

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

STAFFORD, VIRGINIA

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

March 15, 2016

Call to Order A regular meeting of the Stafford County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Robert “Bob” Thomas, Jr., Chairman, at 3:00 p.m., on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, in the Board Chambers, at the George L. Gordon, Jr., Government Center.

Roll Call The following members were present: Robert “Bob” Thomas, Jr., Chairman; Laura A. Sellers, Vice Chairman; Meg Bohmke; Jack R. Cavalier; Wendy E. Maurer; Paul V. Milde, III; and Gary F. Snellings.

Also in attendance were: Anthony J. Romanello, County Administrator; Charles L. Shumate, County Attorney; Marcia C. Hollenberger, Chief Deputy Clerk; Pamela L. Timmons, Deputy Clerk; associated staff and other interested parties.

Mr. Thomas announced that the joint budget work session with the School Board would take place in the A/B/C Conference Room beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Thomas also expressed the Board’s condolences at the death of a former employee, Gary Barnes. Mr. Barnes worked in the Information Technology Department. Thoughts and prayers went out to his family and co-workers.

Presentations by the Public The following persons desired to speak:

Mark Edwards - Chairman, NAACP, Economic Development  
Ruth Carlone - Royal Farms application, need for sprinklers in buildings; consider fewer gas pumps; potential lighting and delivery issues with adjoining neighbors; asked for deferral of vote on Royal Farms.

Presentations by Members of the Board Board members spoke on the topics as identified:

Ms. Bohmke - Attended basketball game between law enforcement and school staff – the Schools won 47-34; Attended VACo Board of Supervisors’ certification class, the theme was “Making a Difference in County Government;” Attended breakfast/meeting with Congressman Wittman regarding transportation issues, looking forward to working with him on federal funding; Attended Dahlgren tour sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, an impressive facility.

Mr. Cavalier - Attended Finance, Audit and Budget (FAB) meeting; the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) presentation would be shown to the full Board later in the meeting.

Mrs. Maurer - Attended Windsor Forest HOA meeting, a VDOT representative was there, discussed change in snow removal procedures, which were efficient and eased the homeowners' concerns; Attended the Quantico Regional Executive Steering Committee (QRESC) meeting with Mr. Milde – Marine Corps Base Quantico added \$1.3 billion to the local economy, the County has an excellent working relationship with the Base; dinner with the Rock Hill Volunteer Fire Department, and was energized spending time with the volunteers and hearing their stories; working with Mr. Dayton on dry hydrant issues; attended Cable Franchise sub-committee meeting; cable representatives from Richmond to attend meeting a future meeting and work on under-served areas of the County; hand-out was included in the Board's Add-on folder regarding Yyotta, bringing a data center to the Quantico Corporate Center. It will offer its IXP, network transport, and managed services solution through iFortress™ modular data center, would open in June 2016, and be voted on later in the meeting.

Mr. Milde - Attended the Dahlgren tour with Ms. Bohmke, QRESC with Mrs. Maurer, PRTC with Ms. Sellers, and the Chamber's Transportation Event, the County getting traction on I-95 issues; QRESC, a working group, affiliated with the Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) for several years; an item requiring future Board attention was notification to those in close proximity to the Base regarding shooting and bombing that causes vibrations, and which may require legislative changes.

Ms. Sellers - Did a ride-along with Fire and Rescue (Berea); the Chaplin Group Home/Office on Youth moving to a new location/the EDA sold the building where it was located; Attended PRTC with Mr. Milde; Attended the art show at Brooke Point High School (many very talented students in the Schools).

Mr. Snellings - Deferred

Mr. Thomas - Thanked Ms. Sellers for attending PRTC as his alternate; toured the Courthouse with judges and clerks talking about short-term safety and technology needs and long-term space needs/it would have to be fit into the CIP, currently at its maximum.

Report of the County Attorney Mr. Shumate deferred his report.

Report of the County Administrator Mr. Romanello introduced Mr. Chris Rapp, Director of Public Works. Mr. Rapp provided an update on transportation projects in the County. Following Mr. Rapp's report, Mr. Chris Hoppe, Capital Projects Manager, provided an update on Parks projects in the County. The Embrey Mill Park ribbon cutting was scheduled for Saturday, 3/19/16, at 10:30 a.m. at the fields by the Jeff Rouse Swim and Sport Center. The St. Patrick's Day Soccer Tournament would take place with 170 teams and 2700 children-athletes. Talon, the DC United mascot, will be attending and tours of the Jeff Rouse Swim and Sport Center would be available from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Ms. Cathy Vollbrecht, Interim Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities, gave a PowerPoint presentation about the proposed ADA-accessible, all-inclusive playground at Chichester Park. As part of the presentation, Ms. Vollbrecht noted that the County had nine ADA-accessible playgrounds but none were considered all-inclusive. Wheelchair bound visitors could experience inclusive play and the environment would serve the physical, social, sensory, cognitive, and emotional needs of children and adults of all abilities. The ground surface would consist of certified wood mulch and a 4-inch thick bonded rubber. There would be a therapeutic seat swing, three platforms adjoined to wheelchair ramps, and an avalanche-inclusive slide. The Board would be asked to fund the playground later in its meeting.

Additions/Deletions to the Regular Agenda Mrs. Maurer motioned, seconded by Mr. Snellings, to accept the Agenda with the deletion of Item 19. Economic Development; Support Funding of the Stafford Technology and Research Park Board of Directors' Planned Business Accelerator Space in Boswell's Corner in the Amount of \$500,000, which was deferred to the Board's April 5, 2016 meeting.

Item 21. Finance and Budget; Authorize the County Administrator to Advertise a Public Hearing on the Proposed Calendar Year 2016 Tax Rates, Proposed Fiscal Year 2017 County Budgets; Proposed Fiscal Year 2017-2026 Capital Improvements Program; and Fiscal Year 2017 Virginia Public School Authority (VPSA) Debt, would be heard during the evening session.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Bohmke, Cavalier, Maurer, Milde, Sellers, Snellings, Thomas  
Nay: (0)

Legislative; Consent Agenda Mrs. Maurer motioned, seconded by Mr. Milde, to adopt the Consent Agenda, which consisted of Items 4 through 15, omitting Item 7 at the request of Ms. Bohmke.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Bohmke, Cavalier, Maurer, Milde, Sellers, Snellings, Thomas  
Nay: (0)

Item 4. Legislative; Approve Minutes of the March 1, 2016 Board Meeting

Item 5. Finance and Budget; Approve Expenditure Listing

Resolution R16-99 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE LISTING (EL)  
DATED MARCH 1, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 14, 2016

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016 that the above-mentioned EL be and hereby is approved.

Item 6. Finance and Budget; Ratify Participation in the Spring 2016 Virginia Public School Authority (VPSA) Bond Sales

Resolution R16-93 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,925,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF STAFFORD, VIRGINIA, TO BE SOLD TO THE VIRGINIA PUBLIC SCHOOL AUTHORITY AND PROVIDING FOR THE FORM AND DETAILS THEREOF

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2015, the Board of Supervisors (Board) of the County of Stafford, Virginia (County) held a public hearing, duly noticed, on the issuance of the County's general obligation school bonds in accordance with the requirements of Virginia Code § 15.2-2606, and on April 21, 2015, adopted a resolution identified as Resolution R15-117, approving the issuance and sale of general obligation school bonds in an amount not to exceed \$26,830,000 for the purpose of financing certain projects more particularly specified therein (Projects), subject to the adoption of a subsequent resolution authorizing and setting forth the terms of such bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Board determined that it is necessary and expedient to borrow an amount not to exceed \$1,925,000 and to issue from the authorization under Resolution R15-117 its general obligation school bonds (as more specifically defined below, the Local School Bond) for the purpose of financing the Projects, and to authorize and set forth the details thereof, as required by Resolution R15-117; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of the County has, by resolution, requested the Board to authorize the issuance of the Local School Bond and consented to the issuance of the Local School Bond; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Public School Authority (VPSA) has offered to purchase the Local School Bond along with the local school bonds of certain other localities with a portion of the proceeds of certain bonds to be issued by VPSA in the spring of 2016 (VPSA Bonds); and

WHEREAS, the Bond Sale Agreement (as defined below) shall indicate that \$1,925,000 is the amount of proceeds requested by the County (proceeds requested) from VPSA in connection with the sale of the Local School Bond; and

WHEREAS, VPSA's objective is to pay the County a purchase price for the Local School Bond which, in VPSA's judgment, reflects the Local School Bond's market value (VPSA Purchase Price Objective), taking into consideration of such factors as the amortization schedule the County has requested for the Local School Bond relative to the amortization schedules requested by other localities, the purchase price to be received by VPSA from the sale of the VPSA Bonds, and other market conditions relating to the sale of the VPSA Bonds; and

WHEREAS, such factors may result in requiring the County to accept a discount, given the VPSA Purchase Price Objective and market conditions, under which circumstances the proceeds from the sale of the Local School Bond received by the County will be less than the Proceeds Requested since the maximum authorized principal amount of the Local School Bond set forth in paragraph 1 below does not exceed the Proceeds Requested.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STAFFORD, VIRGINIA:

Authorization of Local School Bond and Use of Proceeds. The Board hereby determines that it is advisable to contract a debt and issue and sell its general obligation school bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,925,000 (Local School Bond) for the purpose of financing the Projects. The Board hereby authorizes the issuance and sale of the Local School Bond in the form and upon the terms established pursuant to this Resolution.

Sale of the Local School Bond. The sale of the Local School Bond, within the parameters set forth in paragraph 4 of this Resolution, to VPSA is authorized. Given the VPSA Purchase Price Objective and market conditions, the County acknowledges that the limitation on the maximum principal amount on the Local School Bond set forth in paragraph 1 of this Resolution restricts VPSA's ability to generate the Proceeds Requested, however, the Local School Bond may be sold for a purchase price not lower than 95% of the Proceeds Requested. The Chairman of the Board, the County Administrator, or either of them (each a Delegate), and such other officer or officers of the County as either may designate are hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with VPSA providing for the sale of the Local School Bond to VPSA (Bond Sale Agreement). The Bond Sale Agreement shall be in substantially the form submitted to the Board at this meeting, which form is hereby approved.

Details of the Local School Bond. The Local School Bond shall be dated 16 days prior to the date of its issuance and delivery or such other date designated by VPSA; shall be designated General Obligation School Bond, Series 2016A; shall bear interest from its dated date payable semi-annually on each January 15 and July 15 beginning January 15, 2017 (each an Interest Payment Date), at the rates established in accordance with paragraph 4 of this Resolution; and shall mature on July 15 in the years (each a Principal Payment Date) and in the amounts acceptable to a Delegate (the "Principal Installments"), subject to the provisions of paragraph 4 of this Resolution.

Interest Rates and Principal Installments. Each Delegate is hereby authorized and directed to accept the interest rates on the Local School Bond established by VPSA, provided that each interest rate shall be five one-hundredths of one percent (0.05%) over the interest rate to be paid by VPSA for the corresponding principal payment date of the VPSA Bonds, a portion of the proceeds of which will be used to purchase the Local School Bond, and provided further that the true interest cost of the Local School Bond does not exceed five and fifty one-hundredths percent (5.50%) per annum. The Interest Payment Dates and the Principal Installments are subject to change at the request of VPSA. Each Delegate is hereby authorized and directed to accept changes in the Interest Payment Dates and the Principal Installments at the request of VPSA based on the final term to maturity of the VPSA Bonds, requirements imposed on VPSA by the nationally-recognized rating agencies and the final principal amount of the Local School Bond; provided, however, that the principal amount of the Local School Bond shall not exceed the amount authorized by this Resolution and the final maturity of the Local School Bond shall not exceed 21 years from the date of the issuance and delivery of the Local School Bond. The execution and delivery of the Local School Bond as described in paragraph 8 hereof shall conclusively evidence the approval and acceptance of all of the details of the Local School Bond by the Delegate as authorized by this Resolution.

Form of the Local School Bond. The Local School Bond shall be initially in the form of a single, temporary typewritten bond substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Payment; Paying Agent and Bond Registrar. The following provisions shall apply to the Local School Bond;

For as long as VPSA is the registered owner of the Local School Bond, all payments of principal, premium, if any, and interest on the Local School Bond shall be made in immediately available funds to VPSA at, or before 11:00 a.m. on the applicable Interest Payment Date, Principal Payment Date or date fixed for prepayment or redemption, or if such date is not a business day for Virginia banks or for the Commonwealth of Virginia, then at or before 11:00 a.m. on the business day next succeeding such Interest Payment Date, Principal Payment Date or date fixed for prepayment or redemption.

All overdue payments of principal and, to the extent permitted by law, interest shall bear interest at the applicable interest rate or rates on the Local School Bond.

U.S. Bank National Association, Richmond, Virginia, is designated as Bond Registrar and Paying Agent for the Local School Bond.

Prepayment or Redemption. The Principal Installments of the Local School Bond held by VPSA coming due on or before July 15, 2026, and the definitive bond for which the Local School Bond held by VPSA may be exchanged that mature on or before July 15, 2026, are not subject to prepayment or redemption prior to their stated maturities. The Principal Installments of the Local School Bond held by VPSA coming due on or after July 15, 2027, and the definitive bond(s) for which the Local School Bond held by VPSA may be exchanged that mature on or after July 15, 2027, are subject to prepayment or redemption at the option of the County prior to their stated maturities in whole or in part, on any date on or after July 15, 2026, upon payment of the prepayment or redemption prices (expressed as percentages of Principal Installments to be prepaid or the principal amount of the Local School Bond to be redeemed) set forth below plus accrued interest to the date set for prepayment or redemption:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Prices</u>
July 15, 2026 through July 14, 2027	101%
July 15, 2027 through July 14, 2028	100½%
July 15, 2028 and thereafter	100%

Provided, however, that the Local School Bond shall not be subject to prepayment or redemption prior to their stated maturities as described above without first obtaining the written consent of VPSA or other registered owner of the Local School Bond. Notice of any such prepayment or redemption shall be given by the Bond Registrar to VPSA or other registered owner by registered mail not more than ninety (90) and not less than sixty (60) days before the date fixed for prepayment or redemption.

If VPSA refunds the VPSA Bonds in the future and such refunding causes the Local School Bond to be deemed refunded, the prepayment or redemption of the Local School Bond will be subject to VPSA approval and subject to similar prepayment or redemption provisions as set forth above that correspond to the call period of the VPSA bonds issued in part to refund the Local School Bond.

Execution of the Local School Bond. The Chairman or Vice Chairman and the Clerk or any Deputy Clerk of the Board are authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Local School Bond and to affix the seal of the County thereto.

Pledge of Full Faith and Credit. For the prompt payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and the interest on the Local School Bond as the same shall become due, the full faith and credit of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged, and in each year while any portion of the Local School Bond shall be outstanding there shall be levied and collected in accordance with law an annual ad valorem tax upon all taxable property in the County subject to local taxation sufficient in amount to provide for the payment of the principal of and premium, if any, and the interest on the Local School Bond as such principal, premium, if any, and interest shall become due, which tax shall be without limitation as to rate or amount and in addition to all other taxes authorized to be levied in the County to the extent other funds of the County are not lawfully available and appropriated for such purpose.

Use of Proceeds Certificate and Tax Compliance Agreement. The Chairman of the Board, the County Administrator and such other officer or officers of the County or the School Board as either may designate are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver on behalf of the County a Use of Proceeds Certificate and Tax Compliance Agreement (the "Tax Compliance Agreement") setting forth the expected use and investment of the proceeds of the Local School Bond and containing such covenants as may be necessary in order to show compliance with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), and applicable regulations relating to the exclusion from gross income of interest on the VPSA Bonds. The Board covenants on behalf of the County that (i) the proceeds from the issuance and sale of the Local School Bond will be invested and expended as set forth in such Tax Compliance Agreement and that the County shall comply with the other covenants and representations contained therein and (ii) the County shall comply with the provisions of the Code so that interest on the VPSA Bonds will remain excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

State Non-Arbitrage Program; Proceeds Agreement. The Board hereby determines that it is in the best interests of the County to authorize and direct the County Treasurer to participate in the State Non-Arbitrage Program in connection with the Local School Bond. The Chairman of the Board, the County Administrator and such officer or officers of the County as either may designate are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver a Proceeds Agreement with respect to the deposit and investment of proceeds of the Local School Bond by and among the County, the other participants in the sale of the VPSA Bonds, VPSA, the investment manager and the depository, substantially in the form submitted to the Board at this meeting, which form is hereby approved.

Continuing Disclosure Agreement. The Chairman of the Board, the County Administrator and such other officer or officers of the County as either may designate are hereby authorized and directed to execute a Continuing Disclosure Agreement, as set forth in Appendix D to the Bond Sale Agreement, setting forth the reports and notices to be filed by the County and containing such covenants as may be necessary in order to show compliance with the provisions of the Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12, under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and directed to make all filings required by Section 3 of the Bond Sale Agreement should the County be determined by VPSA to be a MOP (as defined in the Bond Sale Agreement).

Refunding. The Board hereby acknowledges that VPSA may issue refunding bonds to refund any bonds previously issued by VPSA, including the VPSA Bonds issued to purchase the Local School Bond, and that the purpose of such refunding bonds would be to enable VPSA to pass on annual debt service savings to the local issuers, including the County. Each of the Delegates is authorized to execute and deliver to VPSA such allonge to the Local School Bond, revised debt service schedule, IRS Form 8038-G or such other documents reasonably deemed necessary by VPSA and VPSA's bond counsel to be necessary to reflect and facilitate the refunding of the Local School Bond and the allocation of the annual debt service savings to the County by VPSA. The Clerk to the Board is authorized to affix the County's seal on any such documents and attest or countersign the same.

Filing of Resolution. The appropriate officers or agents of the County are hereby authorized and directed to cause a certified copy of this Resolution to be filed with the Circuit Court of the County.

Election to Proceed under Public Finance Act. In accordance with Virginia Code § 15.2-2601, the Board elects to issue the Local School Bond pursuant to the provisions of the Public Finance Act of 1991, Virginia Code § 26 of Title 15.2.

Further Actions. The members of the Board and all officers, employees and agents of the County are hereby authorized to take such action as they or any one of them may consider necessary or desirable in connection with the issuance and sale of the Local School Bond and otherwise in furtherance of this Resolution and any such action previously taken is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Revocation of Prior Authorized and Unissued Bonds. The Board previously authorized and the County has previously issued general obligation school bonds pursuant to Resolution R13-66, which was adopted June 18, 2013, and Resolution R14-79, which was adopted April 28, 2014 (collectively, the Prior Resolutions). The authorization to issue any bonds that are authorized and unissued under Prior Resolutions is hereby revoked.

Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Item 8. Public Works; Recommend Study of Alternatives for Interstate 95

Resolution R16-100 reads as follows:

**A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING ALTERNATIVES FOR THE INTERSTATE 95  
CORRIDOR EVALUATION STUDY TO THE FREDERICKSBURG AREA  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

WHEREAS, the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (FAMPO) has authorized an Interstate 95 (I-95) Corridor Evaluation Study (Study) to provide a comprehensive and multimodal examination of I-95 in the George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC) region; and

WHEREAS, this Study will develop an improvement program to address the needs of the I-95 corridor between mile marker (MM) 145 in Stafford County and MM125 in Spotsylvania County, through the year 2040; and

WHEREAS, the Study's results are intended for consideration and inclusion as part of the next evaluation round of House Bill 2 (HB2) applications; and

WHEREAS, FAMPO requested that its member jurisdictions submit up to three alternative concepts along the I-95 mainline corridor for consideration as potential alternatives for technical evaluation in the Study; and

WHEREAS, alternatives could potentially supplement those Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) improvement projects currently underway in the I-95 corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Board's Infrastructure Committee considered various options for further study and provided unanimous recommendations to the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board considered the recommendation of its Committee and staff, and desires to submit the following alternatives to FAMPO for study;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016, that it be and hereby does recommend the following alternatives to the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (FAMPO) for technical evaluation as part of the Interstate 95 (I-95) Corridor Evaluation Study:

- A fourth general purpose lane in both the northbound and southbound direction, extending from the southern terminus of the high occupancy toll (HOT) Lanes to the proposed Rappahannock River Crossing collector/distribution lanes;
- Direct access from Garrisonville Road (SR-610) eastbound to the I-95 HOT Lanes; and
- Extend the I-95 HOT Lanes south as far as it makes practical sense, up to Exit 126 (Spotsylvania)

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator or his designee shall forward a certified copy of this resolution to the FAMPO Administrator.

Item 9. Public Works; Endorse Projects for Use of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality and Regional Surface Transportation Program Funds

Resolution R16-101 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING PROJECTS FOR CONGESTION  
MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY AND REGIONAL SURFACE  
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Board desires to take advantage of all available regional funding for transportation improvements in the County; and

WHEREAS, the County is eligible to receive federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program funds and federal Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (FAMPO) recommend projects to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) for funding in this region; and

WHEREAS, approximately \$70,000 is available in unused CMAQ and RSTP funds from other projects that can be applied toward further study of Stafford County projects; and

WHEREAS, these funds may be used for preliminary engineering and planning to improve the opportunity for candidate projects to score well under the House Bill 2 (HB2) evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, proposed improvements at the U.S. Route 1 intersection with American Legion (SR-628) and Eskimo Hill (SR-1378) Roads, and the Butler Road (SR-212) widening from Cambridge Street (US-1) to Chatham Heights Road (SR-218), are two projects currently on the RSTP and CMAQ project lists;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016, that the Board be and it hereby does indicate its desire to have the improvements at the U.S. Route 1 intersection with American Legion (SR-628) and Eskimo Hill (SR-1378) Roads, and the Butler Road (SR-212) widening from Cambridge Street (US-1) to Chatham Heights Road (SR-218), considered for additional CMAQ/RSTP funding for the purpose of preliminary engineering and planning; and

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, or his designee, shall forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the FAMPO Administrator.

Item 10. Public Works; Authorize the County Administrator to Execute a Contract for an Engineering Study of the Lake Arrowhead Dams and Grant Application for Reimbursement of the Study

Resolution R16-102 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR AN ENGINEERING STUDY OF THE LAKE ARROWHEAD DAMS AND TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF THE STUDY

WHEREAS, the Lake Arrowhead Dam and Little Lake Arrowhead Dam (the Dams) were built in the 1950's and are privately owned; and

WHEREAS, the owner of record is the Lake Arrowhead Civic Association, Inc. (Association), but the Association has since been disbanded; and

WHEREAS, Lake Arrowhead and Little Lake Arrowhead drain into the Aquia Creek, crossing several critical roads in the County, and eventually drain into Smith Lake; and

WHEREAS, failure of one or both of the Dams could have public safety consequences to downstream infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the State determined that the Dams are out of compliance with current dam design requirements have not been maintained to the level required by the State and do not have a current operational permit from the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR); and

WHEREAS, the State has directed the community to bring the Dams up to current standards or risk having them removed; and

WHEREAS, a preliminary engineering study of the Dams is necessary to better understand the extent and cost of the modifications required to bring the Dams up to standard prior to the community providing majority support for any modifications; and

WHEREAS, the cost to provide this study is estimated not to exceed \$30,000, of which half would be eligible for reimbursement in the form of a grant from the State; and

WHEREAS, the funds are available in the Contingency account;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016, that it be and hereby does authorize the County Administrator, or his designee, to execute a contract in an amount not to exceed Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to complete a preliminary engineering study of the Lake Arrowhead Dam and the Little Lake Arrowhead Dam; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator, or his designee, is authorized to submit a grant application to the State to cover a portion of the cost for a preliminary engineering study; and

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator or his designee is authorized to execute any documents related to the grant application, that he deems necessary or appropriate.

Item 11. Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities; Authorize the County Administrator to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of Playground Equipment at Chichester Park

Resolution R16-76 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH MIRACLE RECREATION EQUIPMENT COMPANY, FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT AND PROTECTIVE SURFACING FOR AN ALL-INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND AT CHICHESTER PARK

WHEREAS, Chichester Park opened to the public on September 13, 2014 and has a designated area for a playground; and

WHEREAS, while Stafford County has Americans with Disabilities (ADA)-accessible playgrounds at Autumn Ridge Park, Curtis Park, Duff McDuff Green Memorial Park, Patawomeck Park, John Lee Pratt Memorial Park, Smith Lake Park, St. Clair Brooks Park, and Willowmere Park, none are currently considered ADA-accessible, all-inclusive playgrounds; and

WHEREAS, ADA-accessible playgrounds are outfitted with special equipment and surfaces that meet the physical needs of children and adults of all abilities and provides them the opportunity to play; and

WHEREAS, all-inclusive playgrounds not only embrace the physical aspect of play but also emotional, social, and psychological aspects, encouraging children to interact with one another and to build social skills; and

WHEREAS, an all-inclusive playground would meet the recreational needs of all children and adults by enabling them to access playground equipment even if they have limited strength or ability; and

WHEREAS, Stafford County is able to participate in cooperative procurement under the National Joint Powers Alliance’s contract with Playpower, Inc., parent company of Miracle Recreation Equipment Company; and

WHEREAS, \$177,500 is available in Cash Capital for the purpose of purchasing equipment and surfacing for an all-inclusive playground at Chichester Park;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 15th day of March, 2016, that the County Administrator or his designee be and he hereby is authorized to execute a contract with Miracle Recreation Equipment Company, in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Seventy-seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$177,500), for the purchase of equipment and surfacing for an all-inclusive playground at Chichester Park.

Item 12. Public Information; Recognize Local Government Education Week, April 3-9, 2016

Proclamation P16-07 reads as follows:

**A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
EDUCATION WEEK, APRIL 3-9, 2016, IN STAFFORD COUNTY**

WHEREAS, since the colonial period, the Commonwealth of Virginia has closely held the institutions of local government; and

WHEREAS, local governments throughout the Commonwealth provide valuable services to the citizens of the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, citizen services such as law enforcement, public health and safety, recreational opportunities, and educating children, are most often delivered at the local level; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the work performed by local governments, the Virginia General Assembly, on February 29, 2012, designated the first week in April as Local Government Education Week in Virginia;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016, that it be and hereby does designate April 3-9, 2016 as Local Government Education Week; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Stafford County Board of Supervisors and the Stafford County School Board will partner to promote civic education and engagement in an effort to educate citizens about their local government, strengthen the sense of community, and engage the next generation of local government managers.

Item 13. County Attorney; Authorize the Department of Planning and Zoning to Execute a Deed of Confirmation

Resolution R16-90 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING TO EXECUTE A DEED OF CONFIRMATION FOR TAX MAP PARCEL NOS. 43-74 AND 43-74A, IN THE HARTWOOD DISTRICT

WHEREAS, as part of the Lake Mooney Reservoir Project, the County condemned and acquired approximately 43.5 acres (Acquired Property) of Tax Map Parcel No. 43-74 (Property); and

WHEREAS, the Acquired Property resulted in the Property being separated into two, non-contiguous parcels—the one remaining Tax Map Parcel No. 43-74, being approximately 49.3 acres, and the one assigned new Tax Map Parcel No. 43-74A, being approximately 12.78 acres; and

WHEREAS, this division of the property did not occur as the result of actions by the Property Owners, and is therefore, not a “subdivision,” as defined in the County Code; and

WHEREAS, Raymond and Aria Orris are the Property Owners; and

WHEREAS, the Property Owners request a Deed of Confirmation be executed by the County confirming the legal separation of the Property into two parcels, by way of the County exercising its condemnation authority;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016, that it be and hereby does authorize the Director of Planning and Zoning to execute a Deed of Confirmation for Tax Map Parcel Nos. 43-74 and 43-74A, confirming the separation of the property into two, separate parcels, as a result of the County exercising its condemnation authority.

Item 14. County Administration; Approve Appointment to the Embrey Mill Community Development Authority

Item 15. County Administration; Approve Appointment of Ed Wallis to the Armed Services Memorial Commission Working Group

Item 7. Planning and Zoning; Authorize the County Administrator to Initiate a Rezoning Application on Tax Map Parcel 38-29 Ms. Bohmke pulled Item 7 for discussion.

Ms. Bohmke motioned, seconded by Mr. Milde, to adopt proposed Resolution R16-61.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Bohmke, Cavalier, Maurer, Milde, Sellers, Snellings, Thomas  
Nay: (0)

Resolution R16-61 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO INITIATE A RECLASSIFICATION APPLICATION ON TAX MAP PARCEL NO. 38-29 FROM A-1, AGRICULTURAL TO M-1, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICT, WITHIN THE FALMOUTH ELECTION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Authority (EDA) is the owner of Tax Map Parcel No. 38-29 (Property), located in the Falmouth Election District; and

WHEREAS, the Property is currently zoned A-1, Agricultural; and

WHEREAS, the Property lies within the Business and Industry land use designation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan, the Board desires to facilitate the business and/or industrial development of the Property; and

WHEREAS, business and/or industrial development would require a change in zoning to accommodate such development; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to reclassify the Property to M-1, Light Industrial Zoning District, to facilitate development that will comply with current standards, development practices, and the County’s Comprehensive Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016, that the County Administrator be and he hereby is authorized to initiate a reclassification application on behalf of the Economic Development Authority (EDA) from the A-1, Agricultural to M-1, Light Industrial Zoning District, on Tax Map Parcel No. 38-29, in the Falmouth Election District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator or his designee is authorized to act as the applicant on behalf of the EDA in order to process the application for reclassification.

Planning and Zoning; Amend Proffered Conditions Zoned B-2, to Modify Conditions Relating to Site Design Standards and Building Requirements

Mr. Snellings motioned, seconded by Mr. Milde, to adopt proposed Ordinance O16-15.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Bohmke, Cavalier, Maurer, Milde, Sellers, Snellings, Thomas  
Nay: (0)

Ordinance O16-15 reads as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN THE STAFFORD COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE BY AMENDING THE PROFFERED CONDITIONS ON TAX MAP PARCEL NOS. 44-62 AND 44-62B, ZONED B-2, URBAN COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT, WITHIN THE HARTWOOD ELECTION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Sumner Falls Run, LLC, applicant, submitted application RC15150925 requesting an amendment to proffered conditions on Tax Map Parcel Nos. 44-62 and 44-62B, zoned B-2, Urban Commercial Zoning District, within the Hartwood Election District; and

WHEREAS, the Board carefully considered the recommendations of the Planning Commission and staff, and the public testimony, if any, received at the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Board determined that the requested zoning and amended proffer conditions are compatible with the surrounding land uses and zoning and meets the zoning reclassification evaluation criteria in the Stafford County Code Sec. 28-206; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that public necessity, convenience, general welfare, and good zoning practices require adoption of this ordinance to amend proffered conditions on the property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016, that the Stafford County Zoning Ordinance be and it hereby is amended and reordained by amending the proffered conditions on Tax Map Parcel Nos. 44-62 and 44-62B, zoned B-2, Urban Commercial Zoning District, as specified in the final proffer statement entitled, “Proffers” dated February 26, 2016.

Planning and Zoning; Authorize a Conditional Use Permit to Allow Vehicle Fuel Sales Zoned B-2 in a Highway Corridor Overlay District

Mr. Snellings motioned, seconded by Ms. Sellers to adopt proposed Resolution R16-44.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Bohmke, Cavalier, Maurer, Milde, Sellers, Snellings, Thomas  
Nay: (0)

Resolution R16-44 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PURSUANT TO APPLICATION CUP15150926 TO ALLOW MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL SALES IN A B-2, URBAN COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT AND HC, HIGHWAY CORRIDOR OVERLAY ZONING DISTRICT, AND A CONVENIENCE STORE IN A HC OVERLAY ZONING DISTRICT, ON TAX MAP PARCEL NO. 44-62B (PORTION), WITHIN THE HARTWOOD ELECTION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Sumner Falls Run, LLC, applicant, submitted application CUP15150926 requesting a conditional use permit (CUP) to allow motor vehicle fuel sales in a B-2, Urban Commercial Zoning District and HC, Highway Corridor Overlay Zoning District, and a convenience store in a HC Overlay Zoning District on Tax Map Parcel No. 44-62B (portion), located within the Hartwood Election District; and

WHEREAS, the application was submitted pursuant to Stafford County Code, Sec. 28-35, Table 3.1, which permits these uses in the B-2, Zoning District and HC Overlay Zoning District, after a CUP is issued by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board carefully considered the recommendations of the Planning Commission and staff, and the public testimony, if any, received at the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Board considered the criteria in Stafford County Code Sec. 28-185 and finds that the request meets the standards of the Zoning Ordinance for issuance of a CUP;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016, that a conditional use permit (CUP) pursuant to application CUP1515926, be and it hereby is approved with the following conditions:

1. This CUP is to allow motor vehicle fuel sales and a convenience store, as shown in the general location depicted on the Generalized Development Plan (GDP) prepared by Bagby, Goodpasture, and Associates, entitled, "Stafford Lakes Plaza Royal Farms," dated December 10, 2015. Minor changes to the general location of the building(s), fuel dispensers, and the canopy shall be allowed on site plan review for purposes of engineering reasons or to comply with changes to federal, state, or local laws.
2. The building, fueling station canopy, dumpster enclosure, and signage shall be constructed in general conformance with the architectural rendering entitled, "Royal Farms #237," prepared by Ratcliffe Architects, and included within the GDP. These elements shall be constructed in general conformance with the

architectural renderings as it relates to color and type of materials. More specifically, siding shall consist of cementitious siding (hardie-plank or similar products), stone or brick shall be installed around the end columns of the fuel canopy, and fuel canopy lighting shall be limited to the “Royal Farms” signage.

3. Loading spaces, truck delivery spaces, and dumpster pads shall be located as generally shown on the GDP.
4. No carnival style, signs, banner, lights, balloons, or windsocks shall be utilized on the property, except for periodic special events such as grand openings and anniversaries. This business may utilize such banners, flags, and balloons on a strictly temporary basis related to grand openings and anniversaries. The use of electronic or variable message signs and flashing signs shall be prohibited at all times.
5. This CUP may be revoked or conditions modified for violations of these conditions or any applicable federal, state, or County code, law, ordinance, or regulation after the applicant has been notified in writing by the County of the violation(s) and the applicant is given an opportunity to cure the violation(s).

Planning and Zoning Support a Break in the Limited Access on Centreport Parkway Mr. Anthony Romanello, County Administrator, gave a brief update to the Board on the item, which was deferred from the Board’s March 1, 2015 meeting.

Mr. Milde motioned, seconded by Ms. Sellers, to adopt proposed Resolution R16-60.

The Voting Board tally was:

- Yea: (6) Bohmke, Cavalier, Maurer, Milde, Sellers, Thomas
- Nay: (0)
- Abstain: (1) Snellings

Resolution R16-60 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AN APPLICATION TO THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD FOR A LIMITED ACCESS BREAK ON CENTREPORT PARKWAY, WITHIN THE HARTWOOD ELECTION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, GAM Stafford LLC (Owner) is the owner of Tax Map Parcel 37-25; and

WHEREAS, the Owner plans to make an application to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) for a limited access break on Centreport Parkway (SR-8900); and

WHEREAS, Exit 136 on Interstate-95, and Centreport Parkway opened to traffic in December, 2005; and

WHEREAS, since the opening of Exit 136 on Interstate-95, no commercial development has occurred near this interchange; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that the restrictive nature of the limited access highway designation on Centreport Parkway has been a deterrent to new development; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Fredericksburg District Office is supportive of two alternative designs for a limited access break on Centreport Parkway; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that allowing a break in the limited access highway designation on Centreport Parkway would benefit the commercial tax base for the County and the convenience of the motoring public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016, that it be and hereby does express its support for the application to the Commonwealth Transportation Board for a limited access break on Centreport Parkway, west of the Exit 136 Interchange with I-95.

Finance and Budget; Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Presentation Ms. Nancy Collins, Budget Division Director, introduced the CIP presentation.

Ms. Cathy Vollbrecht provided an update on Parks projects included in the CIP. Mr. Snellings asked about Musselman Park and if it was included in the last bond referendum. Ms. Vollbrecht confirmed that it was and that the County had ten years to borrow the money. Mr. Snellings asked to meet with staff regarding the development of Musselman Park. Mr. Cavalier said that Musselman Park and Patawomeck Park should have had the top two spaces on the CIP, and development of those two parks should be a top priority. Mr. Milde asked if the bond referendum changed the County's debt capacity. Mr. Romanello said that it did not. Mr. Milde asked why then were projects like the James Hill and Brooke Road "death traps" deferred; why borrow money for parks when there were transportation needs being put on the back burner? Mr. Milde said that Parks projects could be skipped in favor of resuming some of the most needed road improvements. When asked why Musselman Park was pushed down the list, Mr. Romanello said that staff was told to stand down.

Mr. Keith Dayton provided an update on transportation projects included in the CIP. He said that ongoing revenues, fuels tax and recording, were not projected to be sufficient to fund recurring transportation operating expenditures. Mr. Dayton added that lower debt limits and lower projected fuels tax resulted in a reduction in transportation project funding.

Deferred projects included Enon Road project (scheduled to be completed through the design phase only, land acquisition and construction was delayed pending available

funding, and was a potential HB2 project), and Brooke Road (scheduled to be completed through design and land acquisition, delayed pending available funding, and was a potential HB2 project). The start of Eskimo Hill Road and Tech Center Drive were moved to later years in the CIP, pending available funding.

Projects with alternative funding sources included the widening of Courthouse Road from Cedar Lane to Winding Creek Road; improvements to the Courthouse Road/Route 1 intersection; and Ferry Road. New projects included safety improvements on Route 1 at Woodstock Lane and Telegraph Road (approved for HB2 funding, timing would be determined by the Commonwealth Transportation Board in June 2016); Juggins Road improvements to the new Anne E. Moncure Elementary School (funded through School bonds and revenue sharing).

Ms. Bohmke spoke about CMAQ and RSTP funded projects; Mr. Dayton said that the CMAQ and RSTP projects were different projects but would eventually connect to Potomac Run and in a later phase, Brooke Road.

Mr. Michael Smith, Director of Utilities, addressed the Board and spoke about Utilities projects included in the CIP. He said that additions included Abel Lake Dam improvements, Austin Run sewer replacement through Stafford Village, the Route 1 sewer (Hidden Valley to Potomac Hills), and maintenance equipment necessary for operations. Projects that were accelerated included the Centreport water tank and pump station to provide adequate fire flow and supply to the Centreport area (from 2024 to 2019), and the Aquia Creek sewer pump station and force main upgrade to complete upgrades from Boswell's Corner to the treatment plant (moved from 2022 to 2018). Projects that were removed or delayed to allow for additions/advances were the Potomac Creek pump station and force main (delayed); and the radio read meter program was removed.

Mrs. Maurer asked about the Abel Lake Dam, the state spillway design specifications and the associated cost. Mr. Smith replied that it was still in the design phase and an analysis was being done on the spillway, and there was no cost estimate yet. Mr. Dayton said that revised standards would be posted on the State Water Control Board's website, and the Board may be asked to act on it at a future meeting. Mr. Dayton said it was either March or May; he would verify the date and let Mrs. Maurer know.

Ms. Collins provided a public safety CIP briefing including the Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) System, which when updated would replace the current system which, in FY2021, would be more than 25 years old. The cost of the public safety command bus replacement, also in FY2021, was estimated at \$651,000, and would replace a bus that would be 18 years old at that time.

Ms. Collins also provided a Schools CIP briefing including the Anne E. Moncure Elementary School rebuild, with new elementary school specifications, \$2 million of which would be funded with cash. The Ferry Farm Elementary School rebuild was moved from FY2018 to FY2019 and included capacity for 750 students, expandable to 950, also to be built to the new elementary school specifications. The North Stafford High School Library renovation would be paid for with \$2.2 million in cash, and the opening of high school #6 was moved to 2028.

Discuss Construction of Two Artificial Turf Fields at Embrey Mill Park Mr. Dayton gave a Power Point presentation, and said that four artificial turf fields were completed and would be put into service with the soccer tournament starting on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Construction of two of the seven grass fields is complete but needed another growing season to mature sufficiently for play. The Board authorized \$2.7 million in bond funding to complete two of the remaining five fields, and bond funding of \$2.9 million was included in the draft CIP in FY2018 for completion of the final three fields. The total cost for two artificial turf fields, including parking and rest rooms, is estimated at \$3,884,000, which is less than the \$3,944,000 in available funding.

Following Mr. Dayton's talk about consideration of turf fields and its benefit to the County with approximately \$1 million in spending by tournament participants, Mr. Milde asked how Mr. Dayton arrived at that number. Mr. Dayton said it took into account the number of attendees and the number of meals and overnight stays in the County for the duration of a tournament. Mr. Milde asked if that included the Transient Occupancy Tax. Mr. Dayton said he would get the exact numbers and provide them to Mr. Milde. Mr. Milde noted that it was an important discussion to have if, in fact, two additional turf fields would be profitable to the County. Mr. Milde said that the County had doubled or tripled the number of fields in recent years and asked for the exact number of fields available. Mr. Romanello said that he would provide that number to Mr. Milde at another time after he researched the answer. Ms. Sellers said that the County and its residents benefited and got more from the expansion of the fields than amounted just to profitability. Mr. Milde asked about the number of teachers not hired, and how to balance new turf fields with safety issues on Brooke Road.

Mr. Thomas asked about last year's CIP, Phase 3 for \$5.6 million, and the new CIP's \$2.9 million funding. Mr. Romanello said that it was because \$2.7 million was already in the bank. Mr. Thomas asked, regarding Phase 3, if a turf field was installed, what it would cost. Mr. Dayton said it would cost approximately \$1 million. He added that the Under-8 and Under-10 fields could be upgraded but they were smaller, recreational fields, not a tournament option.

Ms. Bohmke asked about the money; Mr. Dayton answered that it was proffers, on a per-unit basis so the County was borrowing from itself. Mr. Milde asked if the County was paying interest on the money. Mr. Romanello replied that the money was in the bank.

Mr. Thomas asked for and received consensus of the Board to proceed with the project.

Fire and Rescue; Authorize the County Administrator to Apply for the 2016 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Mark Lockhart, Fire Chief, gave a presentation and answered Board members questions. Ms. Sellers asked if all fire fighters were EMT trained. Chief Lockhart said that all career staffed engines had at least one ALS certified personnel and others were EMT basic certified. Mrs. Maurer asked if equipment was available for the new firefighters if the Grant was awarded. Chief Lockhart said that the apparatus was available.

Ms. Bohmke asked if 16 positions were applied for and granted, could the Board reduce that number before accepting the grant? Chief Lockhart said that it could, however that would require a new grant submission and a request for reconsideration and rescoring. He said that the County had 30 days in which to accept the Grant, or to resubmit it if a lesser number of firefighters was desired. Ms. Bohmke asked about cross-training and cross-running on apparatus. Chief Lockhart said that the desired number was four crew members on each of the four career-staffed engines, 24/7. He said the current number was three crew members on each engine. Chief Lockhart said that the crew members could be reallocated at the end of the Grant period.

Mr. Milde asked about the cost of training a new firefighter. Chief Lockhart said it was approximately \$16,000 to \$18,000 per person. Mr. Milde asked if the County was obligated to retain all 16 positions at the end of the Grant period. Chief Lockhart said that it was not a requirement with this SAFER Grant application, which was different from past grant applications. Mrs. Maurer asked about future years funding for the new positions (if granted). Mr. Romanello said that based on estimates of local costs, it would be the second half of FY2019 and then the full FY2020, so funding needs would be stair-stepped. The County would be at its desired cash capital in FY2018 so an additional \$300,000 would be built in and flexible to cover the cost of the new firefighters.

Ms. Sellers asked if career staff could be used on volunteer engines. Chief Lockhart said that during the Grant period, they would have to guarantee placement on career-staffed engines. At the end of the Grant period, staff could be rotated.

Ms. Sellers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Maurer, to adopt proposed Resolution R16-87.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (6) Bohmke, Cavalier, Maurer, Sellers, Snellings, Thomas  
Nay: (1) Milde

Resolution R16-87 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR THE FY2015 STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANT

WHEREAS, the Board identified public safety as one its top priorities; and

WHEREAS, at the request of the Board’s Public Safety Committee, the County’s Fire Chief determined that the Fire and Rescue Department (Department) is eligible to apply for a SAFER Grant to hire additional career firefighters; and

WHEREAS, the Board carefully considered the recommendations of its Public Safety Committee, the Department, and staff; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that applying for the SAFER Grant promotes the health, safety, and welfare of the County and its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 15th day of March, 2016, that it be and hereby does authorize the County Administrator to apply for, and execute a letter of support on behalf of the Board, for the FY2015 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant, in an amount not to exceed Two Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,300,000), to provide salary and benefits for 16 career firefighters for the 24-month Grant period.

Discuss Section 6-1B of the Board’s Bylaws Mr. Milde read Section 6-1B from the Board’s Bylaws: *“It is anticipated and expected that a member cast a vote, or otherwise take official action, which is consistent with the position taken by the Board, as expressed in an official vote, while acting on any other board, authority, commission, committee, or other legal entity. By accepting the nomination, the nominee agrees to the adherence of these By-Laws.”*

Mr. Milde said that he needed to know if he could vote any way he wanted citing that a couple members of the Board, at a recent non-County meeting, did not vote in alignment with the Board’s decision concerning a floor on the gasoline tax. Ms. Bohmke said that her colleagues on the Board should be on the same team; that it was her first George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC) and Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Organization (FAMPO) meeting, and the first time she saw the letter. Ms. Bohmke added that as a courtesy, members should have been given advanced notice and given time to call PRTC asking that they craft a letter that was acceptable to all members of the GWRC and FAMPO.

Ms. Sellers said that she echoed Ms. Bohmke’s remarks, adding that she disagreed with Mr. Milde in that she did not vote against the letter; that a tax increase was never presented to the Board for discussion or a decision. She said the letter was thrown on the table with no advanced notice or explanation. Mr. Milde said that the letter said nothing about a gas tax increase; that it was not his add-on, it was brought up at GWRC and that Ms. Bohmke and Ms. Sellers knew about the letter before he did.

Mr. Thomas said that he personally did not believe that it was a violation of the Board’s bylaws. As an example, he said he voted against the VRE budget. Mr. Cavalier said that it was clear in the Bylaws that Board members, when attending outside boards, authorities, committees, and commission meetings, should vote in accordance with the wishes of the entire Board of Supervisors.

Legislative; Closed Meeting. At 4:36 p.m., Mrs. Maurer motioned, seconded by Mr. Milde, to adopt proposed Resolution CM16-06.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Bohmke, Cavalier, Maurer, Milde, Sellers, Snellings, Thomas  
Nay: (0)

Resolution CM16-06 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Board desires to hold a Closed Meeting for discussion and consideration of the performance of specific public officers, appointees, and employees of the County, and consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members pertaining to probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the Board; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016, does hereby authorize discussion of the above matters in Closed Meeting.

Call to Order At 5:10 p.m., the Chairman called the meeting back to order.

Legislative; Closed Meeting Certification Mrs. Maurer motioned, seconded by Ms. Sellers, to adopt proposed Resolution CM16-06(a).

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Bohmke, Cavalier, Maurer, Milde, Sellers, Snellings, Thomas  
Nay: (0)

Resolution CM15-06(a) reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO CERTIFY THE ACTIONS OF THE STAFFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN A CLOSED MEETING ON MARCH 15, 2016

WHEREAS, the Board has, on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016, adjourned into a Closed Meeting in accordance with a formal vote of the Board and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, as it became effective July 1, 1989, provides for certification that such Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stafford County Board of Supervisors does hereby certify, on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016, that to the best of each member's knowledge: (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act were discussed in the Closed Meeting to which this certification applies; and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the Motion by which the said Closed Meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered by the Board.

At 5:11 p.m., Mr. Thomas adjourned the afternoon session of the Board meeting, and announced that the Board would meet with the School Board in the A/B/C Conference Room. All seven Board members and six School Board members were present in addition to the County Administrator, School Superintendent, and associated staff.

Legislative; Closed Meeting. At 5:45 p.m., Mrs. Maurer motioned, seconded by Mr. Snellings, to adopt proposed Resolution CM16-07.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Bohmke, Cavalier, Maurer, Milde, Sellers, Snellings, Thomas  
Nay: (0)

Resolution CM16-07 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Board desires to hold a Closed Meeting, in conjunction with the School Board, for the discussion of the award of a joint public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where such discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the Board and School Board; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(29) such discussions may occur in Closed Meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors, on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016, that it does hereby authorize discussion of the aforestated matter in Closed Meeting.

At 5:56 p.m., School Board member Ms. Irene Egan motioned, seconded by School Board member, Ms. Emily Fallon, and read a Closed Meeting resolution for the School Board. By voice vote of 6 – 0, the motion passed. Mr. Dewayne McOsker was absent.

Call to Order At 6:01 p.m., the Chairman called the meeting back to order.

Legislative; Closed Meeting Certification Mrs. Maurer motioned, seconded by Mr. Snellings, to adopt proposed Resolution CM16-07(a).

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Bohmke, Cavalier, Maurer, Milde, Sellers, Snellings, Thomas  
Nay: (0)

Resolution CM15-07(a) reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO CERTIFY THE ACTIONS OF THE STAFFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN A CLOSED MEETING ON MARCH 15, 2016

WHEREAS, the Board has, on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016, adjourned into a Closed Meeting, in conjunction with the School Board, in accordance with a formal vote of the Board and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, as it became effective July 1, 1989, provides for certification that such Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stafford County Board of Supervisors does hereby certify, on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016, that to the best of each member's knowledge: (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act were discussed in the Closed Meeting to which this certification applies; and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the Motion by which the said Closed Meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered by the Board.

At 6:01 p.m., Ms. Egan motioned, seconded by Ms. Healy, and read a motion to certify the action of the School Board in the Closed Meeting. By voice vote, the motion passed 6-0 with Mr. McOsker absent.

Call to Order At 7:00 p.m., the Chairman called the evening session to order.

Invocation Ms. Bohmke gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance Mr. Cavalier led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Romanello read a notice that in Washington DC and northern Virginia, METRO would be closed from midnight, 3/15/17 until 5:00 a.m. on 3/17/16 due to safety concerns and needed repairs. VRE would run on a regular schedule. The Sheriff and Fire Chief were working on a traffic plan. Federal Government workers were given unscheduled leave or permission to telework.

Legislative Update, Congressman Rob Wittman Congressman Wittman addressed the Board, thanking members for the great job they were doing and saying that it was reminiscent of his days as a member of a Board of Supervisors. He spoke about the transportation bill, \$6 billion over the life of the bill, with funding plugged-in for the Rappahannock River Crossing southbound. He said that he was working with FAMPO to have the northbound crossing included as well. He said that the time was shortened to extend the additional lanes to Massaponax (Exit 126). Congressman Wittman said that the federal government truncated or relied on states for design and timing of projects, and he was hoping to cut out layers of bureaucracy.

The Congressman said that he was working with GSA to expand the National Capitol Region to include Stafford County but that it was most likely not going to happen. Mr. Baroody had been working on that for years as well. Congressman Wittman added that he wanted to get the GSA to Stafford County to see the space available and to pursue opportunities in Stafford. In mentioning traffic in and out of Quantico, and the FBI Headquarters, Congressman Wittman said that there were multiple opportunities outside the Base of which GSA could take advantage. Ms. Sellers said that she spoke with Senator Tim Kaine about opportunities in the Stafford area.

Ms. Sellers spoke about regional homelessness and the need for affordable housing. She asked about a Federal vouchers program, which she said was no more but that vouchers could be willed to surviving family members. Ms. Sellers said she was curious to know what happened to that program. Congressman Wittman talked about the Section 8 housing program and said he would look into the vouchers that Ms. Sellers asked about.

Mr. Cavalier, in speaking about bridges (also called river crossings) and the economic benefit to support using Federal funds for the much-needed expansion and additional lanes.

Ms. Sellers asked about Veteran's Affairs hospitals or facilities, noting that there were only two facilities, one in Richmond and one in Virginia Beach. She asked if there were plans for a local, regional facility. Congressman Wittman said that Virginia had a way to go in the area of veteran's affairs but that a satellite facility was opening in Fredericksburg. In 2018, another facility was scheduled to open in Prince William County.

Karen Klotz, the Congressman's outreach coordinator, was based in an office located on Garrisonville Road. Board members were encouraged to contact Congressman Wittman at any time. Mr. Thomas thanked the Congressman for taking time to meet with the Board.

Presentation of the School Board's Proposed FY17 Budget A PowerPoint presentation was given by Ms. Holly Hazard, School Board Chairman, Dr. Bruce Benson, Superintendent of Schools, and Mr. Scott Hirons, Chairman of the School Board's Finance Committee. Mr. Thomas recognized other School Board members present in the audience for the presentation of the School Board's FY2017 budget request. The theme of the presentation was "Securing our Future by Improving Our Competitive Edge through Our Classroom Investment and Our Compensation Package, Utilizing Our C5W Skills, Collaboration, Critical Thinking, Creativity, Communication, Citizenship, and Wellness."

Ms. Hazard said that to be competitive, you must have a plan and talked about addressing "hot spots" in County schools, and anticipating changing student demographics, population, and needs. Ms. Hazard said that the need for additional funding was to reduce class sizes, and to enhance staffing standards, primarily in grades K-5 but also in middle and high school classes.

Mrs. Maurer asked when elementary schools were last redistricted. Ms. Hazard said that it was in the past year, although not County-wide, it was in northern end of the County. Mrs. Maurer pointed out that according to the School Board's staffing standards, classroom size was 23.7, so why was the School Board addressing classroom overcrowding when, by its own standards Schools were meeting or beating the standard. She asked if it was a management issue. Dr. Benson said that there was unpredictability especially at the elementary school level, and with the number of incoming kindergarten students. He said that his elementary school principals did a good job of addressing the class-size issue and the unpredictability of the number of incoming students at any given school year. Mrs. Maurer said that some class size numbers were way below the standard, per the Schools' own report. Dr. Benson said that special education and contained classes had much lower class size numbers, but were included in reporting class-sizes overall, which could account for the lower number in the Staffing Analysis. Ms. Hazard said that Rocky Run Elementary School had seven kindergarten classes, which was unprecedented, but that a new (outstanding) teacher was hired to accommodate the extra students. She said that overall, Stafford had the highest average, even higher than Prince William County and she would get that data to Board members.

Mr. Thomas asked for the bottom line delta. Mr. Hirons said that it was an additional \$1.7 million over the Superintendent's budget. Mr. Thomas said that there was a good level of detail. Mr. Thomas asked how many more teachers were necessary to get to the numbers detailed in the multi-year approach. Ms. Sellers inquired about the research basis behind the statistics. Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Pam Kahle, said that the research was done by a committee and the standards were based on two years, to coincide with School Board goals.

Ms. Sellers asked if there was research and intellectual data to support the School Board's class size goals. Ms. Kahle said that they were based on comparative localities. Mr. Hirons said that the issue with class size was also based on exit interviews and complaints and responses from out-going teachers about class sizes that were too large. Mr. Hirons said that 18 students was the ideal, not that the Schools Division would ever meet that, but they were doing their best to reduce those classes that were too large. Ms. Hazard said that it was hard to compare perfect class sizes with a community in flux such as Stafford with the military, etc.

Mr. Cavalier said that he reiterated his support for Dr. Benson's budget, said he did a nice job and it was a more than fair budget. He said that the "keep the lights on" was tired jargon from years back during the worst part of the recession. It was the first bullet he saw and it did not set well with him. Mr. Cavalier said that this was the 13<sup>th</sup> budget as a Board member and he never saw such a high increase in full-time equivalent positions. He added that he did not understand how the School Board could not be satisfied with Dr. Benson's proposed budget; that it was a hard pill to swallow. He also asked, if there was more money coming from the Governor's budget, would those additional funds be returned to the County. Mr. Hirons responded that it was the Board of Supervisors that controlled the money. He said that the School Board was advocating for students and taking a reasonable approach to beginning to remedy the class-size problem.

Mr. Milde said that Dr. Benson's budget was welcomed and appropriate. He was not impressed with the School Board's request for additional funding, saying that it was shocking in view of the additional money for the rebuild of Anne E. Moncure Elementary School that was granted at the last Board meeting. Mr. Milde said that it was the School Board's job to work with Dr. Benson's budget and he thought that the process for funding public schools in Virginia was broken. Dr. Benson said that his budget was based on the (then) Governor's budget and that County Administration built his budget. He added that Mr. Romanello used his budget, which is what the School Board saw and then added to it. He said they began working on the Schools budget back in November, prior to knowing what the Governor's budget numbers would be. Mr. Hirons said that there should be a way to speed up the School Board's budget and get it to the County/Board of Supervisors sooner for review.

Mr. Milde it was the earliest the Board ever saw a budget from the Schools Division. Mr. Cavalier agreed that it was the earliest ever. Mr. Snellings said that his constituents were interested in the \$8.3 million surplus audit. Dr. Benson said that it was in process and they were looking for an interim report, but with an excess of 100,000 documents (both electronic and hard copy), the audit would not be complete for some time.

Mr. Snellings said that the Board received Dr. Benson's budget on January 12, 2016, and he knew that it was the School Board's duty to adjust the Superintendent's budget; however, it was an hour before the Board was to vote on advertising a public hearing and they (the Board) were first hearing about the School Board's request for an additional \$1.7 million. Mr. Snellings said that it did not give the Board any opportunity to review the request or to have time to talk about it with just an hour or two before a vote on tax rates, etc. was to be taken. He said he was tired of hearing people run down Stafford schools. With 30 accredited schools, the schools were doing fine. Mr. Snellings felt that the last minute budget request was an attempt on the part of the School Board at "CYA" so they could blame the Board of Supervisors for issues of class size and other perceived difficulties and he resented it.

Mr. Hirons said that he respectfully disagreed with Mr. Snellings. Mr. Snellings heard it said in a School Board meeting that they would blame the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Hirons said that it was the School Board's responsibility to advocate for the schools. Mr. Snellings asked why, then, did they not come in time for the Board to make an educated and informed decision, rather than at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour. Mr. Hirons said that there was a need to speed-up the budget process. Mr. Snellings apologized for banging on the table and raising his voice. He said they never adjusted the Superintendent's budget; that he thought that Dr. Benson's budget was wonderful and the School Board could not expect the Board of Supervisors to make a decision with less than two hours' notice. Mr. Hirons said that it was not the School Board's intention but that their request spelled out the need for the \$1.7 million in additional funds.

Mrs. Maurer said she attended the School Board's budget presentation. She pointed out that a lot of the School Board's own numbers were below its own standards for class size. Dr. Benson said that not all classes were staffed at the same level; that the School Board's budget was a first shot at meeting staffing standards on a multi-year path. He said that reallocating resources was the way to go. Mrs. Maurer said that she agreed with "keeping the lights on" but in looking at the numbers, the Schools were meeting their very own goals. She said that she believed in Dr. Benson's budget and the need for 23 additional teachers but was dismayed that 55 were laid off. Mr. Hirons noted that the averages included special education or Title I classes with varying class sizes factored in. Mrs. Maurer said that the report should be updated excluding those classes.

Ms. Sellers asked Mr. Romanello how much money a one cent tax increase would bring into the County. Mr. Romanello said, “\$1.5 million or approximately \$28.00/year/tax payer.” Ms. Sellers said that the County and the Schools work well together; it was the School Board and the Board of Supervisors that were not talking to each other. She said that public safety needs additional staffing, but that Schools were also a priority. Ms. Sellers added that she thought the School Board understood that but maybe not. She asked about literacy rates saying that if a child got to 12<sup>th</sup> grade and could not read, they were being failed long before reaching that grade. Literacy rates impacted the jail population and she wanted to know at what point did classroom size impact a child’s ability to learn.

Ms. Bohmke said that she agreed with a lot of the comments that were made. She asked about math specialists and high school English teachers and teachers in the gifted programs. Ms. Bohmke said that electives should be analyzed for which would be kept at each high school. She inquired why there was the need for another English teacher. Ms. Hazard and Dr. Benson said that the emphasis was on working with principals and working on scheduling to meet students’ needs. Ms. Bohmke said that Spotsylvania reduced its number of math specialists so that each specialist covered two schools, whereas Stafford had one math specialist in each school. Dr. Benson said that he reviewed staff assignments and course loads, and that high school students needed a fair amount of electives. He said that there was a shift in the way Virginia looked at the complexity and conceptual levels of math, which was why there was a math specialist at each school. Ms. Bohmke said that with gifted program teachers, she did not feel the County was getting enough “bang for the buck” with IB and CGS and AP classes and programs. Dr. Benson said he would take recommendations, consider looking at the gifted programs and look at comparative divisions.

Mr. Milde said that he had no problems with the Aquia or Griffis-Widewater members of the School Board, that he had a good working relationship with each of them. He suggested that Board members should work with their counterparts on the School Board. Dr. Benson said that the School Board looked at his budget then looked at staffing and determined that it could be better. Mr. Milde said that the needs argument was wearing thin. Dr. Benson said there was a level of analysis to support the needs. He cited the need for a full-time nurse at each school. Mr. Milde said that 69 positions were more than the Schools’ fair share, and special education teachers and aides were needed. He added that they had to figure out how to spend the money given to the Schools.

Mr. Cavalier said that IB, AP, Governor’s School, STEM program, and gifted levels question asked by Ms. Bohmke was never answered. Mr. Hirons said they were in the midst of program reviews and were cautiously analyzing all those programs to ensure that students had access. He cited the example of the consolidated engineering courses with North Stafford and Stafford High Schools.

Mr. Cavalier asked about the role was of a gifted teacher. Ms. Kahle said that they taught one-half day of regular classes and one-half day of gifted, including independent study, etc., and there was one gifted teacher at each high school. Ms. Sellers asked how many students actually completed and received an IB diploma. Dr. Benson said that all students in the IB program would receive a diploma (but not necessarily an IB diploma) but only some would have credits that would transfer to a college. Ms. Bohmke talked about Albemarle County's numbers, and dual enrollment, IB, CGS, AP and others, saying that it could not all be accomplished in two years.

Mr. Thomas said that Mr. Hirons did a very good job and provided answers to questions. Mr. Hirons said he appreciated Board members' passion and that he heard and understood that it was difficult to hear, analyze, and accept the information in two hours. He suggested scheduling three-on-three meetings and joint Finance, Audit and Budget committee meetings to work on finding commonalities. Ms. Hazard's goal was to show that a lot of plans were in place and that there was a plan to use the additional requested funding.

Presentations by the Public – II The following persons desired to speak:

Alane Callander - Residential zoning; Set higher tax rate that could be reduced (but not raised once advertised); Give the public a chance to express its views with the Schools' proposal; Need for English teachers, particularly teaching composition.

Ken Gryder - Had no address as he was homeless due to the neglect by the Board; Victim of two slumlords in the County; One apartment had sewage gas fumes and a 6" x 12" hole that the landlord would not fix; Used Sheriff deputies to intimidate him and his wife; Would not take his rent check then evicted him for non-payment and took him to court; Judge said the contract was invalid and he owed rent at the new rate; He spent Christmas at a cheap motel in Fredericksburg; Second apartment had dog feces ground into the deck boards; was sent a bill for rent; went to court and won, was awarded \$385 in damages; Texas collection firm attempting to collect past rent; was accused of trespassing.

Irma Clifton - Hearing impaired and struggled to hear with the head phones provided in the Board Chambers; suggested Closed Captioning for Board meetings and negotiating that service with cable providers to provide a much-needed service to seniors and the hearing impaired.

Planning and Zoning; Consider a Zoning Reclassification from A-1 to B-2 (Stafford Commons Retail); and

Planning and Zoning; Consider a Conditional Use Permit (Stafford Commons Retail) Mr. Jeff Harvey, Director of Planning and Zoning, gave a combined presentation of both the zoning reclassification and conditional use permit (CUP), and answered Board members questions. Mr. Clark Leming, for the applicant, also addressed the Board.

Mr. Milde noted that there would not be any fast food restaurants in the area when the existing McDonalds closed due to the new intersection realignment. He asked about signage in the Courthouse Redevelopment Area and said that the Hospital complied with signage and architectural requirements. Mr. Milde asked about the architecture for the proposed development. Mr. Harvey said that the application proffered to comply with Neighborhood Design Standards but there were no architectural designs submitted with the application because no tenants were yet signed up to occupy the spaces. Mr. Milde asked about sign standards and the height requirements. Mr. Harvey said that zoning and Neighborhood Design Standards requirements would govern that. Mr. Milde said there should be a rule in place that architectural requirements should match the Hospital and Aquia Realty (the old hotel).

Mr. Snellings asked about the vehicle trips per day. Mr. Harvey said the current vehicle trips per day were 1500, which would increase by about 2800 with the new proposal.

Mr. Clark Leming, for the applicant, said that there were no architectural renderings because no tenants had leased space as it was all on hold awaiting the rezoning request. He talked about the traffic configuration, saying that the applicant wanted to put in a signalized intersection but VDOT would not permit it due to its proximity to the existing signal at Hospital Center Blvd. He said that the applicant would be in full compliance with signage guidelines in the County's Comprehensive Plan, and that architectural standards were proffered. Mr. Milde said that this proposed development was the first thing that people would see coming off the new I-95 interchange and he wanted assurance that it would be up to standards appearance-wise. He also said that even though it was located in the Hartwood District, it was across the street from the Aquia (his) District and he wanted more of an opportunity to review it and wanted to see architectural renderings.

Mr. Snellings said that he agreed with Mr. Milde, as well as he has concerns about the number of vehicle trips per day.

The Chairman opened the public hearing.

The following persons desired to speak:

Ruth Carlone

The Chairman closed the public hearing.

Mr. Snellings motioned, seconded by Ms. Sellers, to defer both items to the April 5<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Bohmke, Cavalier, Maurer, Milde, Sellers, Snellings, Thomas  
Nay: (0)

Planning and Zoning; Consider a Reclassification from R-1 to B-2 on County-owned Property (Counting House) Mr. Jeff Harvey, Director of Planning and Zoning, gave a presentation and answered Board members questions. Mr. Harvey explained about the interior of the Counting House, which was reduced to trusses and support beams, no walls or floors remained in the structure. He said that it did not meet the setback requirements for the R1 or B2 zoning districts; it was within the Falmouth Redevelopment Area. The Architectural Review Board and the Historical Commission was involved in the process of renovation. Mr. Thomas noted that the property still belonged to the County and another public hearing would be held to convey the property if that was the Board's choice.

The Chairman opened the public hearing.

The following persons desired to speak:

Ruth Carlone  
Irma Clifton  
Alane Callander

The Chairman closed the public hearing.

Mr. Thomas motioned, seconded by Mr. Milde, to defer this item to a future meeting.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Bohmke, Cavalier, Maurer, Milde, Sellers, Snellings, Thomas  
Nay: (0)

Planning and Zoning; Authorize the County Administrator to Convey an Easement Across County-owned Property Mr. Jeff Harvey, Director of Planning and Zoning, gave a presentation and answered Board members questions. Mrs. Maurer said that what Yyotta was offering was an excellent opportunity for the County and for Quantico Corporate Center.

The Chairman opened the public hearing.

No persons desired to speak.

The Chairman closed the public hearing.

Mr. Cavalier motioned, seconded by Ms. Sellers, to adopt proposed Resolution R16-88.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Bohmke, Cavalier, Maurer, Milde, Sellers, Snellings, Thomas  
Nay: (0)

Resolution R16-88 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A DEED OF EASEMENT WITH YYOTTA LLC AND QUANTICO BUSINESS CENTER, LLC, ON TAX MAP PARCEL NO. 13C-M, IN THE GRIFFIS-WIDEWATER ELECTION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the County is the owner of Tax Map Parcel No. 13C-M (Property) which includes a portion of the future Corporate Drive extension, in the Quantico Corporate Center development; and

WHEREAS, Quantico Business Center, LLC (QBC) is the owner of the adjacent Tax Map Parcel Nos. 13C-A and 13C-A2; and

WHEREAS, Yyotta LLC (Yyotta) is the contract purchaser of Tax Map Parcel No. 13C-A2, and QBC will convey that parcel to Yyotta prior to the recordation of any easements granted by the County; and

WHEREAS, QBC and Yyotta desire and require a ten-foot telecommunications easement across the Property, in two locations crossing with Corporate Drive, as depicted on an exhibit entitled “Proposed Fiber Route-Yyotta LLC Quantico Corp. Center, Stafford, VA,” dated March 4, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Board carefully considered the recommendations of staff and the testimony, if any, received at the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that granting the telecommunications easement is appropriate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016, that the County Administrator be and he hereby is authorized to execute a Deed of Easement with Yyotta LLC and Quantico Business Center, LLC on Tax Map Parcel No. 13C-M for a telecommunications easement.

Finance and Budget; Authorize the County Administrator to Advertise a Public Hearing on the Proposed Calendar Year 2016 Tax Rates, Proposed Fiscal Year 2017 County Budgets; Proposed Fiscal Year 2017-2026 Capital Improvements Program; and Fiscal Year 2017 Virginia Public School Authority (VPSA) Debt Mr. Romanello said that merchant’s capital pharmaceuticals was added at a \$.0 tax rate as no one fit the category. He said that real estate taxes were at the effective rate. Mr. Thomas asked if it would create havoc if the Board’s vote were delayed. Mr. Romanello said that it would, that it was necessary to advertise so as to meet the April 19, 2016 deadline.

Ms. Sellers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Maurer to adopt proposed Resolution R16-91.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Bohmke, Cavalier, Maurer, Milde, Sellers, Snellings, Thomas  
Nay: (0)

Resolution R16-91 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE PROPOSED CALENDAR YEAR 2016 TAX RATES; PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2017 COUNTY BUDGETS; PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2017-2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM; AND PARTICIPATION IN THE VIRGINIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS AUTHORITY BOND SALES

WHEREAS, Virginia Code § 15.2-2506 requires that the Board shall cause to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the County, a brief synopsis of the proposed tax rates, budgets, and Capital Improvements Program (CIP), and notices of a public hearing, at which any citizen of the County shall have the right to attend and state his/her views;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016, that the County Administrator be and he hereby is authorized to publish a brief synopsis and to advertise a public hearing on the proposed CY2016 tax rates; the proposed FY2017 County budgets; the proposed FY2017-2026 Capital Improvements Program; and participation in the Virginia Public Schools Authority bond sales.

Mr. Cavalier said that he supported Dr. Benson’s budget and as he thought about it, maybe there were additional places to cut the Schools’ budget. Mr. Thomas said he was not with him yet.

Adjournment At 10:02 p.m. the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

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Anthony J. Romanello, ICMA-CM  
County Administrator

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Robert “Bob” Thomas, Jr.  
Chairman