, which was \$80,615. This leaves a delta of \$30,774 for Buckingham residents or 38% less in salary. So how does Buckingham County funding FLIPP Inc. solar panel installation training and partnering with us as a municipality community based partner benefit you? It saves the county funds by having a trained internal workforce. FLIPP Inc. is able to train your maintenance staff and other workers so that when they have projects such as the Apex or Dominion energy projects, your internal personnel will be able to do conduct site investigations and also cost analysis to ensure that these projects and the due diligence is done and that they are upheld. So to ensure that these projects are cost beneficial, and also good for the county and the community itself. Partnering with FLIPP Inc. as well and funding this project in this initiative support state and national diversity equity inclusion initiatives. Funding FLIPP Inc. project and initiative also allows exploration of other funding opportunities for the County of Buckingham as a whole. This opens up more federal funding for Buckingham for that workforce diversity. This opens up more funding and federal and state opportunities for the County of Buckingham for women and solar and women and construction industries. It also opens up more funding from DOJ as well as for other Department of Labor opportunities. And finally it aids and fueling the pipeline for positions in renewable energy and quality skilled workers. Thank you all for listening to our presentation. And I strongly urge you all to consider funding our project.

Chambers: We will take this up at budget time. Thank you.

Re: Budget Presentation: Warriors First, Inc.

Chambers: Warriors First.

Jeremiah Williams: How y'all doing? My name is Jeremiah Williams, my wife Victoria. This is Warriors First Inc. is a fully approved nonprofit based here in Buckingham County, Virginia. Our nonprofit mission is basically to provide temporary housing and financial assistance to veterans, service members, and even law enforcement that are in need. A little bit backstory about us, how we got started, is that it's based off what happened to me. I was a veteran, served nine years, Virginia Army National

Guard, just got out this past October. During my time, I was two years in had a great job. And working at Fort Pickett, and had some hard times, came upon a hard time, had gotten injured at basic training, and ended up losing my job. And when I found out later on, that was illegal, because I was out because of it. And basically, what happened was that I called my unit, my unit gave me all the information that they provide. And the only one that they basically gave me, they said, you know, we can't help you. They asked me three questions that revolved around my service, my time of service. And every single time, I did not qualify. I raised my right hand to serve my country and my state, two years, serving every single weekend, two weeks of the year, preparing, ready on call. And they said, we could not help you for any kind of assistance. Every single time. And I can honestly say, I know the taste of gunmetal. I had it in my mouth, I was ready to do it. But at the grace of God, I didn't. My best friend showed up, knocked on the door, saved my life. For years, he didn't know. But he did. And that's why I started this. It's been weighing on my heart for many years, I wanted to do this. And couple years ago, I found out one of my sergeants from my unit actually killed himself in his truck, I don't know what happened to him. He had a good day with his family and with his colleagues. Just ended up doing it. But this is why we did it. Because I was in a spot to where I was about to lose my house, lose my apartment, lose my car, I just lost my job. So I needed that assistance to help me in getting back on my feet. Now I wasn't looking for a handout, I was looking for a hand up. That's all I wanted. I wanted somebody to provide me temporary housing if I could, and gladly my parents took me back in. It was a long road, but I did it. And that's the point of this. We want to basically provide temporary housing for these veterans, and the service members and law enforcement and first responders. So we want to replicate this by basically providing temporary housing and micro communities as well. And we want to heighten the awareness in our area with homelessness and suicide rates. And we don't want to discriminate based on duty status. If you raise your right hand to serve our country and our state, we're not going to turn you away. We want to help you because that's the point. We want to help with housing insecurity, unemployment, and lack of financial structure, mental health. And we want to beat the barriers. There she goes, That's my wife. She is the VP. She's the marine here. Like I said, we want to build micro communities in the rural areas and provide struggling warriors in this very time is based basically to give them an extra cushion to help restructure their lives, get them back on track. While temporary house they'll go on to undergo our programs where basically our programs will involve financial assistance, financial structuring classes if they need it, mental health services if they need it. We have already partnered with some organizations. One is here in support of us. Hands Up, based out of Richmond. They're here in support us. They also do what's called Vet Link as well based up there. They focus on mostly aftercare as well, and they provide a lot of other services in providing allocating those services. So If we have a client that needs us, and we can't provide it, we don't know what to do, we call our partners. And we also partnered with Piedmont Area Veterans.

Victoria Williams: So we're aiming to be this bridge of accessibility. Now, we're looking at tiny home micro communities of three to five units each. We're starting small. We want to focus on this county first, because the need is here. As he said before, there are various barriers and risk factors and they're

greatly heightened in the rural communities. You have places like Newport News, Richmond, you have Charlottesville, Lynchburg, and Virginia Beach. Those are big metropolitan areas that have similar service, if not if services have not equal services to this, but there's this disparity where a lot of the rural communities are being neglected or don't have these resources. So we're trying to bring those services here and start a home base here in the heart of Virginia. Show that Buckingham County cares about its military service members and does not discriminate based on duty status. And this isn't a thing where they're there to live permanently. While they're housed in our temporary housing units, they would be undergoing various care, various programs and care management services so that they can rebuild back structure into their lives to return to the community as productive citizens.

J. Williams: And here's some ways we are trying to get our funding as well. We're doing grants. We're doing corporate donors. We're doing crowdfunding online as you can see. Our team consists of five members currently right now, and a lot of volunteers blended between locally and remotely.

V. Williams: We've greatly innovated to where we can have a remote team, by their talent to, you know, middle of nowhere, Virginia, nonprofit like ours.

J. Williams: Like I said, our current partnership Hands Up Community Resource and Vet Link is here representing us and supporting us. And Piedmont Area Veteran Council. Growing networks. This one I want to talk about as well when we get to it but we are growing that work and support from Department of Veteran Services. I've been on call with him constantly. And they are in great support of us and wanting this to go through.

V. Williams: And while we cannot you know disclose the identities of the residents in this county who would greatly benefit from the services that we want to support this temporary housing initiative, etc. You know, they they've already reached out to us saying, could you do this for so and so in this part of the county again, we cannot disclose those names. So the need is here, the need is here in this county in the heart of Virginia.

J. Williams: Vet Link is similar to Piedmont Area Veteran Council. And Tech for Troops is a strong endorser of us as well. I've talked to the CEO of that organization. They've even offered to donate some computers to us, once we get a headquarters or anything well established. Vets to Farmers, this is one of the ones I want to go into detail really quickly on Vets to Farmers is an organization, I believe it's about five years old, it's based out of Colorado, they were just featured in the VA newsletter. And right after that newsletter came out, I spoke to the executive director personally, I gave him this idea. And after this newsletter came out, he had been flooded with emails about their organization by veterans wanting to get involved from Virginia, and want that program in Virginia. And so we're in talks right now to try and partner with them and lease a five-year program to where we can actually set up a second micro

community and get their program working with the veterans that are housed and ones in surrounding area that want to be involved can come in and learn...

V. Williams: Agricultural skills, gardening, self-sustainability, things that this county is so wonderfully known for. So we're looking to kind of bring those services here too, but we'd be the host of those.

J. Williams: Yes. And so we're working on that Old Hickory Buildings is one of our buildings that were over the establishments that were looking into development, but we are looking into other things as well for prefab. So that way we are in compliance with the county and the state with zoning.

V. Williams: State Building Codes but also zoning. We've already done our research and have spoken to the appropriate representatives of this county. We will be in compliance.

J. Williams: Yes, I will be. Blue Ridge Foodbank. We're working with them we're in the process talking with them. Wounded Warrior Project. We just talked to Buckingham Dillwyn Garden Club, that's in the works as well and be honest with you we do have an endorsement, Miss Stacy Dash, I don't know if you've ever seen the movie Clueless.

V. Williams: Yes, we are putting Buckingham County on the map.

J. Williams: She has personally endorsed us. I have reached out to her. And it's in the works of her possibly when we get going a little bit stronger to where she could possibly come in and do some guest appearances and do some help with some fundraising for the county itself, as well for as with our organization. Here's our five-year plan.

V. Williams: Subject to modifications.

J. Williams: Yeah it is. Our plan, basically, right now is to fundraise. And to certify additional partnerships and programs. That's why if you literally say but they didn't. Because I would like to partner with them. I liked hearing what they had to say. We want by the beginning of next year, we want one at least one unit up. And that's basically within full compliance as a county and the state. We want to run by 2025 and 26, we want to continue adding more and more 2028 like I said, that's when we want to have the second one go up fully running, if we can, because we know what we're going to be doing in compliance with the county. And that way we can have those units up. And we can already have that partnership building with Vets to Farmers and call it our Veteran Community Garden Project.

V. Williams: So as you can see, you know, we kind of want to have the start the first unit, maybe by mid or fiscal end of fiscal year 2024. And then 2025 through 2027, we'll be doing our test trials, running our services, adding more units to our you know, this first home base micro community, which is so

needed in this county, then 2028 that's when we really want to start amplifying the growing partnerships we have.

J. Williams: Our requests right now is just simple, small. All we're requesting is \$5,000 for our budget from you all. Not only is it small, but it's also going to be big for us because it's going to show the support from the county towards our organization. Even a small little gesture can actually, you know, help us out, especially when we're trying to apply for grants and donations from Angel donors as well to show that our county is in support of us. And we are a brand new organization. And that would be very beneficial to us.

V. Williams: It will open the doors for our nonprofit to meet eligibility criteria. We are in discussion with our you know, our grant writers and all the other professionals in funding. \$5000 to be honest, will not fund a lot but it will get our feet through the door of where we would like to be in the in the long run. That's why that is that amount.

J. Williams: And that's my presentation. That's our presentation. And do you have any questions?

Chambers: Any questions? We thank you for your presentation.

Miles: Thank you for your service to our country.

J. Williams: Thank you. Appreciate it. Do you have any questions for me?

Chambers: Thank you for coming.

Re: Public Hearings

Chambers: We've got no public hearings.

Re: Zoning Matters-Introduction Case 22-ZMA321 Applicant/Landowner: Olympia Moore

Chambers: We move on to Zoning Matters. Mrs. Edmondston.

Edmondston: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Board. This evening we do have three introductions. The first one is case 22-ZMA321. The applicant and landowners Olympia Moore. The Tax Map is 42 Parcel 208. It does contain approximately 13.77 acres and it's located at or near 29661 North James Madison Highway, New Canton. It is in the Marshall magisterial district. It's currently zoned A-1. The applicant is requesting rezoning from Agricultural A-1 to Business B-1 for commercial use. The applicant is asking the Board of Supervisors to hold a public hearing for this request. As you can see in the

background and zoning information it does discuss how this property is located very closely to the Arvonía/New Canton Village Center and it's also located on State Route 15, which is considered to be a growth corridor for our comprehensive plan. The background on this case as far as the introduction and public hearing to the Planning Commission is that the case was first introduced to the Planning Commission October 24, 2022. And the request was made for public hearing to be held at the November 28, 2022 meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to decline the request for a public hearing. A vote was taken and there were three commissioners in favor of this motion and three commissioners in opposition of this motion. With a vote of a tie the motion failed and the public hearing was not held November 28, 2022. The application or the applicant was then placed on the November 28, 2022 agenda requesting a public hearing to be held December 27, 2022. Unfortunately, due to illness, the applicant was identical to attend and ask the commission to be placed on the December 27, 2022 agenda. At the meeting held December 27, 2022 the applicant requested a public hearing. Motion was made by Commissioner Gooden to hold a public hearing at the January 23, 2023 meeting. The vote was held and three commissioners voted in favor of holding the public hearing and four commissioners voted in opposition of holding a public hearing for this request. The applicant was placed on the January 23, 2023 agenda requesting a public hearing February 27, 2023. Commissioner Kapuscinski made a motion to deny the request for a public hearing. A vote was taken and three commissioners voted in favor of this motion and five commissioners voted in opposition of the motion. This motion failed Commissioner Crews made a motion to hold a public hearing February 27, 2023. Five commissioners voted in favor of this motion and three commissioners voted in opposition. A public hearing was held February 27, 2023. There were four individuals signed up to speak. Three in favor of this request. Two letters submitted to the Planning Commission in favor of the request and the Chairman requested these letters be read as a part of the minutes of the meeting. Commissioner Gooden made motion to move this case to the Board of Supervisors with recommendation of approval. The vote was taken and four commissioners voted in favor this motion and four commissioners voted in opposition. This case comes to the Board of Supervisors with neither a recommendation of approval or disapproval. Again, the applicant is asking for a public hearing at your next regularly scheduled April 2023 meeting. The applicant is joining us by zoom this evening and is available for questions or concerns.

Davis: I'll make a motion that we send it to a public hearing.

Miles: I second that Mr. Chairman.

Chambers: A motion by Supervisor Davis, second my Supervisor Miles that this to go to public hearing. All in favor? That's six yeses and one no to go to public hearing.

Vice Chairman Davis moved, Supervisor Miles seconded to move Case 22-ZMA321 to public hearing at the April 17, 2023 Board meeting. This motion passed with a 6-1 vote with Supervisor Matthews opposing.

Edmondston: All right, then she'll be placed on the next April 17, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting at 6pm for a public hearing.

Re: Zoning Matters: Introduction Case 23-SUP324 Landowner David Stoltzfus, Applicant: Jonathan King

Edmondston: The next case is an introduction of 23-SUP324. The landowner is David Stoltzfus. The applicant is Jonathan King. The property information is Tax Map 196 Parcel 31 contains approximately 56.74 acres and it is located at or near 13603 Francisco Road, Farmville in the Curdsville Magisterial District. This district is zoned A-1 in this area. The applicant wishes to obtain special use permit for the purpose of operating a private school, one room parochial school house. The applicant is asking the Board of Supervisors to hold a public hearing for this request. There are 11 conditions attached to this special use permit which are the same 11 conditions that were attached to a most recent case of this same nature and request just last year for a private school house. This case was introduced to the Planning Commission January 23, 2023. The Planning Commission held a public hearing February 27, 2023. There was no one signed up to speak at the public hearing. The applicant confirmed operating hours of the school and that buses and vans would provide transportation to students not located in close proximity to the schools. Students located closely to the school would walk. Commissioner Kapuscinski made a motion to recommend approval of this case to the Board of Supervisors. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of this case to the Board. Would it be the pleasure to hold a public hearing at the next April 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting and the applicant is here as well to address any questions.

Chambers: Does any Board member have any question for the applicant. Hearing none what is your pleasure?

Miles: Mr. Chairman, I move to set a public hearing for this in April.

Allen: Second.

Chambers: Motion by Supervisor Miles, second by Mr. Allen. We'll set this for public hearing in April. All in favor? Seven yes.

Supervisor Miles moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to schedule a public hearing for Case 23-SUP324 Jonathan King for private school for April 17, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Re: Zoning Matters: Introduction to Case 23-ZMA325 Calvin Bachrach

Edmondston: The next case for introduction is Calvin Bachrach. It's 23-ZMA325. He is the landowner and applicant the property is located Tax Map 126 Parcel 11 Lot A. It does contain just over two acres and it's located at or near 5784 Buffalo Road, Dillwyn in the Marshall Magisterial District. It is zoned A-1. The applicant is requesting rezoning from Agricultural A-1 to Business B-1 for commercial use, and the applicant is asking the Board of Supervisors to hold a public hearing for this request. This proposal is located within the Sprouse's Corner Dillwyn Alpha high growth area. An area where intense broad mixtures of land uses are to be clustered. It is located just off of State Route 15 on Buffalo Road. This case was introduced to the Planning Commission January 23, 2023. And a public hearing was held February 27. One individual spoke in opposition to this request. A motion was made by Commissioner Dorrier to table this request regarding more conversation between applicant and adjacent landowner. A second was made in a vote taken the vote in favor of this motion by three members of the Planning Commission and four voted in opposition of the motion with one member abstaining and this motion failed. The second motion was made by Commissioner Shumaker to move the case to the Board of Supervisors with recommendation to approve. Five members voted in favor of this motion. This case is presented to you with a recommendation to approve and he is requesting a public hearing at your next regularly scheduled April 2023 meeting and Mr. Bachrach is here with us this evening.

Chambers: We've got a motion by Supervisor Gillam. Second by Supervisor Allen that we will pass this on to public hearing in April All in favor? Seven yes.

Supervisor Gilliam moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to schedule a public hearing for Case 23-ZMA325 Calvin Bachrach for April 17, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Davis: Mr. Chairman, May I ask Mr. Bachrach to come up with a question on something.

Chambers: Mr. Bachrach, come to the mic please?

Davis: Thank you, Mr. Bachrach. I just wanted to clear the air with some questions. I've had people tell me that this is going to be a storage lot for the tow business right? Basically, not going to be a junkyard, it's not going to be cars piled on top of each other, it's just gonna be

Bachrach: An auto graveyard would require M-2 with a special use permit on top of that, I'm not applying for that.

Davis: I just wanted everybody to hear that. It's not it's gonna...

Bachrach: It's going to look just like your impound lot next door here with, well I have to have an office. So my building will be a little nicer than the sheriff's. But I've heard the concerns of noise. No noise. It's a truck backing in and unloading. There's no more noise than would be next door here. Like I said, as far as the junk, it doesn't stack up. That's not allowed under B-1 anyhow.

Matthews: I've got a question for you too. And I was looking at the conditions. Is there any type of privacy fences to be erected or anything?

Bachrach: There's no conditions. I told them, I talked with Pete before everything started and told him I was willing to go ahead and put some trees between me and a neighbor.

Matthews: Pete who?

Bachrach: Pete Kapuscinski. I was actually up with the neighbors the other night on another matter, and I'm going to visit with him before the public hearing again. You can't see it from his house already. I'm gonna plant more trees, but you cannot...there's a good bit of trees there. But again, I'll visit with him again before the public hearing and I imagine he will be at the next public hearing. We'll see how the visit goes.

Matthews: It's better to be safe than sorry. You know, sometimes. Anytime you can make things work with a neighbor is money well spent most of the time.

Bachrach: I think he's been fed a little misinformation, but we'll talk about it.

Chambers: Thank you, sir.

Re: Zoning Update on Planning Commission work session regarding gold mining

Edmondston: And while I have your attention, I do not have any more cases this evening for zoning. But I do would like to do just a small update to let you know that the Planning Commission will be holding a work session next Monday, March 28, at 6pm here in the Peter Francisco meeting room in an effort to ensure that the panel of experts that will be on the agenda will address the concerns and I know that the Planning Commission has been tasked to review options associated with possible amendments to regulate mining. So I just wanted you all to know that that work session will be held next Monday March 28 at 6pm.

Re: Building Inspections: Consider request for a Building Permit Refund of \$31.00 to Michael and Son Services due to customer canceling the job.

Chambers: Q. Department, Agency Reports and Items of Consideration, Building Inspections. Consider request for a building permit refund of \$31 to Michael and Son Services due to customer canceling the job. Permit was \$51. There was a \$20 processing fee for the building permit on this for the refunds.

Miles: I'd move that we approve that building permit refund. Mr. Chairman,

Davis: I'll second.

Chambers: A motion by Supervisor Miles, second by Supervisor Davis that we approve this. Are there any questions? All in favor? Seven yes.

Supervisor Miles moved, Vice Chairman Davis seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve to refund building permit fee for Michael and Son for \$51.00 minus \$20.00 processing fee for a refund total of \$31.00.

Re: Gene Dixon Park: Consider proposed lease agreement with the Buckingham County Youth League

Chambers: Q.2. Gene Dixon Park. Consider proposed lease agreement with the Buckingham County Youth League.

Carter: Yes, sir. Mr. Chairman in your packet tonight, you should have a copy of the proposed new lease for the Gene Dixon Park with the Youth League. As you know, we look at that lease each year. Their season runs from March to December. So we try to sit down before March and get that lease approved. It's almost identical lease as we approved in past two years. I will point your attention to one correction we made and that was dealing with page 5, Section 8 Letter H. We changed that language because we had that no kids under a certain age could be in the concession stand. We were told that you know they're short of volunteers with parents so they wanted to have kids that could be in the concession stand as long as they were supervised. We changed that language to help them out with their volunteer. So that was the only changes we made unless you guys have something for us tonight. So I'm asking you to approve this tonight. So they can start their sports this calendar year.

Chambers: Alright, Board, what is your pleasure?

Gilliam: Mr. Chairman I make a motion that we renew the contract.

Chambers: Motion by Supervisor Gilliam, second by Supervisor Matthew that we renew this contract. All in favor? Seven yes. All right.

Supervisor Gilliam moved, Supervisor Matthews seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the Lease agreement with Buckingham County and Buckingham County Youth League for the use of Gene Dixon Park with the only change being that kids be allowed to work in the concession stand as long as they are supervised.

Re: Anti-Litter: Consider appropriating the \$6,095 received for Anti-Litter Grant.

Chambers: And then three, Anti-Litter, Consider appropriation of \$6095 received for Anti-Litter Grant.

Hickman: Yes, sir. I'll take that. So that is just our annual grant received for the Anti-Litter Task Force. Tonight, I'm asking that we appropriate that to the Solid Waste Department so that Mr. Hill can use that appropriately with the Anti-Litter Taskforce.

Miles: I so move, Mr. Chairman, if there are no questions to appropriate that fund.

Chambers: A motion by Supervisor Miles and second by Supervisor Matthews that we appropriate that money. All in favor? Seven yes.

Supervisor Miles moved, Supervisor Matthews seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to appropriate the \$6,095 received for the Anti-Litter Task Force Grant to the Solid Waste Department.

Re: Sheriff's Office/Finance: Consider request from Sheriff's Office to use ARPA Funds to outfit all Sheriff's Department Patrol Vehicles with in car cameras in the amount of \$101,990.

Hickman: Next item is me again. I have an ARPA request from the sheriff's office for them to put new in car camera systems on their patrol vehicles. As it states in the letter currently, they have four of these newer models. And they're asking to use ARPA funding to outfit the remaining vehicles in their fleet. The total request is \$101,990. That includes all the cameras as well as the installation estimates for those. This went through the ARPA committee, and they are recommending that we do use the ARPA funds. What is the pleasure of the Board on this matter?

Miles: I move Mr. Chairman, to appropriate the ARPA funds in line with the recommendation from the committee.

Chambers: Alright, it's been a motion by Supervisor Miles, second by Supervisor Matthews that we appropriate these funds. Are there any questions? All in favor of the motion? Seven yes.

Supervisor Miles moved, Supervisor Matthews seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve to use \$101,990 of the ARPA funds to outfit the Sheriff's Department Patrol Cars with in-car cameras.

Re: Commissioner of the Revenue: Consider request to update the Transient Occupancy Tax Ordinance to reflect filing on a monthly basis versus quarterly in order to be in line with Department of Taxation

Carter: Yeah, I'll do the next one. Mr. Chairman of your packet also tonight, you should have a letter from the Commissioner of Revenue, Miss Stephanie Love. She is pointing out due to recent changes in legislation, the Commissioner of Revenue Association has been working hard to streamline the Transient Occupancy Tax and create a new form with all localities in Virginia. They created a standard form to Department of Taxation to be filled out on a monthly basis. To prevent this confusion and for Buckingham County to be in line, she's requesting that our ordinance be changed to reflect the filing on a monthly basis. So right now we're doing it on a quarterly basis. She's asking us to change our ordinance to go on a monthly basis to be in line with the state so I'm asking tonight for you guys to set a public hearing for next month so we can possibly change our ordinance.

Allen: So moved to make a public hearing.

Davis: Second,

Chambers: Motion by Supervisor Allen, second by Supervisor Davis, we set a public hearing next month to discuss this matter. Are there any questions? All in favor? Seven yes.

Supervisor Allen moved, Vice Chairman Davis seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to schedule a public hearing for April 17, 2023 to amend the Transient Occupancy Tax Ordinance to file monthly versus quarterly.

Re: Buckingham Farm Bureau Request to use Auditorium in the County Administration Building on September 19, 2023 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to hold Candidates Forum for the 2023 Board of Supervisors election

Chambers: Okay, we got a request from the Buckingham Farm Bureau requesting to use the auditorium in the County Administration Building on September 19, 2023, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm to hold a candidate forum for the 2023 Board of Supervisors election. What's the Board's pleasure?

Miles: I so move Mr. Chairman, that we grant the request.

Chambers: Any second? Motion by Supervisor Miles, second by Supervisor Gilliam we grant this request from the Farm Bureau. Are there any questions? All in favor? Seven yes. Okay.

Supervisor Miles moved, Supervisor Gilliam seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to grant the request from the Farm Bureau to use the auditorium on September 19, 2023 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for Board of Supervisors Election Candidate Forum.

Re: Economic Development Committee Update-Supervisor Miles

Miles: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman. So the Economic Development Committee met last week to continue discussions with regards to the task that the Board of Supervisors recently handed down to that committee and that was to seek out ways of marketing in terms of what the Board of Supervisors, by way of the committee suggestions and recommendations would like to see in that space, would like to see on that land. And we have had a few meetings. One note of two was to bring up is that the members of the Economic Development Committee, and my fellow Co-Chair Supervisor Matthews can expand on this, or staff if necessary, but the majority of the committee did want to see if the county Board of Supervisors would agree to an appraisal of the land, in terms of knowing the value, or the lack of value there too. So that's simple request. They want to know, the committee would like to know the value of obviously, the land, the timber, and what's there so then have value on it, to know where to continue to go? So I'll leave it right there.

Chambers: Supervisor Matthews, do you have anything you'd like to add to that?

Matthews: Yeah, I'll touch on it a little bit. You know, I'm trying to keep an open mind about this task that the finance or the Economic Development Committee has. We've got a lot of good people on there. And there's couple things. Number one, the marketing of this piece of property, and what's in the best interest of the 17,000 citizens that this is going to affect. And, you know, we've got some good ideas coming up. But I do think it is important to find the value of that piece of property. Not just for the committee, but for our Board to understand what it might be worth. So, and also a simple thing of just putting up a sign that we are marketing this piece of property, I think that was something else that we had discussed it our Economic Development Committee.

Miles: That's right, I was going to touch on that. But that's good. You're telling it.

Matthews: Mr. Steger, which is one of our members of the Economic Development Committee had recommended. So that's a pretty easy fix. It's not gonna be a whole lot of money, but there is gonna be

an expense on an appraisal on this piece of property. But we think it's going to be a good thing. And I'm trying to keep an open mind about it and look at all the avenues that are available to the county and to the citizens.

Miles: And, Mr. Chairman, if I could add, Mr. Carter, what was it? We did say that we had sort of a ballpark depending on our fiscal policy of not having to put it up for bid? Is that correct?

Carter: Yes, sir. I think it's about \$20,000. I can do those myself and not get Board approval. If it even goes above that amount, I need to get a Board approval and we do the RFP process.

Miles: And the money perhaps, Mr. Carter, could come from the economic development fund that we have?

Carter: Yes, you all in the past have saved you know, land sales and put into economic development. So you could come on that pot of money if you choose to do it.

Matthews: We have almost \$700,000.

Miles: Right, it's there's a lot of money in there. And then as Supervisor Matthews noted, the committee didn't want to see if sign for marketing could be put out with somewhat of a description of the parcel or parcels, is that right Supervisor Matthews?

Matthews: Just you know, for people that ride through the county you never know who you might see and what they might see.

Miles: I would offer a motion to that effect. Mr. Chairman?

Chambers: A motion by Supervisor Miles, second by Supervisor Bryant. All in favor the motion?

Supervisor Miles moved, Supervisor Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to seek an appraisal for the Industrial Park Property for land and timber value and put up a sign with property description in order to market the property.

Matthews: I have one more thing of the Economic Development Committee. And, Mrs. Edmondston, you were gonna try to gather that information. had any success with doing that with the water and sewer? And was there anything else?

Edmondston: Capacity per day for sewer.

Miles: A flood map too.

Matthews: Oh, yeah. The wetlands.

Miles: Wetlands, sorry, wetlands, water. And then, Mr. Chairman, I know that board voted to several meetings ago that that report would be due to the Board by the April meeting. And because of the discussions, which are really good, and our meetings will, there is going to be a need to continue to meet for estimated possibly another six months. So just be clear the committee won't be able to meet that April deadline and that just want to be transparent about that and that's the case right now. So we're looking at maybe in six months gathering data, talking to potential parties that are interested in property. And of course, the Board would have the final stamp on everything, just suggestions or recommendations. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Re: County Attorney Matters

Wright: Chairman, Members of the Board, I have just one minor item tonight. I left at your desk a Title Resolution. Those of you may remember that on December 2021, you approved a resolution. You agreed to participate in the Virginia Opioid Settlement Act. There were several people involved in that settlement. Since that time, there have been negotiations with other individuals, and they have now been included in that potential settlement. The resolution calls for you to agree to still participate and add the new parties to that. So I'd ask for the adoption of the resolution. But I'd be happy to answer any questions you might have first. I will point out that money has begun to come in from that settlement. We've probably gotten about how much? \$20,000 already and these will add some more people that will generate some more money. If it would be your pleasure, I ask that you adopt the resolution.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE BUCKINGHAM BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVING OF THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF OPIOID- RELATED CLAIMS AGAINST TEVA, ALLERGAN, WALMART, WALGREENS, CVS, AND THEIR RELATED CORPORATE ENTITIES, AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE SETTLEMENTS

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic that has cost thousands of human lives across the country also impacts the Commonwealth of Virginia and its counties and cities, including the County of Buckingham, by adversely impacting the delivery of emergency medical, law enforcement, criminal

justice, mental health, and substance abuse services, and other services by Buckingham County's various departments and agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia and its counties and cities, including Buckingham County, have been required and will continue to be required to allocate substantial taxpayer dollars, resources, staff energy, and time to address the damage the opioid epidemic has caused and continues to cause the citizens of the Commonwealth and Buckingham County; and

WHEREAS, settlement proposals have been negotiated that will cause Teva, Allergan, Walmart, Walgreens, and CVS to pay billions of dollars nationwide to resolve opioid-related claims against them; and

WHEREAS, the County has approved and adopted the Virginia Opioid Abatement Fund and Settlement Allocation Memorandum of Understanding (the "Virginia MOU"), and affirms that these pending settlements with Teva, Allergan, Walmart, CVS, and Walgreens shall be considered "Settlements" that are subject to the Virginia MOU, and shall be administered and allocated in the same manner as the opioid settlements entered into previously with opioid distributors McKesson, Cardinal Health, and AmerisourceBergen, and opioid manufacturer Janssen Pharmaceuticals; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has reviewed the available information about the proposed settlements and has recommended that the County participate in the settlements in order to recover its share of the funds that the settlement would provide;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors, this 13th day of March 2023, approves of the County's participation in the proposed settlement of opioid-related claims against Teva, Allergan, Walmart, Walgreens, CVS, and their related corporate entities, and directs the County Attorney to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the County's participation in the settlements, including the required release of claims against settling entities.

Chambers: Any questions for the attorney on this matter? I need a motion.

Matthews: So moved.

Chambers: Got a motion by Supervisor Matthews, second by Supervisor Gilliam that we adopt this resolution. All in favor?

Supervisor Matthews moved, Supervisor Gilliam seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to adopt the Resolution regarding Opioid Settlement.

Re: Other Board Matters

Miles: Mr. Chairman, I have one thing. We have some really great things to celebrate in this county and one of which are our young people in terms of what's going on in our public schools and all schools to be frank with you but after a very successful 21-2022 season, which saw the Buckingham Knights Scholastic Bowl team led by Captain Chance Woodson, finished second overall at the Virginia High School league state tournament. This current school year the 2022-2023 team was even better. Buckingham started by sweeping the James River District regular season with a 15 to 0 record. At the 2-B regionals at Page County, they beat out Stuart's Draft before falling to Clark County. And after the Knights rallied to beat Mountain View Stuart's Draft had an upset, dramatic upset over Clark County that opened the door for Buckingham to beat and host Page County to events to the state's championships. In short, the team defeated Gretna, outlasted Poquoson, then finished the march of destiny by cruising by Richlands by a score of 210 to 145. At any rate, this is the Knights first Scholastic Bowl title and is the only state title in a sport for Buckingham County. The other being a 1975 by Boys basketball. I don't remember that because I wasn't around. But anyway, the team members include Chance Woodson, the captain; Courtney Agee; Will Payne, Justice Steger, Kyra Johnson, Albert Yeung, and Luke Freeman and their coach is Coach Peede. So I would offer a motion, Mr. Chairman, that we adopt a resolution in their honor to celebrate their successes and we have them at the April meeting, sir.

Chambers: Motion by Supervisor Miles, second by Supervisor Davis, that we adopt the resolution in their honor. Are there any questions?

Bryant: I'd like to see us give them some kind of Certificate of Appreciation for what they've done. They've done a bang up job. They're going to Alabama, in May to compete, compete nationally. That's a real good thing. I'll tell you.

Miles: A big thing.

Chambers: We can take care of that can't we? Okay, thank you Supervisor Bryant. We will take care of certificates for that.

Supervisor Miles moved, Vice Chairman Davis seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to invite the Buckingham Scholastic Bowl team to the April meeting and present certificates to them for their success.

Re: County Administrator's Report

Carter: Mr. Chairman, I didn't get to do the County Administrator's report, which I don't have much, but just make sure you're aware. Last week some of you have noticed that Route 56 site has started the concrete that it's been approved for. So it started last Tuesday. So hopefully by the end of next week, that site will be finishing concrete. So a lot of the complaints Mr. Bryant was getting about the potholes and white dirt will be going away after next week.

Bryant: Looking good.

Carter: Also, as a citizen said earlier, the construction in front of the Ag Center has started. Putting that handicap ramp right in front of the door. As she pointed out before the handicap ramp was kind of up above the hill so a person had to park at the top of the hill come down the ramp just get to the front doors. So we are putting in that ramp right in front door so now of course can pull up to that door and let a person out to come into the building with no problems.

And Scott mentioned to you guys early on in his VDOT report, the speed reader signs and you guys requested for the courthouse area. We're pretty close to having that wrapped up so once we get the final approval from VDOT that we sent to them, we should be able to put those up with no problem.

That's all I have.

Davis: Karl, I'm also looking forward to getting the Arvonnia site done.

Matthews: I got a question for you Mr. Carter. Is Shorty Kidd doing the concrete work up there?

Carter: Yes.

Matthews: Did you work out the payment plan with him?

Carter: Yes. We're gonna do a lot of it after this pour he did but then we're going to hold on to some of the remaining funds for when it passes that hardness test.

Chambers: Does any other Board member have anything to bring before the Board?

Re: Recess

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Chambers recessed the meeting to reconvene on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. for Budget work session.

ATTEST:

Karl R. Carter
County Administrator

Joe N. Chambers, Jr.
Chairman