

**Buckingham County
Board of Supervisors
Work Session with Commonwealth Regional Council
And Monthly Meeting
March 14, 2016**

At a work session with Commonwealth Regional Council and its regular monthly meeting of the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, March 14, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Peter Francisco Auditorium of the Buckingham County Administration Complex, the following members were present: Joe N. Chambers, Jr., Chairman; Robert C. “Bobby” Jones, Vice-Chairman; Donald E. Bryan; Don Matthews; E. Morgan Dunnivant; Harry Bryant; and Danny R. Allen. Also present were Rebecca S. Carter, County Administrator; Karl Carter, Asst. County Administrator/Finance; Rebecca S. Cobb, Zoning Administrator; and E.M. Wright, Jr., County Attorney.

Re: Call to Order

Chairman Chambers called the meeting to order.

Re: Quorum

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

Re: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Re: Work Session with Commonwealth Regional Council

David Wingold: Board members, the CRC is here tonight, I’m the Chairman, David Wingold, Chairman of the Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors. We are here tonight to get your input on if we could do more, for lack of words, get the bang for your buck. We’d like to introduce Mary and her staff.

I’m Melody Foster, Regional Planner.

I’m Andre Gilliam, Community Development Planner.

Mary Hickman, Executive Director.

Todd Fortune, Community Development Planner.

Bob Timmons. I'm on the Board. Prince Edward County.

Mary knows more about this so I'm going to turn it over to her.

Mary Hickman: We are going to try to not be too formal with this. I'm going to stand up here so you can hear me and I can see. You should have gotten a packet on information in advance. Either digital or also hard copy. I sent it both ways. Just in case snail mail did not want to cooperate. Thank you so very much for allowing us this opportunity. I kind of want to go back to July 2015 to kind of lay out what has led to this request to appear before you, the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors. Back in July, the Council kind of looked at to reflect on the organization how best it can serve value to its members. It's actually a two-step fold that the council elected to follow through on. Back in November, we met with each member locality staff which included Becky and two of the staff here at the county. We met with all the remaining members to have a one on one dialogue to find out how best the organization could respond to its members to be the full value that it could be as the regional planning organization for this district. Right now through that input the council is looking at several initiatives, by-law and some other steps through responses and feedback that we received from County staff. So now during the December meeting, the council again reflected on the next step is a desire to meet with the member Boards of Supervisors to also first and foremost to answer any questions and clarify any questions that you have as you look at your regional planning organization. To learn more about it more directly. I know I come before you each year and go through our annual report. But this is more of a one on one dialogue to go over the services that we've had the pleasure of providing to you within the past five years as a reflection. So during this time this brings us where we are tonight coming before you. I'm just generally going to go over the packet of information. I hope you've taken time to look over that. Feel free to ask any questions you may have on that. Just generally going to go over it. On the back of the agenda you will see our budget. As you can see we are a nonprofit organization. We receive various funds either through the membership but also the Regional Cooperation Act which the Commonwealth Regional Council is one of 21 planning district commissions or councils in the State of Virginia. Regional planning district commissions and councils have been in existence since 1969. One of the main emphasis is to encourage regional cooperation amongst the local jurisdictions that are members of the planning organization. I came across this state and I want you to listen to this statement. It really summarizes to a degree what the regional planning organization is. It is to encourage and facilitate local government cooperation and state and local cooperation in addressing on a regional basis problems of greater than local significance. So, therefore as you look through that list, our work reflects the readiness and the ability of its member localities within Planning District 14, to be proactive in planning and in some cases implementation of projects for not only local projects but also regional projects in a climate of tolerance and cooperation for the benefit of the region as a whole. So that kind of reflects upon what this organization stands for. Bringing the localities directly together on a monthly basis to talk about issues with the hope of if feasible developing a regional cooperation on issues that may go over county lines that together can be collectively be addressed versus each locality having to address them individually. So as you can see through the budget, you will see that we have the membership investment, regional cooperation act and then we have our project funding and also other funding that this organization receives to carry out a scope of work. If you look at the right

side of the packet, I took this opportunity to provide you the most recent copy of the annual report. This is in greater detail the activity that this organization has carried out through the request of its member localities and the consensus of the council as far as the resources the organization provides for these services. If you look through the next page, the next document, this is the grant writing assistance. As you flip through this you can see that Buckingham County and the Town of Dillwyn have been very aggressive in taking a hold on grant opportunities to address various initiatives. Do note that they are long term. That is, you will notice, going back 5 years. The County and the Towns collectively through the governing boards requested the assistance from this organization to carry out the grant writing services for these things. But you can see it goes back to 2011 and they are phased. They are definitely long term projects. Collectively they impact the jurisdiction and collectively impact the region as a whole. But as you can see quite about a number of initiatives through the request to the organization. The second part is the project administration. Not only can we provide the grant writing services but once it gets funded, we are able to provide that support to help carry out the administrative services to make sure all the T's are crossed and the i's are dotted because this is grant money whether it be from state or federal to make sure that all the items are addressed to assure full compliance of the requirements of these opportunities. So we've had the opportunity to carry out that support service for the county and the town. If you note, you will see there have been opportunities within the last five years where specifically several localities have come together or we've worked on a regional basis providing a support service. So it's all become the cooperation of the entities coming together to provide this opportunity to come about. Once again, coming from the monthly dialogue. Whether it be through the daily dialogue of your staff or the monthly dialogue where this is the one place that on a monthly basis that there is a representative of the localities, the 5 localities that sit on a monthly basis to have that monthly dialogue. So this is the advantage of having that. Then you look through the last part, there is the technical assistance. Please not that it says on there that CRC assistance is 0. This is a part of the regional planning organization that we provide various services to you on behalf of you as a member of the organization. This list could be very effluent. It ranges from year to year to year. Because it's in response to you as a member as far what held this organization in response to your needs as you being a member of the organization. But as you can see there's various types of opportunities that the staff has been able to provide a direct benefit to Buckingham County through your membership. Then if you follow through, one of the main things that I know you've heard me say before, one of roles that this organization plays is we eyes and ears for its members on the many opportunities that may come about on a daily, monthly, semiannual or even annual basis of funding opportunities. You will see this list is form 2010 to present. Some of these may not be available anymore because funding is not there or there will be new ones added as it lives through the time period. It all needs resources directed to it in order for it to become an opportunity. As you see that you will see in red the numerous opportunities however there were a few opportunities that the county requested assistance from the CRC to provide that support or to help facilitate opportunities with an organization or an agency to address an issue that you may have for funding. So as you can see once again, the county and your only town have been very aggressive in addressing local needs but therefore the local needs addresses the region as a whole collectively. Then you will see on the next one there has also been some increase of opportunities outside of local governments or the agency has provided support to organizations outside of local government. Most recently we've seen a major increase and very

proud of the opportunities supporting the fire departments and rescue squads by providing the grant writing service to ensure additional revenue to address equipment needs, to address turn out gear needs. This has become a very popular opportunity in the region. You do want to note however, this is a national competition so it's pretty competitive however with anything, unless you ask you've lost that opportunity. So this is another means that these organizations could receive funding. If the project is deemed feasible and competitive enough that they can address various needs so we are very proud to be able to provide that support. So once again, the entity must come before the organization and it has to come through the county's request so if a fire department or rescue squad wants to seek our assistance, it has to come through the county, through the membership to receive that service. Once again, that's been an increase that we've seen and are proud of. The last document that you will see, another service that we provide and once again this list changes on a daily basis and also on a yearly basis. Being the point of contact that is being a regional organization we are able to hopefully get things that within the region that benefits all the members whether it be through a workshop or seminar or any kind of educational. There are two benefits there. Providing it all within the region. This foremost saves the localities resources like travel to go back and forth to learn about all the things impacting your locality. We bring that on a regional basis, where they all come. The second benefit is by having that agency actually have feet in the region. There is much more contact that can be made in relationship building. So this agency serves as that point of contact and that interest varies. It's whatever is best for the members, what they desire. If they would like more information on. That information we can get together and have a workshop and so forth. The beauty from that you never know what will come from it. Whether it be next proceeding into a project or getting into opportunities that may be out there. So, that's one thing that's become a big service that this organization has provided. Once again, the CRC is that one organization where on a monthly basis a representative from all five counties, elected officials come to the table and have dialogue and learn new opportunities and hopefully develop some sort of initiative that may be local or when you have everyone sitting at the table it maybe a regional opportunity can grow. So we serve that mission on behalf of that. So real quickly, any questions on this vast amount of material that I've provided for you. Ok. If not what I'd like to do is move into the most important part of this meeting that we've requested. This is a real quick overview of the services that this organization has been requested to provide in the last 5 years through the request of its members. Therefore, it's through this dialogue that we hope that we are able to receive certain feedback from you as Buckingham County Board of Supervisors as far as what things you like that we do? What are some things we can improve on or enhance on? What services do you not necessarily find its significance at this point and time? Learning directly from its members how we can best respond with the resources that we have to be the best planning organization. One other thing I do want to note, as I've mentioned there are 21 planning councils within the State of Virginia. We are Planning District 14 and like I said we've been in existence since 1969. Each planning district council or commission is reflective of its region. Therefore its members are able to massage or direct the organization to best fits the regions needs and initiative as it comes to planning. So what I'd like to do, Chairman do have anything that you would like to add? What I'd like to do is kind of open the floor up. You see there are five questions as we look at as far as services that you have found to be valuable. Services that you find are not needed. Can improve on to be a valuable resource. What services

would you like the CRC to do or provide and that can be local or regional? Once again finding out will begin that dialogue as we meet on a monthly basis. I'll open the floor.

Bryan: Are you in contact with the fire departments here in the County?

Hickman: Yes we are.

Bryan: Because I noticed in your grants there are several grants available for fire departments. Do they talk to you or do they go through Karl.

Hickman: Actually, Melody keeps an alert on anything that deals with fire departments and rescue squad and let's Becky know. The point of contact is your county administrator. Any information that we receive goes directly to the county administrator and is talked about or discussed at our monthly meetings, answer questions for clarification because maybe it is something that we can follow up on.

Bryan: If you don't ask for it, they are not going to knock on your door and say I've got \$100,000 to give you, do you want it. We've got to go out and ask for it. It's a shame we have to do that but...

Carter: We know that the fire departments wanted to buy a washing machine for turnout gear. Karl took it to them at their meeting of all fire chiefs and they can't decide where they are going to put it yet so...

Foster: It's funny you mention that because the applications that were turned in this year, that was what they were for, turn out gear.

Carter: I would have thought they could have found a place to put it but I think it would have been a strong application for all of our fire departments. What is the deadline on that?

Foster: It's already past.

Carter: Did they make application?

Foster: No.

Dunnivant: Mary, one thing I would like explained on it seems like foolishness to me but it really isn't, this Hazard Mitigation Plan. I was talking with Bill Hogan in Appomattox Supervisor the other day about the Pamplin tornado that went through. He said they are having trouble with FEMA because they don't have Hazard Mitigation Plans in effect really well. That's what I gathered, what I remember him telling me.

Hickman: Yeah, I mean, the way the Code is written, and I say the Code, is, Todd if you could...I'm going to give that to Todd.

Dunnavant: My question is this, do we have one?

Fortune: We do. It's being updated now.

Hickman: It's a regional one where instead of each locality having to spend resources to have their own plan, one thing to remember, Todd, clarify to make sure I'm not missing anything important, in order for a locality to qualify for FEMA funding when there is a hazard, you must have a Hazard Mitigation Plan, an accepted and approved Hazard Mitigation Plan. This is second update of the regional one. 2005 the localities, that's when it came to be by the Code, that the counties elected instead of each locality having to have a plan, why don't we collectively have a regional one so what the CRC did was apply for grant money to create a regional one. Like Todd said, we are on the 2nd update of this region and its participating localities which includes Buckingham, I believe its 6 counties that chose go collectively. CRC applied for grant funds to carry this out and we are carrying it out in-house. In other words, no consultants. This is something that is being done on behalf of its members in-house. The intent is that this plan will be updated and approved again which will entitle Buckingham County, because you are a participant to ensure that if there is a hazard issue that you qualify for FEMA funding.

Fortune: Federal grant paid for plan update, there is a match and Buckingham County's share of the match is being covered by in-kind staff time so there is no actual money.

Bryan: How does that impact the nonmember counties? I see that we have a couple counties that...

Fortune: What we did was for this one, Cumberland County is not participating. Town of Farmville we considered a separate entity because of their size, Farmville and Nottoway County are participating but we did not give them the same flexibility on the matches. They are 1. Having to pay cash and 2. Having to pay their share plus an additional 25%. All the member counties were allowed to contribute in-kind.

Hickman: To share with you the council has recognized within the last, let's say, twelve months for sake of the last year, the priority of its members to ensure that services and priorities are provided to its members. So in the last year, the council has enacted several policies where the members where there are disadvantages if you are not a member, per say, but the council if they chose to participate, there are certain perimeters that are not as advantageous than if you are a member. So the council fully recognizes the priority of its members. So that's what he's talking about.

Fortune: Another thing as far as Pamplin, our plan is not covering Pamplin because my understanding is they are covered under Appomattox County which is PCD in Lynchburg.

Dunnavant: I don't know the details. He wanted me to look at it and I got the ability to give him a good look. He was telling me about their difficulties with FEMA. I read somewhere in some of this propaganda, oh, information, that it spoke of the FEMA tie in. Which is extortionist tactics from the Federal level to force you to participate in this stuff to get their money. But so

be it if they have to they have to so I just wanted to make sure that our group collectively knew that should we have a disaster like what happened in Pamplin and elsewhere, that if we don't participate with yall doing this for us then we need to do it ourselves or we've kind of written that federal insurance off.

Fortune: That's a good point. One of the program requirements is that the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program which is money made available whenever there is a disaster declaration.

Hickman: Like I said the current one is active so if it were to happen tomorrow, the county is covered. The update is due by 2017 which we are on target.

Fortune: We will have it done before the end of this year.

Dunnivant: The rest of it, I just wish we could get some more nuts and bolts out of the program.

Hickman: Any other questions?

Bryan: On behalf of Dillwyn, I'd like to thank you. I know they have one phase up.

Fortune: They are on the last phase of the Streetscape and we are trying to wrap up a potential rehab project available.

Hickman: Dillwyn's been very aggressive over the years.

Carter: Also Dillwyn is covered under us so they take advantage of that.

Hickman: The most important thing I'd like for you to take from here tonight, I hope you learned something new about your regions planning organization. Every region is covered. I'm going to make a statement to keep in mind for any good project you've got to have firm planning so that's where it starts. Making sure you've assessed where you are, where you want to go and how you want to get there. We are in all three parts. That's the service this organization can provide to you. That is assessment to finding sources out there, whether it is a local way or whether there is a regional way. Whether it's 2 or whether it's all 5. Where you want to go and how you want to get there. That could be just the county, two counties or all five. That in a sense what this regions planning district commission has served as its purpose to its members. So the most important thing, you as a member, we are here through your request collectively as a Board of Supervisors. That request can come directly to this organization and we can move with it that is with the consensus of the Board in finding ways to address that. Planning is the basis.

Matthews: Mary, I do have a question, over the years you have done a great job but in relation to your work load, has it increased dramatically. Just like Buckingham, we are on the forefront of what you've done, I'd like to continue that relationship as well as we could, as long as Mrs. Carter doing a great job too. It is very important in the years coming up that we spend our

money wisely and get the biggest bang for our buck. In your staff, I see you have 4 people and I'm sure your workload is increasing every year, looks like to me, but is it or is it not?

Hickman: We live on a deadline daily. Wouldn't you say? Deadline daily. I feel blessed with the staff that I work with on a daily basis. You've got to keep in mind, even though its 4, it's a collective of 22 years of experience. So there's a lot of efficiency there and a lot of knowledge. Yes, there are times it's quite hectic but we all have that. But it depends on how efficient you can be, so I can state with the staff here, it's that 22 years of experience that's allowed us to respond as quickly as we can and also the partnerships. Whether that be the direct agency or the partnership we have with your staff. It's all in partnership and also with the members. So that is something we live on daily is looking for that response time so we look forward to continuing that as an active member. We are always here. Any questions. Any concerns. Either pass them through your county administrator that we meet with on a monthly basis. Or if you have a questions, just give us a call. Any more questions or comments?

Like I said the council is taking heed to the comments and feedback that you are sending and I'm thankful they are taking heed to that and there are some discussions going on. Various initiatives that Mr. Dunnivant is aware of that as that is being massaged and moved along we will keep you advised as far as what Buckingham County could do as it relates to that or can it keep going any further. But it's all in the dialogue. Keeping the conversation out on the table on a monthly basis.

Chambers: Thank you Mrs. Hickman. We will recess until 7:00 p.m.

We'll call the meeting back to order at this time. The next thing on our agenda is announcements. Are there any announcements at this time?

Re: Approval of Agenda

Allen: So moved to approve the agenda.

Jones: Second.

Chambers: Motion by Supervisor Allen, second by Supervisor Jones to approve the agenda.

(the voting system was malfunctioning)

Bryan: Mr. Chairman, there is one modification to the agenda, Ms. Young is here to speak.

Chambers: Can we go by hand raising and move on. All in favor of the motion raise your hand. All opposed.

Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Jones seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the agenda with the addition of Ms. Justine Young, Piedmont Senior Resources for budget request presentation.

Re: Approval of Minutes

Jones: So moved.

Allen: Second.

Chambers: Motion by Supervisor Jones, second by Supervisor Allen to approve the minutes. Any question? All in favor by hand raise.

Supervisor Jones moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2016 meeting as presented.

Re: Approval of Claims

Dunnavant: I move we approve the claims as presented.

Bryan: Second.

Chambers: Moved by Supervisor Dunnavant, second by Supervisor Bryan to approve the claims as presented. Any questions?

Jones: Yes, sir. Being new at this looking at the claims list. There are a couple vendors I would just like to know who they are. On page 5, dumpster collection on 655, is that Midway? The dumpsters at Midway.

K. Carter: Yes.

Jones: Ok. The other one that I have is on page 13, the vendor Clayton Pope and Associates. Who are they?

Carter: People that do testing for water plant.

Jones: We pay them a high service call and mileage. Is that correct? Are they coming from Northern Virginia or something?

K. Carter: That is actual service call not all mileage. Mostly service call. There was storm and damage at the courthouse. It was for that.

Jones: One more, Bear Creek Academy, Staples Credit Plan, is that insurance?

Carter: What page is that?

Dunnavant: Mr. Jones, is that one of those CSA Mandated charges?

Jones: I don't know.

Bryan: Yes.

Dunnavant: I think it is. It's the same thing I questioned Mrs. Carter earlier in the week. That is what we inherited from Social Services. CSA mandated charges.

Jones: That's all I have.

Chambers: All in favor? Approved

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

Re: Fourth Quarter Appropriations

General Fund		\$	2,020,768
Water Fund		\$	340,624
Sewer Fund		\$	61,750
VPA Fund		\$	820,437
	Schools:		
Instruction		\$	4,124,525
Adm/Attn/Health		\$	280,179
Transportation		\$	509,944
Operations		\$	532,231
Cafeteria		\$	287,120
Technology		\$	263,944
		\$	5,997,942

Allen: So moved.

Bryan: Second.

Chambers: Motion by Supervisor Allen, second by Supervisor Bryan to approve the Fourth Quarter Appropriations. All in favor?

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

Chambers: Do we have Mr. Dixon's family here? I ask that you come forward please along with Sheriff Kidd and Captain Jamerson.

Mrs. Carter read the following resolution:

**Resolution in Memoriam
John M. Dixon II**

Whereas, John M. Dixon II departed this life on February 3, 2016 at the age of 67 years old.

Whereas, John M. Dixon II was born in Lynchburg, Virginia on December 20, 1948.

Whereas, John M. Dixon II was the son of the late Mary Evelyn Atkins and John Henry Dixon.

Whereas, John M. Dixon II is survived by his wife, Louise Parrish Dixon; two daughters, Jennifer Dixon Burks and husband Jeremy and Mary Kathryn Dixon Allen and husband Jimmy; seven grandchildren, Amy, Montgomery, Ethan, Henry Burks and James, Mary Jo, and Stephen Allen.

Whereas, John M. Dixon II was a member of Maple Grove Baptist Church and Clinton Masonic Lodge #73 A.F. and A.M., Amherst and the VFW #8446 of Buckingham.

Whereas, John M. Dixon II was in the United States Army during the Vietnam War with the 75th Infantry Ranger E Company 9th Division Special Forces. He was a recipient of the Silver Star, two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star.

Whereas, John M. Dixon II was a law enforcement officer for over 30 years. He retired as Captain of the Buckingham County Sheriff's Office.

Whereas, John M. Dixon II was loved and respected by all who knew him and will be greatly missed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors does, in memoriam on this 14th day of March 2016, pay tribute to and express its highest esteem for John M. Dixon II and extends its deepest sympathy to his loved ones.

The resolution was presented to the family.

Re: Public Comments

Chambers: We will move to Public Comments. We will call your name. If you are speaking for a group, you have 5 minutes, speaking for individual you have 3 minutes.

Marie Bates, District 5: Hello Mr. Chairman. I'm a little slow on the uptake right now. I'm speaking on behalf of the Buckingham County Library, the new one which we will get. This commentary was brought to my attention. Very pertinent information about libraries in Virginia. I thought it would be nice to pass it on to you so you could read it. It's not as formidable as it looks. There is something though I would like to read to you from the second page. There is no stronger statement about the importance of libraries than the fact that universities and colleges

across Virginia have invested millions to library construction over the past decade including a spectacular new library at Virginia Commonwealth University scheduled to open in January 2016 that dramatically expresses the promise of a 21st century research library. Now that's a fabulous thing isn't it? To happen in Virginia. I'll leave these with you and I'm sure you will get a lot of feedback on this. I won't take up any more of your time because that will cover everything. Thank you for your attention.

Marie Sweeney, District 5: Good evening Gentlemen. Basically I'm here on behalf of the library again. I want you to know that we are having our annual fundraiser this coming Friday, March 18th at the Veterans Hall from 6 to 9 p.m. It's for St. Patty's Day. We've done it for the past several years and it's been a success. Everybody that comes has a good time. You can get tickets from contacting me at 969-1370 or any member of the Friends. The other thing I'd like to comment on is the Veterans Hall. I'm sure if you've driven by and looked at the Veterans Hall lately, you noticed we have a new roof. A local business man donated that. He prefers to remain anonymous but over the years he's been very good to the Veterans so we still have the money that you all gave us and we are busy getting estimates on all the work that needs to be done. We are going to be sanding the floors, finishing the siding, replacing the carpet on the stage with wood flooring, new tile in the kitchen and bathrooms, new fixtures in the bathroom, appliances in the kitchen, gutters and downspouts along with new pillars on the front porch to match the scroll work on the wall and then we'll have vinyl to cover everything else that needs painting. So when we are done and hopefully it will be within the next year it will be totally maintenance free and should be a big success. I've had people ask me if I am going to have to raise the rental rate which has been \$175 for several years now. I said no. Buckingham is a poor community and people deserve to have a decent place to rent without having to be taken to the cleaners for it. People are glad to hear that and people are taking better care of the place and have a lot more respect than they used to. I thank you for your contribution to our efforts. Oh, we are looking at a new furnace too. I think that about covers it. Thank you very much.

Heidi Berthoud, District 5: Good evening. My guess is that you all have children and care about their future and I care about their future too. I'm concerned about the ongoing silence from the Board about the proposed pipeline. I interpret that silence as your betting on this pipeline being a source of income and jobs for the county. We've been questioning that premise all along. We have a very conservative and very good economic study that will be presented later tonight that disputes all of that, unfortunately or fortunately. So, I'll leave those details to Spencer Phillips. But I want to add to that the Marcello Shells which is where this natural gas is supposed to be coming from is said to have peaked in production last November. So when the wells run dry we are to be stuck with this very expensive infrastructure. We now understand that the existing pipelines all over the world really, leak massive amounts of methane and that the industry will be needing to clean that up at great expense. Renewables are the cleaner and cheaper way to go. Dominion meanwhile has invested in another mega gas company clearly going in the wrong direction. They throw pennies toward renewables. Clearly not an aggressive direction. I stand here now before you exercising not just my right but my duty to speak up and I ask you again and ask you to please, write that letter to FERC and ask them for a PEIS. Programmatic Environment Impact Study for the four pipelines proposed for Virginia. We've given you a stack of sample letters from Senators and Congressmen that have already wrote that

letter. So you would be in good standing. Please do that. Please use your very credible voice to speak up for your constituents who voted you into office. It's your right and your duty. Thank you.

Kenda Hanuman, District 5: Good evening. As Ms. Berthoud just mentioned Dr. Phillips his here tonight and I want to thank you for welcoming him. He's come from Charlottesville. He created a 16 page report for us here in Buckingham at no expense to the county. Yogaville Environmental Solutions paid for half of this and Friends of Buckingham raised funds through donations from very generous citizens who are concerned about the possible costs to the county for the pipeline. So, we did just recently found out that one again, Dominion has increased the size of the proposed compressor station. It's up to 51,000 hp now. Started out around 30. So it's going in a direction that is even more frightening I think. Especially to the people in the Union Hill community that are so impacted by it. So I sincerely ask you to consider what Dr. Phillips has to say tonight and think about how the county might be affected and how it might respond and what your power is to have any say in any of this. Thank you.

Brent Uzdanovics, District 1: I have a neighborhood petition tonight for the board concerning some traffic issues in our neighborhood. This effects both district 6 and 1. Real quick, I'll read over it. "We the undersigned, call upon the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors to request the Virginia Department of Transportation to evaluate and study the section of Arvon Road (Route 675) between Rock Culver Road (Route 685) and Virginia Mill Road (Route 673) for a traffic study and consider reducing the speed limit and installation of appropriate warning signage. This section of roadway traverses a residential area with poor approach visibility consisting of curves, hills, etc. The current speed limit creates dangers and threats to residents, pedestrians, bikers and school children embarking and disembarking from school buses that regularly use this roadway with no warning to approaching drivers. The roadway itself is partially improved with the remainder being unimproved gravel that narrowly restricts traffic flow in both directions. Current signage consist of a singe 35 mph speed limit sign on the unimproved section with no signage in the opposing direction. Reducing the speed limit and installing appropriate warning signs (i.e. children at play or residential area) would greatly improve the safety of pedestrians and drivers while increasing the overall quality of life to residents in this area. Thank you.

Mary Lohr, District 5: Good evening. My name is Mary Lohr. I'm here representing the Buckingham County Woman's Club. A majority of our members support to provide a larger library for our community. I have neighbors that cannot even get a landline and so they are in there every single day using the facilities. So we really need a bigger library for this county. We appreciate whatever efforts you gentlemen can do to hasten that. Thank you.

Irene Ellis Leech: Some of you probably don't know me. I haven't been here a lot over the last 30 years or so but I'm Irene Ellis Leech. I grew up on Mt. Rush Farm. For the last 20 years since my father's death I've been here. My husband and I have been trying to keep the family farm going but normally we come on weekends. Although he is now half time here full time. But it's been our goal to make sure that that farm goes to the next generation. I made the 4+ hour round trip for my 3 minutes tonight to say to you all that I'm very very concerned about the

pipeline. It comes through our land, bi-sects it. It's right in the middle. I had planned for years to retire here to the, eventually, to the house that my grandparents lived in. But I'll be honest I will not come back and live here if I have to put my head down every night in the high danger zone. That's where I would have to be. That's where that 1804 house and most the expensive parts of our farm operation are. The pipeline is something that we would have to go across multiple times every day. I'm worried about safety and I'm worried about the economic situation and what will come with all of this. I had intended on bringing you copies of the 11 page document of guidelines for activities on right of ways for Dominion transmissions. I couldn't, I actually got delayed last night. I drove from Charlotte, NC because planes wouldn't let me leave Charlotte until 5:00 p.m. this afternoon. So I've made some effort to be here. I got here and my internet wouldn't work at my mother's house to download the document but all the things that I saw in that just reinforced the concerns that I have for safety. If what I do near the pipeline is as important as that document says it is we have to be really careful and it can't be safe. It's got to effect the value of our property and it's got to affect what we do on a daily basis because we are going to have to cross it multiple times. We are told we can do most everything. It doesn't appear having read this document that it's really going to be what happens. I also live...

Chambers: Times up.

Joseph Abbate, District 5: Mr. Chairman, gentlemen. Good day. We are happy to bring Dr. Phillips to help us look at the economic impact interest of this. We are all interested in the benefit to Buckingham County. How we can build business. Representing Yogaville, we've been building attractions to guests and visitors for the health and pristine quality of Buckingham County. My wife and I built a house here and we are in love with it. So we, it's a healthy, wonderful place to live. My concern is that I think there is an on script which many of us care about the environment even believed for many years believed that gas would be cleaner energy than coal and it appeared to be that way for some 20 years and now we are looking at new aspects. One of the things we are asking is for further study before we put ourselves in that risk or intrusion on our private property for what we see as a great gas surplus in the US market including North Carolina and Virginia, an unnecessary, gigantic infrastructure development that doesn't provide for the domestic market so much as allow Dominion and NVP to connect up to Transco and ship to the cove point liquefaction terminal and ship it oversees where they have 3 times the profit. Now I applaud capitalism and profit but not at the taxpayers and the private property of Virginia residents spent. So I only understand whether this is a good deal for Buckingham in general and ask for a thorough study before we have these surveys and then construction introduce on the private property of all your citizens. So, thank you for your attention.

R.D. McCaw, District 5: How are you doing gentlemen? My name is R.D. McCaw and I've lived in Buckingham for 35 years and have a small business here and I've worked with Buckingham County. This is the first time I've ever talked about the pipeline. I heard something today that concerned me that I would like for Buckingham County to look into. I figured out that I pay about 5% of my net income in taxes in Buckingham. Between property taxes, cars and my property and sales tax. 1% of everything I buy in Buckingham County. I usually shop up in Dillwyn. So that adds up to 5% of my net income. I heard today that

Dominion as far as the infrastructure they put in especially the pipeline and utility to use their net income for the entire state, I don't understand it, I need to find out more information, there something called a rate sheet, they can use their net income, if they don't make any money they don't pay any property taxes in Buckingham. That ain't right. I do know one of the things that is going to cost Buckingham County, we are going to have to pay more for emergency service here. I went to a meeting, somebody kind of twisted my arm for a meeting of the Heartland Transportation down at Warminster Church. A representative from Virginia Department of Transportation for the office of pipeline and safety. He explained to us that our local fire and rescue would have to do in case the pipeline blew up or the compressor station blew up. There is a lot involved. It's a very dangerous business. I don't know if you gentlemen are aware of a situation that happened in Texas, fire department who was untrained in hazardous waste, when a fire showed up and something happened in the building, it think there was injuries and even some deaths. I'd hate to have that happen in Buckingham County. So, I know that somebody said something about the money being able to allow you to buy equipment and train your people etc. I think there may be times where that may not be true. So I'd hate to see my taxes go up because of something that we brought in by private industry trying to make money. So I hope you look into something called a rate sheet. I don't know that much about it but I do know it's something that we should be made aware of in Buckingham County. This is going to cost us money instead of bring in money. Thank you very much.

Matt Bowman, District 4: Good evening gentlemen. I am Matt Bowman and I'm the pastor of Maysville Presbyterian Church. Good to speak with you this evening. I'm here to speak with you in favor of a new library. A few weeks ago we were having a program at church and I asked some of the members what some of the needs of the community were and some said we need a place for senior citizens, others said we need a place for children and youth, a few said this would all be solved by having a community center. The fact is a new library can serve all those functions and can address many community needs. A new library can provide a meeting room that can accommodate up to 90 people as well as an activity room which could accommodate up to 79 people. This could be resources for seniors, children and youth for programs such as computer, technology classes, tutoring groups, forums related to community events and interests. A new library could also serve young adults in our community by providing a safe space specifically designed for children and youth that will give them a place to go after school and weekends. Certainly a better alternative than being left unsupervised. In addition to serving as a community space a new library can have significant economic impacts. A new library can provide space for those seeking jobs. More computer terminals will allow people access to job and employment information which they otherwise may not be able to have as many of our homes in Buckingham do not have internet access. I realize that the perception is that tablets and information technology and websites such as amazon.com are resulting in libraries being obsolete. But the reality is that the Buckingham library had around 40,000 patrons per year for the past 5 years. Clearly there is a need for a library and it's not going away. So as you consider whether or not you decide to fund this library, I encourage you to remember that you are elected to serve the people and the reality is this library will not serve just a small constituency of people but will serve all the people in Buckingham. Thank you.

Sue Miles, District 4: Good evening. My name is Sue Miles and I reside in the Maysville District. I'm here to speak in support of a new county library. Every one of you should have received a letter from me about a month ago noting my support. I'm here tonight to add an additional point to that letter. Now honestly I can't imagine why anyone would question the need for a better upgraded facility. Speaking to several of you over the past few months, I'm aware there is a concern of creating an additional debt to our county if this proposal is approved. Elected officials should be fiscally responsible so I truly appreciate that concern of how our tax money is being spent. That being said, I am aware that there is a debt service payment for the library in the 2014 and 15 approved budgets for the county demonstrating that the county can indeed afford such an annual expenditure. Which brings me to my point, when I was growing up, debt was a bad word in my parents' home. My parents worked very hard, as far as I know everything that they bought including their home, every tract of land and every car was paid for with cash. I doubt if my father ever used a credit card in his life. However, times have changed. I bought a house about 12 years ago and if I had waited to have the cash, I'd still be renting. I knew that borrowing money to buy that house was an investment for me. So I view it as that rather than thinking of it as going in debt a negative thing. I purchased a car with a loan. I did not have the cash. Instead of viewing these loans and debt as a bad thing, I knew I was making sound investments and just importantly that I could afford to pay back that loan. Based on what I understand, we as a county can do the same with a new library. So I encourage the board to view building a new library as a sound investment in our county. An investment in our young people and our families and in our future. That investment will come back to our county as a library helps to provide valuable resources for our citizens. As long as we can afford to pay for it and all indications are as we can, then we need to move forward to provide the county with a respectable community and learning center. A library. It's the best investment that we can make. Thank you.

Chad Oba, District 6: Good evening. I'm district 6, Mr. Chambers' district. I am here to speak on the pipeline. It seems that so far that this board has only considered the things that Dominion has told them despite nearly 2 years of citizens coming here and presenting in the best possible way we know how why we don't want a pipeline. How it's going to affect our property values, our sense of safety, our historic resources, our health, our water. We've done research. We've done work. We are the people that will be harmed the most. We are the people that have really done the work. We are asking you to consider the things that we have put before you. The letters from Senators asking for a Problematic Environmental Impact Statement mentioned earlier. And tonight an economic impact study that we have paid for. Yogaville Environmental Solutions and Friends of Buckingham has paid for, for the county to take a real look, a conservative look at that, at the real economic costs of this pipeline. I really implore you to consider this. To really look at it. I think that investing, inevitably you are going to have to invest in fire and emergency equipment. It would not be responsible not to with a compressor station of this size and these pipelines running through the county. I say, and many other people seem to be saying tonight, let's invest in something that is good for every citizen in this county. Invest in the library. Invest in something worthwhile. Please consider what Mr. Phillips has to say. Thank you.

Frank Howe, District 4: Good evening. I'm Frank Howe from District 4. I want to speak to you about two issues tonight. The first is this article in the Beacon. I hope you all have read it if not you should get a copy and read it. This is about the new library and it thoroughly and accurately addresses all the benefits regarding building a new library and it thoroughly and accurately refutes all the arguments that have been used to oppose the new library. This is something that you should read and I think it's something everyone in the room should read. I am requesting that you do that. Get a copy and read it. The second thing I want to talk to you about is that I'm disappointed to see that the agenda tonight does not address the requirement to sign up to speak. Your obligation is to get input from the people you were elected to serve. Anything that you do that interferes with a citizen's ability to provide you feedback or concerns on issues is a mistake and is a failure in your obligation. So I specifically request that tonight you make a motion and pass that you will rescind this procedure that interferes with the free speech of Buckingham citizens. Thank you.

Marie Flowers, District 3: Marie Flowers, 3rd district. I did bring a couple of extra papers. Anyways, the more I get into writing about the pipeline and a lot of other things I have come to the conclusion that renewables are the future and this \$5 billion that Dominion wants to put into this pipeline is a waste of money for them. I think the future demands that the \$5 billion be put into renewables. I saw a couple of you at the Dominion meeting a couple weeks ago and they make everything sound really good. I even want to believe it. But somehow I don't. Because their first priority is to make money. I know money is important but quality of life is equally important. Also I believe that the library enhances quality of life. Society is benefited by educated people. I know there are many people in this county that do not have a lot of money so I hope that you will support the study on the pipelines. That's what everybody is asking you to do. Because we all know that you do not have the power to stop it. We do hope that you will ask for the study and I hope that you will support the library's effort also. Thank you.

Frank Knott, District 4: Good evening gentlemen. I'm Frank Know from District 4. I appreciate the opportunity to speak to you. My topic is the library. I've been involved with the library for a long time. Ever since its inception. When it first started my wife and I were supporters of the Friends. My mother in law was a librarian at Virginia Beach and through her efforts when we got the building my father in law brought a couple truckloads of discarded books from Virginia Beach to help stock the shelves of this library. The library's been there a long time. Traveling around the state and this past weekend I was up in Bath County through several communities. When you come through these communities you see libraries. Most of these libraries are very attractive buildings with prominent signs to let you know they are there. They are there for the citizens and makes the community look friendlier and open to new people coming in. If someone comes into Buckingham and they want information on Buckingham as they are traveling through they can stop at the visitors center at Sprouse's Corner, oops, we don't have a visitors center. But if they go to the library they can get all the information they want about Buckingham County and probably more than they want. It's there not only for our citizens but for people coming through that might find something in Buckingham they would like to come back to or even stay. All of these other communities have budget issues just like we do. But yet in the last several years you look around in Chesterfield, Albermarle County, and Henrico County they have built enormous, big libraries. \$30-40 million. We are asking for \$2

million. Their budgets are just as complicated except on a larger scale than ours are. If the libraries were outdated like so many people have come before you and said, the technology, why would these communities put these millions of dollars in a new building? Technology is great. I'm behind times but the library is there to help me and anyone else. My wife just the other week, went through the Buckingham Library and took a class on Windows 10, what to do with it. If the computer is not working in part of the county then you go to the library and get it. One example is the Farmville library. The patronage has increased dramatically since the library opened. We need a new library. It's a lifelong learning experience and has all the things we need for the young people to grow and prosper in this community. Please give us a new library. Thank you.

Quinn Robinson, District 4: Good evening. My name is Quinn Robinson. I live in the Andersonville area, District 4. I speak only for myself. There are two things I want to mention tonight. The library and the pipeline. But before I do that I'd like pass along the announcement in the Richmond newspaper this weekend. It's Sunshine Week. Information openness. That's critical. It's the guardian of democracy. One of the key components to that is having access to information and the library is an excellent source for that. The library has occupied that building for over 30 years and it was never intended for that and is way overdue for an upgrade. It will help every citizen in this county. I'm concerned now at this point with interest rates rising it's going to cost more if we don't act now. Also the prisoners have libraries in the correctional institutions. They are probably all newer and better outfitted than our public library. They need it as much as we do, that's fine, no problem with that. But I think we deserve at least as good. The other concern is about the pipeline. There is so much stuff coming out and I wanted to show you one thing. You have to be an inside operator of this business. Currently in court, going back to district court here in Buckingham next month, to contest the right for them to conduct surveys. Right now, they are not allowed to do it unless the court says so however I'm finding survey sticks and surveyors on my property. The utter contempt for the law for this community for the entire State of Virginia are in court yet they are going out and doing what they are asking permission to do. I'm not going to let them on my property until they have a court order to do so. I think it should be a concern to you that people are going around doing that and violating our rights. I suggest that you contact Dominion and ask them to stop it until their affairs are in order if that ever happens. The other issue is about environmental things. Primarily there are new standards of methane. It's more deadly and more serious than previously thought and the pipeline is a great source of that. We also have the coal ash that's being dumped at Bremono Bluff. If it's so safe I suggest that all Dominion employees start drinking the stuff. Thank you.

Mary Jane Poulter, District 4: Good evening, I'm Jane Poulter and I'm from the Maysville District. I'm here to talk about the library. There are many reasons to support building a new library here in the county. I'm going to focus on two of them. One of the most important reasons for investing in a new library is our children. Libraries are a location for increasing knowledge for that necessary exploration and looking at new topics and new interests that children do. In our current library, it's just not capable of really providing that rich environment that we want to provide for our children. Our school system works very hard every day to increase skills and learning but a library is a very important edge to what the schools provide. So I see the library as a very important investment in the future leaders and workers and people

owning property and building our community and our children. The second major reason that I support building a library is internet access. Our county does not have a wide spread consistent rapid and cheap access to the internet. Even if you can afford to bring the internet into your home via the phone lines, that is only working one way. It doesn't have the capability of rapidly send information back. You can bring information in but you can't send it back. In this age of the internet, this is a key requirement to job hunting, access to government services, information building and knowledge building. Many of our citizens cannot afford computers, smart phones, tablets and internet services. Our library is a key supplier of internet access. A new library is critical to investing in our county's future. Our viability and strength. I encourage the board to moving forward with a new library.

Peggy Epperson: Good evening. My name is Peggy Epperson and I'm the director of the library. I am not a resident of Buckingham County so I have to ask the Board's permission to speak to you at this time briefly.

Chambers: Yes, maam.

Epperson: It's acceptable? Thank you. I will be brief. The library as you heard earlier is in constant use by the public. I just compiled statistics for the first 6 months of this fiscal year. Computer use is up 6% from the same time period last year. Circulation, that's books checked in and out, is up 25%. So the idea that libraries are obsolete is not what we are experiencing here in Buckingham County. We anticipate these numbers will go even higher with the use of tablet computers by Buckingham County school children. Most of those children do not have access to internet at home for one reason or other. We are happy to help them by supplying service and by assisting with computer instruction. We can easily buy the additional bandwidth that we will need for these additional users but what we can't do is provide more floor space in the building. So we are requesting additional funds in our operating expense budget this year to replace a copier which is 9 years old and have a small fund for emergency repairs of our present building. We also want to talk about the construction of the new building and want the line item left in the budget so the board can give its full consideration on this request. I thank you for your time.

David Ball, District 3: How are you gentlemen tonight? I'm David Ball. First I want to talk about Dam Break Inundation Zones. I think it's the right thing to do. To change the codification of the county as far as that goes. I spent 8 years as an elected official in the soil and water district. In that 8 years I participated with the dam safety work group. During that time that I saw and experience in being a part of that group is that the law changed a lot in Virginia. Strengthened the law with regards to dam safety. It's a key critical subject. In that process there was an incident years ago where a dam was potentially threatening to break in Montgomery County, Maryland that was threatening million dollar homes. Of course as you can imagine that when hundreds of million dollar homes are being threatened by a dam break, well that became national mandates for inundation studies. We had those done in Virginia. For a lot of you guys on the board that are new, Buckingham County has 17 major watershed dams that were built in the 60's and 70's. More than any other county in Virginia and more than any other soil and water district in Virginia. Now about 1/2 of those dams require upgrades, rehabilitation because of these studies. We've got them all certified so now any downstream development that will

affect or change those inundation requires an investment from the developer to upgrade those dams. Well, Soil and Water districts don't have the financial ability to tax. They get their funding from the state primarily and a little bit of token money from the Board. Both Cumberland and Buckingham. But RCS will pay 65% of the cost of dam rehabilitations. 35% has to come from the district which means they will have to get that funding from DCR and also from the County which means that Buckingham County, if the opportunity comes up for those dams to be rehabilitated, the districts going to have to look at the county to partner in funding the costs of those improvements. Also, ACP from what I saw crosses 2 inundation zones. When you think about the roads they cross too, what is going to be VDOT's costs in added maintenance and inspections?

Jo Justis, District 1: Good evening. I didn't want to be redundant this evening because we have had an extremely large amount of people talk to you about the library. Of course that's what I'm here for too. Even though you've heard from a number of people. I know that there are a number of people behind me who came to support the library but they didn't speak. Could you at least raise your hand if you came to support the library please? Thank you. That's a little better. Some people just don't want to talk. I don't have that problem. There's no question that we need a new library. You all know this. You are the third sitting board of supervisors to hear the arguments. All I would like to say, I don't know what Mr. Adams has in store, nor have I read the Buckingham Beacon article, unfortunately, so I don't want to repeat but I just want to say that i want you to continue with the money budgeted for the new library. The Friends of the Library have put in over \$65,000 of their own money in donated funds toward working to this end. Now, I would say 25 years ago I started speaking to the board about certain things that I've had problems with in the county and Rev. Chambers, you as well as Mr. Jones and Danny I think you've spent a little bit of time down in the basement speaking when the Board of Supervisors were in the other building. It was very, very uncomfortable for your constituents. It was uncomfortable for you all. It was antiquated and when you had a very important thing that everybody wanted to talk about, you tried to fit people in there in that room, it was impossible. I think there were other problems with it as well. When I walked into this building for the first time, I was so excited that you guys finally had a place that you know you could call your own but we also could call our own. We have all of this space now so that all of us can come down and support what we want to support. The County library needs the exact same thing.

Chambers: Thank you.

Justis: Thank you.

Chambers: That is all on the sign up list.

Re: VDOT: Road Matters

Shippee: Good evening Mr. Chairman, members of the Board. I'll start my report tonight by addressing the traffic study request. It's not a problem for us to do. Mrs. Carter can give me a copy of that petition. I did hear mention children at play signage. That's not a VDOT installed item anymore. That is something that has to be done by the county and you'll have to forgive me

I didn't bring my VDOT Board of Supervisors with me but I know there is specifically a page that addresses that children at play signage. That's something I can work with Mrs. Carter and point you in the right direction but the traffic study we can take a look at. Moving on to general maintenance update. Now our area headquarters are out doing some shoulder repairs, plans to do ditching over the next couple weeks. We are taking care of potholes as quickly as we can. We are doing some mowing trying to get ahead of our surface treatment schedule that will be starting up in the next couple months. Machining dirt roads now the freeze/thaw cycle has ended we are able to get in and start on some of that work and answering customer service requests. Whatever comes in there. One more thing. The secondary six year plan process. I would say we will be starting that probably in May. We will need to have a workshop to look at your priorities on the secondary six year plan. Haven't seen any adjusted monies yet this year which is one of the reasons I wanted to push it back later in the year. As it stands right now we will just be looking at the roads that are already on there and making sure they are a priority. If we do end up getting more funding in the out years, at that point we will be able to add some more roads unless you decide to take a road off the plan and add something in its place. We will look to do a workshop in May followed by public hearing in June to approve the plan. Aside from that do you have any questions for us?

Bryan: Who gives out the orange bags?

Shippee: Only for adopt a highway and organized county cleanups.

Dunnivant: Any plan to do any more repairing to 15 for overlays raveling up and getting rougher by the day?

Shippee: Yes. We are going to address that.

Chambers: Anybody else have anything.

Re: James Pierce, CEO, Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Virginia for Budget Request

Pierce: Mr. Chairman, Supervisors, thank you for having us tonight. I'm James Pierce, CEO of the Central Virginia Boys and Girls Clubs. Thank you for allowing us to address the funding request we made of you this year. It has been said that if you build it they will come. Certainly two years ago when we got together to discuss a Buckingham/Southern Albermarle/Fluvanna Boys and Girls Club, we had no idea the interest it would drum up. We planned to serve 100 kids across all three counties. I am here proud to say that we are serving nearly 100 kids from Buckingham alone. I know it's a busy agenda tonight but I do want to share with you some details about the Boys and Girls Clubs and save time for questions at the end. So in the Central Virginia Clubs and clubs across the country Boys and Girls Clubs are designed to serve kids ages 6-18. In our clubs we charge \$35 for the whole year so the families and kids have some skin in the game. We are open for 240 of the 260 week days of the year. From 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. after school every day. We are open from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. during the summers and school breaks. Our open hours coincide with times of days when youth are statistically most at risk for teen pregnancy, gang recruitment, crime, drugs, and other risk taking behaviors. Our

mission statement is to enable all young people especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. Many of our kids qualify for free or reduced lunch, and many are single parent families or parents who both work and leave their kids unsupervised after school and in the summertime. Our three core outcomes that you will get from being a part of the boys and girls club, we want to make sure kids graduate on time from high school. That doesn't start in their senior year in high school as we all know. We want to make sure our kids are active and healthy and physically fit and we want to make sure they grow up to give back to the community that means so much to them. Some of the outcomes that I am proud of as the CEO of these clubs, is that 98% of our kids move on to the next grade level on time. In our summer reading program, 90% of our kids retain or improve all of their knowledge and comprehension and fluency which are important measures of reading success. Whereas if they didn't have the program, 100% of them would fall behind. And that the average number of service hours that a kid in the club provides its community every year is 10 hours. I don't know if y'all have ever worked with kids or teenagers, but having them think about other people for 10 hours is a lot to do. They do a great job and we motivate them to think about other people outside of just them. A couple of highlight programs that I want to make sure you know about that are unique to this particular club where the kids from Buckingham attend, we have an amazing engineering program. Kids are building things out of spaghetti and marshmallows and make the tallest tower. They really get into the basic concepts of building. We have the JRC14 news team created by a couple kids and one really dedicated staff member that has really taught them the ins and outs of putting on a broadcast news program. They visited several actual news program studios. We have a cooking program that meets very regularly and is one of the most popular because you get to eat what you make. It's healthy and instills those lifelong healthy habits. We've recently started a violin program at our boys and girls clubs. It's the first one of the six clubs that we run that runs a strings program. We are very proud to have a first strings program run at the James River Club. To kind of wrap up, again we expected a total of 100 kids from all counties and we have nearly 100 from Buckingham alone and we are very proud of that. I have to mention and appreciate our good partners at the Buckingham Schools that have made it possible to transport kids up and down Rt. 20 every day to make sure they get there. Thank you Mr. Palmore and Dr. Snead. I think you are here. Thank you for going out of your way and the school board to go out of your way to make sure the kids can take advantage of the best deal in town. This year however, our operating expenses as you probably figured out have exceeded our budgetary expectations. The higher demand for club services has pushed our 5 year plan beyond what we initially planned with I think is great. It means that kids need and we want to make sure that they provide services for kids. In FY17 we were budgeted about \$233,000 for the whole year. Most of that is raised by individuals. I'll get more into that in a moment. We anticipate that will come in closer to \$323,000 because of the increased demand and average daily attendance being higher than anticipated. While our club is largely funded by private donors your financial commitment will really help us to bridge the gap in operating revenue, not only that but will send a sign to so many other interested entities. I was just at a conference for boys and girls clubs of America recently. I can tell you your commitment does mean a lot to the national organization. They are more apt to fund us at a higher rate if they know we have partnership from the counties and communities that we serve. This year we were fortunate to get support from the Virginia Foundations for Health Youth. We run a positive leadership and good decision making program and they ask us every year how are your local counties supporting you.

Have they come around with support to make sure you have a program for the kids? So what we basically are asking for is \$109 per kid per year. So of the 100 kids that come, if you could fund them \$109 that would make a big difference for us and our operating budget and revenue for the year. I want to just end by taking questions or your feedback and comments. But again we are so proud to be able to offer what we thought five years ago would never had a shot because of the community coming behind. Many of you residents in Buckingham coming together we have now entering into our second year and are planning the third summer. We couldn't be prouder to have such an amazing facility that was provided by the County of Albermarle in the old school in Scottsville. I should have said that a long time ago. It's at the Old Scottsville School just over the bridge. If you haven't been there, you probably know where it is. We feel this is a great collaboration and partnership between the three counties and the Boards of Supervisors. So thank you again for everything that you've done and for the school system. It's all the citizens of Buckingham that has made this a success all these years.

Bryan: What's your tax status?

Pierce: Our tax status is a 501C3 nonprofit.

Bryan: Talk to Mary Hickman that was just here from CRC. Provided that your tax status, you are entitled to a lot of grants.

Pierce: Yes, the Virginia Foundation...

Bryan: The CRC, we can look into those grants as well. Do you have a grant writer on staff?

Pierce: Well, we have a part of one of our staff member's time dedicated to grants. Yes. If you see those things come across your desk, you think we might be good recipients or eligible for some of those things, we'd be happy to partner with you to pull down some of those funds. About 20% of our organizational budget comes from grants.

Chambers: Any other Board member have a question for Mr. Pierce?

Pierce: Thank you for your consideration and all you do for your community.

Re: Spencer Adams, Buckingham Library Liaison Committee, Budget Request for new library debt payment

Adams: Mr. Chairman, members of the Board, Mrs. Carter, Mr. Carter. I'm here to request that the \$250,000 earmarked in the budget for the future library construction remain in the budget as in the past. It is important that the progress move forward to offer library services that people of Buckingham County need and deserve. That the October 2015 Board meeting the library liaison committee reported on their work in reducing the projected expenditures of building a library and reported after an examination of sites the site on Wingo Road was deemed to be the most appropriate. The Board unanimously approved the report and gave permission for soil testing to be done and the Wingo Road site. In November a report was given on the favorable testing of

soil samples at that site and the Board voted for the board voted for the project to move forward. Some of you were not on the Board at the time that that report was given so later on I would like to give you some materials that we presented at that time. The past some of the money set aside in reserve was not utilized toward the library project. In the past it was used for the needs of the county school system and buses were purchased to maintain the cycle of replacement and to ensure student safety and efficiency. It is very important in any budget that a reserve be in place. Now I know you usually set aside some funds for contingency but it never hurts to have more funds there for contingency. As I mentioned a minute ago, since four of you were not on the Board of Supervisors at the time of the October 2015 liaison committee report was given and approved, it was felt most important that you be given a copy of that report for your study. I have those. The part of the report on the projected expenditures for the new facility have been reduced by the liaison committee from \$3.5 million to an estimated \$1.8-2 million is labeled B in your packet there for you to examine. This is the part that was presented in a PowerPoint production at that meeting. A lot of time and effort was expended to arrive at the reduced projected expenditure that meets the library needs. I want you for a few minutes to review the material labeled A relating to steps taken to review possible site locations. Please turn to the first page of that report. You will see that after the designation of the soccer field site and the industrial park core drilling was done there and it proved to be shrink swell soil. Water was struck at 8 and 11 feet. Surface water was. This meant that the soil excavated could not be used and would have to purchase soil and moved in and the soil there taken out. So, that site also was not zoned in line with library placement there. So the committee was charged with analyzing the feasibility of Dillwyn Primary School itself and the grounds of the 14 acre site which was zoned in line with library uses at the time. The committee proceeded with this and found the building is 24,357 sq. ft. and was constructed in 1954. This is more than 2 times the size needed for a library. Actually it's 2.5 times. The plans for the new library call for 9,589 sq. ft. 2. Load bearing masonry walls run down the center of both corridors supporting the roof structure. The structure core would have to be completely modified structurally for the building to work as a library. Cellular classrooms design does not translate into the open needs of the library. All systems, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, ventilation, communications, data, and security would have to be removed or replaced by new updated systems. The building is not ADA compliant. Multiple bathrooms would have to be added for afterhours access for public meeting rooms. The present windows which cover a majority of the outside surface of the building would need to be removed and replaced with smaller more energy efficient windows and the rest of these areas bricked up for energy conservation. There is lead paint and asbestos present that would have to be dealt with in any renovation. Now, when asbestos insulation was removed from the cafeteria area, the abatement contractor was not able to proceed but so far under the corridor leading from the front of the building to the cafeteria. So this had to be sealed up. From 1987, gentlemen to 2003 I was the designee for the school division which means it was my responsibility to deal with things and oversee the management plan. Any structural changes penetrating the floor surface beyond this point may encounter asbestos. We've had some renovation projects on other old buildings at the county. At the high school we thought it was all out in places, we found it. Then you have to have an abatement and monitors and everything there to take care of that. Rt. 20, asbestos was found when we thought it was all removed when they got into that. When you get into things, you discover things you didn't want to find. Gentlemen, I tell you it's under that building. I know that. Dillwyn Primary School has a flat roof that was sprayed with spray

polyurethane. At this time it is not covered by a warranty. There is a buried oil tank for the oil furnaces in the basement. Removal or mitigation could lead to environmental problems that require an additional expenditure. The lower field behind the school across from the industrial park was looked at. There is a very distinct possibility that shrink swell soil like across the road. The area is utilized as a practice field for the little league and also if the school building were sold, it is uncertain as to what would be on the property adjacent to this site. This led the liaison committee to consider the Wingo Road site next to the recycling center. That site is under current zoning and if the virgin soil proves to not be shrink swell and because the cost of the ground perforation would be drastically reduced. Well, they gave us approval to go forth with that and it was found that the testing proved it was an acceptable site. One question, I know there has been some consideration for the Dillwyn Primary School, I'm going to drop back to the 24,357 sq. ft. New library plan call for 9,589. That's the basic needs and what we need for the future. What's going to be done with the rest of that space in that building? I think that's something that needs to be considered if that building is looked at seriously moving into a 54 building with whatever that brings about. I appreciate tonight being able to come to you and hit a few highlights of the study conducted by the liaison committee. Both times the liaison committee came to the former board, unanimous approval was given to this suggestion. I know you have your worked cut out for you in the coming months. There is no doubt about it. That's always the case in the budget cycle. But please consider that which will have a positive impact on the longest period of time for the citizens of Buckingham County. That's an important thing to consider. I will leave you with two sentiments expressed in these two quotes, "the ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in the moments of comfort and convenience but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy". You find yourself in that situation during the budget period. The other one is "the time is always right to do what is right". Those are quotes from Martin Luther King Jr. Thank you gentlemen.

Bryan: I have a question, when you did the total cost of the library, you mentioned \$1.8-2 million. Was that turnkey including the furniture?

Adams: I'm not sure on that. Hold on second. Peggy, that didn't include the furniture right? It did not. I'll tell you something that we don't looking ahead. When the library in Farmville moved from the site downtown up there, they gave us the shelving. Now four of us went over to Farmville, Frank Howe, Frank Knott, myself and Larry Davis. We took the shelving down. It's just like what's in the library. W.C. Sprouse at Cumberland Building Supply was willing to let us store it there. A couple weeks ago we got a call and Mr. Howe and I went down and realized there was more shelving that he and I had anticipated. The people in Cumberland were so good they put it on their truck and carried it and it's now stored at Buckingham Greenery. Frank and I got a lot of exercise a week or two ago. But that type thing can save a lot of money. One other thing as far as the furniture looking at this, this is something that the liaison committee looked at. The prison system does do work of that sort and that has been examined and we think we can get furniture built to specifications we know that through that means cheaper than the open market. So that is something gentlemen that and I wish that figure did include a turnkey deal but we're looking at the figure of \$1.8-2 as structure itself and what we need in that. I thank you for allowing us to come before you and thank the people that came out tonight.

Dunnivant: Mr. Adams, you did before the election look at the Dillwyn Primary School. Y'all did look at the primary school.

Adams: We looked at it as part of our work as a liaison committee. Our architect and members of the liaison committee looked at things and considered that site. Yes, sir. That's outlined in this report. All of it was considered. I know more about that building than anyone else in this room. I was principal there for 7 years in the 70's. Twenty years after it was built. I remember problems with it then when a building gets that much age on it. Look at something that is not meet the immediate...this takes care of needs right away, it band aids it. Look at something that will look at things that will meet the needs 30 years down the line is what my and the people here's request. I find that most things built in Buckingham we expect them to last a while. That's should be the way we look at this. Not do something half way and then need to replace later. You know, let's look at the thing way down the road as what we have to serve the people in the community. I appreciate this opportunity a whole lot. You've got a lot of people out there that need these services. We are not a rich county. People come here to live in an environment that they want for their kids to grow up in. Thank you very much.

Jones: Mr. Chairman, I would like to say something before you get into the next item. For the last 4 or 5 months I have heard a lot about the library. A lot of pros and a lot of cons. As far as I'm concerned right now, I think that the school library is in limbo. The reason I say it's in limbo, we have a group of citizens who feel that the county is obligated and has obligated itself to build this new library which is not true. The reason they feel that way is because the county has set aside land to be built on. They have put \$250,000 in the budget for it to work on the other hand a lot of the people that I have talked to feel that this is not the time to build a new library but they have their opinions like everyone else does. Therefore, I would like to make a motion, Mr. Chairman, I move that the county issue an RFP for engineering architectural services to determine if it's feasible to renovate the former Dillwyn Primary School to house a library facility of approximately 10,000 sq. feet. Particularly emphasis should be paid to the structural integrity of the building. The need if any for the abatement of asbestos and a cost estimate without doing an actual design to modify the former school to house a library of approximately 10,000 sq. feet. We also if the building is structurally sound, there are other uses that we could have a community center. We could have school offices in there. We could have some of the school athletic association offices in there. There are just multiple things that could be housed in there if it is suitable structurally. I make that motion.

Chambers: We have a motion by Supervisor Jones. Do we have a second?

Dunnivant: Second.

Chambers: We have a motion by Supervisor Jones, second by Supervisor Dunnivant, are there any questions?

Bryan: Yes.

Chambers: Supervisor Jones, my constituents in my district, many of them, are in support of a new library and I have to go in support of my constituents, now this building if this building is not structurally sound, are you going to go forward for a new library?

Jones: It will be a dead issue as far as this building goes.

Chambers: Are you going to be willing to move forward with new library?

Jones: No, I didn't say that.

Chambers: Answer the question?

Jones: No.

Chambers: I don't have a problem with studying it.

Dunnivant: I think the study is appropriate because the deficiencies, potential deficiencies that Mr. Adams spoke of, we've got to deal with them anyway. It's out building now. We are using it for Senior Programs and recreation people are in there now. So why not go ahead and get a study on the building to find out what we can do with it, library purpose or if it doesn't suit for library, is it suitable for something else. We'll know what we have.

Jones: If we ever decide to sell it we are going to have to have this.

Chambers: I'll support it if we agree that the money stays in the budget, \$250,000. It already in there.

Dunnivant: We can add to Mr. Jones' motion, pending the out of the study to maintain the money in the budget for the library.

Jones: I don't have a problem with that.

Dunnivant: I don't think anybody on the board is against the library. We just want to move forward as frugal as possible.

Chambers: Anybody else?

Bryan: Yes, sir. Mr. Adams said he's only going to need ½ the building so are we going to look into renovating the full building? That's my question.

Jones: We've got to have the engineer to tell us the whole building.

Bryan: With a cost estimate?

Jones: Right.

Bryan: Not to exceed \$1.8-2 million for renovation?

Jones: We are not going to put that in there at this time. We want to just have a place to make sure that it is structurally sound for what we would like to do and not structurally sound. Then it will be a dead issue.

Chambers: I got you. We are going to leave the money in the budget.

Jones: I don't have a problem with that.

Chambers: Let's vote. Passed unanimous.

Supervisor Jones moved, Supervisor Dunnivant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board that the county issue an RFP for engineering architectural services to determine if it's feasible to renovate the former Dillwyn Primary School to house a library facility of approximately 10,000 sq. feet. Particularly emphasis should be paid to the structural integrity of the building. The need if any for the abatement of asbestos and a cost estimate without doing an actual design to modify the former school to house a library of approximately 10,000 sq. feet. We also if the building is structurally sound, there are other uses that we could have a community center. We could have school offices in there. We could have some of the school athletic association offices in there. There are just multiple things that could be housed in there if it is suitable structurally and leave the \$250,000 in the budget for the library.

Re: Justine Young, Piedmont Senior Resources, Budget request

Young: Good evening. Thank you so much for allowing me to speak tonight. I'm Justine Young, I'm Executive Director of Piedmont Senior Resources Area Agency on Aging. There are a few items I'd like to explain to you tonight about some of the things going on with our agency. We appreciate your support in the past and I'm hoping with what I explain to you tonight will help that support continue. We are overseen by DARS, Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services. The same one that oversees STEPS, as a matter of fact, another agency that I know you guys hear from. So, basically we get our funding the same way. State and Federal funding comes through them. The problem we have is a lot of the services we provide out of the grants we apply for, that money cannot be used for those. We have to raise our own money and write our own grants to produce that money. For example there is a grant that we have just written and that grant will require \$12,000 in matching funds annually. The grant will go on for 5 years. I believe we are going to get that grant and so I need \$12,000 a year to match that. So matching funds from our counties are one of the things that allow us to apply for these grants. If I don't have funding to match I can't get the grant. So I apply for the grant in hopes that I get the matching funding. So this grant is for folks, you probably know someone who is taking care of an Alzheimer's patient at their home, a spouse or parent, when that ends up happening they can't get out. They can't leave the home a lot of times because they are tied down taking care of that individual 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This grant will allow us to send someone into the home for up to 40 hours annually per family to give that person a break. Whether it's to make their own doctor's appointments which usually the caregiver stops taking care of themselves.

They are concentrating on the individual they are caring for. That will allow them a little bit of a break. They can use that 40 hours all in one week or they can break it up to one day a week or one day a month. However they want to do it. That's one of the things we are doing. Another thing we are doing is No Wrong Door program which is through the Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services. It is a computer software program that allows us to link through other organizations. What we have done through a grant that we wrote last year is link all the Social Services in the seven counties of the district and other organizations like Legal Aid, FACES, PACES, Centra, ourselves, this allows all these organizations, instead of making phone calls or chase each other down when you have a referral or client that needs services, all you have to do now is if you put that information in on that client, you just check box to send it to Piedmont Senior Resources or Legal Aid or the Heart of Virginia Free Clinic. All you've got to do is check those boxes and it sends it to all those other organizations. So that expedites the services for that individual. So for instance if I come to your home, if you become a client of ours, I'm doing an intake assessment maybe to provide a homemaker in your home, I realize that you would probably qualify for FACES or legal aid, you need a will, you've got problems that legal aid could help with, I can check all those boxes right then and there and submit it and those agencies will begin their assessments for services for you. We are the first district in the State of Virginia to have this comprehensive plan and the commissioner of DARS brought that up at the regional meeting I went to two weeks ago. So we are the very first in the state, I think that was a really great accomplishment for us. The other organizations we work with is FACES. FACES distributes food on Saturdays. After they do that there is a lot of fresh food and produce. Once they distribute on Saturdays, they don't have a means to distribute it throughout the counties. Food sits there sometimes and rots or goes bad and has to be thrown out. What we have arranged is a partnership where they call me on the weekend or early Monday morning and say we've got 1,000 lbs. of potatoes, can you pick them up or 500 lbs. of carrots, can you come get them. We send our vans down that do the home delivered meals to the 7 counties, they go to FACES and pick up all that excess produce and distribute it to the 500 and some homes we distribute to every week. So along the line with food, last year we did over 100,000 meals in the seven counties. When I started we were at 25,000 meals, about 3 years ago. Then we went to 66,000 and now we've exceeded 100,000. Just to give you an idea of the growth rate and what we are doing and hopefully you all see our vans with the PSR driving around Buckingham delivering meals. Another issue I wanted to make you aware of and I don't know if they've gotten funding in the past, but Meals on Wheels contacted us and they are discontinuing their services and they asked us to pick up their clients which we are going to do. So, I am hoping perhaps if they did receive any funding, some of that maybe could go towards us to help offset the cost of providing more meals. I also want to tell you just a little bit about the services we are providing. I'm not going to get into all of them but the main program that Buckingham benefits from is the home delivered meals. You have 38 homes we are delivering to and last year was 9280 meals with the equivalent of \$49,000. We do the Friendship Café here which is the senior luncheon once a week with anyone 60 and over. We did 503 meals last fiscal year at a cost of \$15200. Then we have the homemaker program where we go into the home to provide care to folks. That is not the same as personal care. A lot of people get it confused. Let's say you are 95 and you live alone and you can't drive so our aid can go to the grocery store for you, the post office for you and come back and cook the meals for you. They are not there all day. It's a four hour a day up to five days a week. They do light housekeeping, wash the clothes, and make the

bed, vacuum. All those things. It's not necessarily that...sometimes it's a matter of age and not being able to do these things and if you don't have a family nearby, we are hopefully the one they call. Hopefully the one's you guys are going to tell people to call us. We are hoping to increase those services in Buckingham because I still don't think that Buckingham is fully aware of what we do or that the citizens understand everything we can do. Outside those major programs, we do a lot of small programs and I know I've mentioned them to you before but one example is we had a woman call this winter and told me she needed firewood. I can't tell you anything that we don't do. If we have the funds to do it, then we will do it for a senior citizen to help them. So I said yes maam we can deliver firewood. Tell me a little bit about what's going on. She told me that she had a heart attack and was discharged from the hospital. So I asked who is going to carry in the firewood. She said I am. No maam. That will not work so we got her a radiant heater. Some of these radiant heaters are larger now and put out a lot of heat and work very effectively. She was thrilled. So we provide air conditioners, heaters, pumped septic tanks and windows, wheel chair ramps. None of those are state or federal funds. That is all from your money, when you give us that money that is the amount of funding that we have to do those extra things plus whatever we raise. So the last thing I'll tell you about tonight. We don't just go around asking for money, I do want you to know that we seek grants. We've got two we are waiting for answers on right now. We are writing as many grants as we can and also doing fund raising so we are doing a first major fund raiser on May 7th which is a Kentucky Derby Gala. We've gotten a number of sponsors for this event. The Derby will be on big screens live on the lawn. There will be a big tent. We are smoking port in smokers on the lawn there. We have a horse drawn carriage. We've got Casinos Casinos will be doing the charity gaming and all of that. All of that money raised is going toward the items that we don't have funding for. When a senior calls and says my refrigerator quit and I don't have money to buy one and we are delivering meals to them and now we can leave the meals because they don't have refrigerators so we buy them refrigerators and we can continue taking them meals. Or the hospital calls me and says we have a patient with asthma and its 100 degrees out and can you help. We deliver them air conditioning. That is all the things we do with that money. So, I really appreciate your past help and all your support you have given us and as always anybody can call me at any time with any questions you have. Any tonight?

Chambers: Any board member have a question for Ms. Young? (There were none) Thank you for coming.

Young: Thank you. I appreciate your time.

Chambers: Before we move on, the Board's been here since 6:00, I'm going to declare a 10 minute recess.

Re: Amy Beatson, STEPS Community Developer, Support For Grant for Continued Homelessness Prevention Services

Beatson: Good evening. I'm Amy Beatson. I'm the Community Developer with STEPS, Inc. I appreciate you for allowing me to have this time. I'm here to ask for Buckingham County Board of Supervisors to sign a letter of support for STEPS to receive the Virginia Homeless Solution

Grant. We are applying for that grant with is administered from DHCD. This is our 2nd term of administering the grant locally. Buckingham County is obviously covered under the grant. The grant offers shelter services, rapid rehousing services, and prevention services. It provided a much needed safety net for folks that are in crisis. There is no match. Just a letter of support so that we can show DHCD that we have your backing and you feel it's a needed service. Any questions?

Dunnivant: We are not contributing any financing. Just a stamp of approval.

Beatson: That's correct. It is a time sensitive request because we have to get the application in by the end of the month and we have sent Mrs. Carter a draft letter.

Allen: I make a motion that we support.

Dunnivant: I second that motion.

Chambers: We have a motion by Supervisor Allen, a second by Supervisor Dunnivant to support this. Any question? All in favor.

Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Dunnivant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the Letter of Support for STEPS for the Grant for Continued Homelessness Prevention Services.

Re: Dr. Spencer Phillips, Key Log Economics, LLC. Presenting on behalf of Friends of Buckingham and Yogaville Environmental Solutions on proposed economic cost of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline in Buckingham County

Phillips: Mr. Chairman, Members, thank you for having me back. Some of you I am seeing for the first time. I was back here in early fall I believe. In talking about some of the types of costs that could come along with the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. Since then my colleagues and I have completed our study for the four county region including Buckingham County. I'm here to talk to you a little bit about the results of that and of course you've seen the 16 page summary for Buckingham County. If you follow the link for Keylogeconomics.com you can read the whole 62 page in much more detail of the methods and so forth. It's been really interesting sitting here listening to the testimony about the library about other things where folks are presenting the idea that there is going to be some sort of public benefit or something and recognizing that there is a cost. The whole purpose of this study is in the consideration of the pipeline, it's not simply a matter of being told that there is going to be some degree of benefit from the pipeline which may tax revenues, I know estimates have been put out about that. It's about jobs here and there during the construction of the pipeline. But large in that conversation there has been no mention about costs. In fact, Dominion's position has been and this is through their filing with FERC back in the fall, it is in fact too hard to estimate what costs are. It would be too hard to do a feasibility study on the use of an old school for a library. That is simply not the case. I was a graduate student at Virginia Tech a long time ago in the early 90's and we had textbooks then

that told us how to estimate the costs of environmental changes. At that time I worked in the Bush 1 Whitehouse at the Council of Environmental Quality which was responsible for the national environmental policy act which requires that economic effects of federal actions such as approved pipelines be counted and it is quite possible to do that. There are thousands of textbooks put out there in the world that can tell people how to do that. The other thing we have heard to despite the contention that it is impossible to estimate the costs is that estimates of those costs exist and they are in fact zero. That is also not true. We have gone in some length about weaknesses in the estimate that have been forth even recently that there is no effect on land values from pipelines anywhere and that living next to a pipeline which has some health hazards, visibility issues and so forth is really no different than living in any other house. Well there are problems with those studies but they are not part of my presentation tonight. What I am going to talk about are ecosystem services the idea that nature provides benefits for us for free that if you don't get those anymore, you would have to pay for them. That's everything from timber that grows in the forest to the water that is filtered through ecosystems to simply the aesthetics in the habitat for wildlife, and birds and fish that people like to hunt and enjoy. There are also property values that folks hear about and talk about the most and that has effects that are right within the proposed right of way of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline but also farther away. That is definitely a difference between the way FERC looks at things and the way that economist would look at things and that is that FERC says well they are looking at only what might happen right within the right of way. That is an effect on community ignoring the rest of the community that there might be another ten feet away that might be experiencing some of the very same difficulties as the owner of the right of way. Then there is economic opportunity and sustainability. You've already heard tonight about the benefits that having a library produces for a community. Similarly quality of life that comes along with being safe. Having beautiful places to look at, recreate in, have opportunities for clean water, clean air, and have those recreational benefits. Those are all things that contribute to a community. These are all things one way or another Atlantic Coast pipeline could effect. I'm not necessarily arguing against fossil fuels in general or against pipelines in general although anybody that deals with a budget as you do, whether it be home, business or whatever, looking at the possibility of a benefit, you have to look at the possibility of costs and that is what this study does. The other thing to keep in mind too, a lot of folks are throwing around the idea that this pipeline is going to be really good for a part of Virginia that needs help. I believe those were the governor's words with respect to this in Nelson County some time ago. Well, these four counties that we looked at including Buckingham County are actually doing quite well particularly relative to the rest of rural Virginia. If you look at things like growth in population growth and income, changes in per capita personal income wages and so forth. These things are actually going quite well. These are just some trend lines of per capita per job numbers as well as overall personal income in the county. These are folks that are staying here because it's a nice place to live or coming here because it's a nice place to live. Sometimes they bring their retirement or sometimes they bring skills and doing work, commuting or commuting elsewhere but they want to be in a place that's pleasant to live in. This is just another quick statistic on per capita personal income increases since 2000 so yes Buckingham County may not be the highest level of income in the state but if you want to have the highest income level in the state you've got to be metro and who wants that really. But relative to nonmetro Virginia, but other parts that are comparable, Buckingham County is already doing really well. So one has to ask himself, is it worth taking on risks or

taking on additional costs for the promise of some maybe jobs or maybe tax revenue that we possibly don't need.

Economic Effects of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline

Summary for Buckingham County

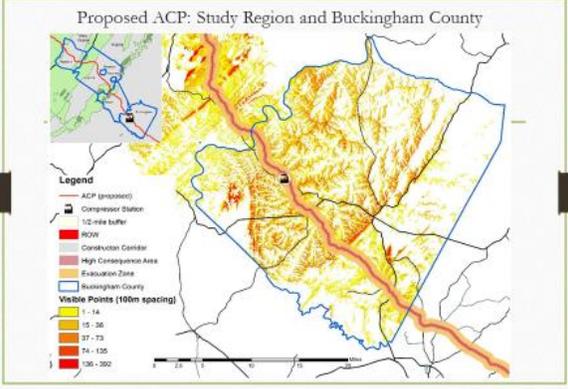


Study Overview

- Ecosystem services
- Property Values
- Economic Opportunity / Sustainability



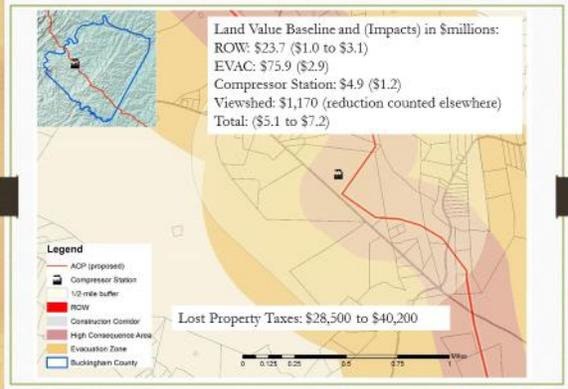
Proposed ACP: Study Region and Buckingham County



Land Value Baseline and (Impacts) in \$millions:

- ROW: \$23.7 (\$1.0 to \$3.1)
- EVAC: \$75.9 (\$2.9)
- Compressor Station: \$4.9 (\$1.2)
- Viewshed: \$1,170 (reduction counted elsewhere)
- Total: (\$5.1 to \$7.2)

Lost Property Taxes: \$28,500 to \$40,200

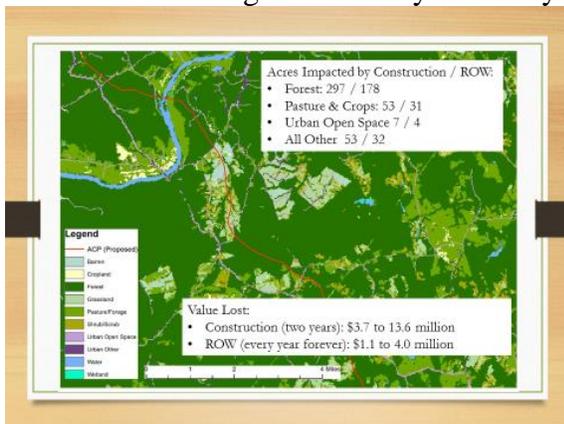


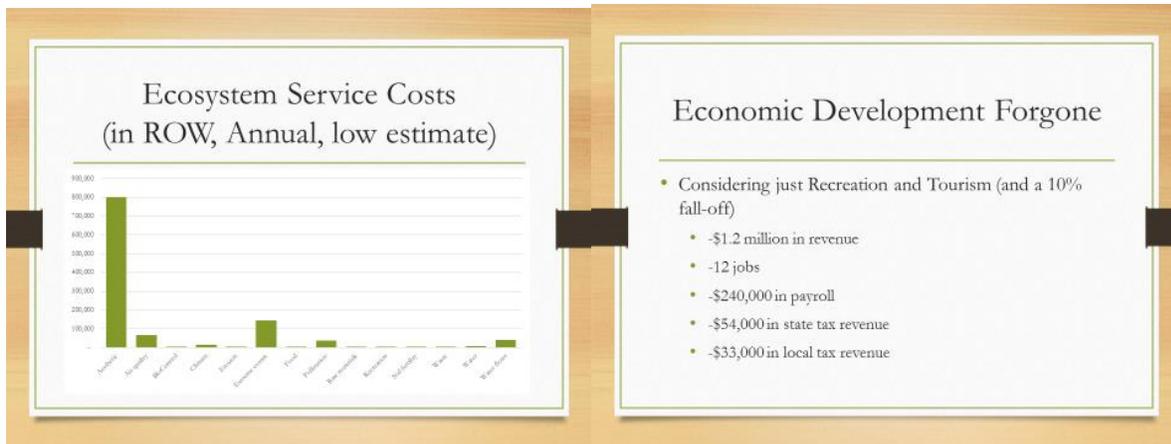
So again, we are looking at a four county region. Looking at this map is a zoom in on Buckingham County and what you see in yellow and red as a visibility analysis we did thinking about just elevation and how much of Buckingham County will the pipeline corridor potentially be visible and it's a good bit obviously if you are at a higher elevation and the pipeline is lower you'd see it. That has effects on property values and visibilities. So getting into our types impacts, land value. What we did is looked at the right of way and the evacuation zone. Right of way might be 50' or it might be 75' but that's obviously the area that is more directly impacted. The results of construction zone but we are figuring that after two years that we're done with that so that is the right of way for landowners and property buyers to contend with over the long haul. In Buckingham County there's about \$23.7 million worth of property that will be crossed by the right of way and using some very conservative estimates, the pipeline

would diminish that value by \$1-3.1 million. That's a one reduction in property value and that occurs because when people know there's a pipeline on a property, they are less likely to buy it and one survey, 60% of the owners or possible owners simply dropped out of the market. Half of the remaining 40% said I will pay you 20% less and the other half said I won't pay you any less at all even though they know the pipeline is there. On average though there is a decrease in people's willingness to pay for properties that are crossed by pipeline.

Jones: What is the price or cost of losing so much land, what is that based on?

Phillips: It would depend on the property itself. But it's based on the overall value of the property having a reduction, a percentage reduction in its price. The other area that we looked at because we were able to find scientific studies that carefully estimated what the effect of being in the evacuation zone or emergency planning zone of natural gas infrastructure was to look at the evacuation zone and for a pipeline of this size and operated at this pressure that evacuation zone is 3580 feet in all directions. So roughly 1.4 miles wide. For Properties we estimate based on this other study a percentage reduction of 3.7%. In that evacuation zone, you have \$75.9 million worth of property with a reduction of \$2.9 million in one-time drop for that. The other feature in Buckingham is the compressor station. Not too far from here, in that there is a community in New York State that the county assessors have granted a reduction in property assessment to property owners within 1.5 mile of the compressor station and that was largely due to health impacts of the families were experiencing, they reduced the assessment by 25% and they were ½ mile away. You can imagine that if you get a little farther away the reduction may be 25% or less that 25% but again we are being conservative so we only looked at ½ mile counted up the properties there and \$4.9 million worth of property in that area and if you cut that by 25% that is \$1.2 million gone due to the compressor station. In the view shed which was all that yellow and orange that we saw in the previous map, there is \$1.2 billion worth of property value there. We separately estimate the reduction because that is counted under the aesthetics of ecosystem services which we will get to in a minute. But in total what could potentially be lost is being estimated between \$5-7 million in property value in Buckingham County. Of course, it varies property by property and how much that tax rate is but if you apply the median tax rates by the lost property revenue year after year based on that reduced property value is between \$28,500 and \$40,200 per year. It may not seem like a lot, you know your budget better than I do, every little bit matters and every little bit counts. Again that is a year after year thing that will never come back.





Ecosystem Services again are benefits that come from nature. The way you get...there's a cost from this pipeline or any sort of infrastructure development like this is you are going from a highly productive system like forest that is producing timber, turkey habitat, deer habitat, bear habitat, beauty to a land cover that is producing none of those things. For two years it's going to be bare. It will be wonderful Virginia clay or whatever the sub straight is there during construction and yes that's going to end and will come back as something else. As we know it's not if it was forest not come back as forest. If it was pasture it might come back as pasture. If it was cropland it might come back as cropland although it's possible it's going to be harder to do animal agriculture or primate culture on those properties. But most of that land is going to be used by the pipeline corridor itself is forested land so that's a really big chunk of this that will not come back. So during the two years of construction, over the total of those two years, you will lose between \$3.7 to \$13.6 million in those real but not often times trades in market value. Aesthetics, recreational value, value of people having those services. So how does that turn off in real costs? If you are not getting it here, you might have to travel far to do your hunting and doing your fishing. You might have to start filtering your water. You might have to start paying to have water quality monitored. That may be something the county might have to face as an out of pocket costs because you don't have the ecosystem doing it for you. Every year after that in the right of way you don't have the trees growing. You don't have the same habitat. You don't have the same water filtrating and other values that come along. There's a distribution as I said. A lot of aesthetics involved in that. There is also a lot of protection from extreme events. People may remember Hurricane Camille that's the thing we are talking about. When you have a forest holding in soil in place that's going to do a lot in to much flood water. To much water getting to the wrong place at the wrong time. Sometimes hurricanes will still overwhelm that system but more intact the ecosystem is, the less danger it will be.



Finally forgone economic development, it's difficult to pin down. We are dealing with folks projections of what might happen relative to their existing plans. So for example, in neighboring Nelson County, Wintergreen has talked about a 20% expansion in its operation and workforce. Going from 1000 employees to 1200 without a pipeline. But with a pipeline that might drop to 800. So increase by 20% to decrease of 20%. That's a pretty big swing. You don't have that same kind of single payer or single facility but the folks at Yogaville have been surveying their guests and are finding 95% of them would be less likely to return to a place that is within the view shed or possibly the sound of the operation of the compressor station. That's important. So we looked at what might happen to expenditures in the recreation/tourism sector based on data from the state tourism cooperation, based on just a 10% drop, not the 95%, not the 20% but just 10% drop which seemed feasible and sort of the bottom of the range that various recreation/tourism providers told us, you are looking at about a \$1.2 million drop in revenue or expenditure by tourist. That translates into 12 jobs, \$240,000 in payroll, and also state and local taxes that would be forgone. The numbers are in the printed reports you have in front of you but other ways which economic development could be effected is the retirees that don't move here. Those entrepreneurs that don't set up shop or folks that were here that graduate from college or do their tech school and then go some other place because another place remains more pleasant to live where here with a pipeline are a little bit less so. Those are all possible reductions in economic development.

Summing it Up (or Down)

- One-time costs
 - Property Value: -\$8.8 mm to -\$20.8 mm
 - Ecosystem Services: -\$3.7 mm to -\$13.6 mm
- Recurring costs (annual)
 - Property Tax Revenue: -\$28,500 to -\$40,200
 - Ecosystem Services: -\$1.1 mm to -\$4.0 mm
 - Recreation / Tourism: -\$1.2 mm expenditures, -\$240,000 in payroll

So summing this all up, you have a one-time costs of loss in property value of \$5-7 million one time. Loss of ecosystem services during construction so while it not a forest it's that bare ground, construction will be \$3.7-13.6 million. And then you have recurring costs. You have lost property tax revenue, lost ecosystem services value every year and then those year by year expenditures that won't be happening here but will be happening somewhere else.

Compressor Station Effects

- Constant noise and air pollution
- In Buckingham, 471 people live within 2 miles of the compressor station. Potential health impacts include
 - 334 people with respiratory impacts
 - 273 people with sinus problems
 - 184 people with sleep disturbances and/or severe headaches
- The full costs of the ACP would need to include the direct costs of treating new cases, cost of missed work, cost of premature death due to illnesses or exacerbated by air emissions

Caveats

- Estimates are conservative
- Some important costs are not counted at all
 - Cost of community services
 - Lost ecosystem services due to access roads and other surface infrastructure

Again, a particular concern to citizens in Buckingham is the Compressor Station. There are costs associated with this but there are currently studies being done that we don't have the results from to apply here that will go to things such as people getting sick, nose bleeds, asthma, headaches, loss sleep, other effects of light and noise that particular low frequency noise that when you are sick you lose work. When you are sick you have to go to the doctor. Those things costs people real money and there are ways to estimate that but we have not included it in here simply because we didn't have the foundation of other studies to work from. Sooner or later somebody should do that feasibility study. Somebody should do that full analysis of costs and benefits. It's not your job to do that, it's FERCs job to do that although you may want to encourage FERC to do that, a full accounting. Make sure that these costs are counted and you are not just left with a promise of benefits with any good sense of what the costs would be. I do want to stress that these costs estimates that we came up with were conservative. We deliberately looking for when

we had range of estimates we generally included the lower end of the range in our estimates. For example with the change in possible expenditures of recreation and tourism, we didn't go the 95%. We took the 10% and used modest numbers to give you an idea of what those baseline costs will be. Also, we did not include the costs of community services which for you all would mean fire, police, other services that might be needed during construction simply because maybe it's managing traffic or maybe it's managing influx of workers from other places who are if the experiences of other parts of other regions are like you will need a little more attention from law enforcement than Buckingham citizens do, then you have, I'm a former firefighter and mountain rescue volunteer, I think a lot about emergency planning and emergency services. I've done gas and hazardous materials training and what's involved there. Get away, right but still you need to have training and you need to have equipment because that's how fire departments keep their insurance costs down and how they keep their people alive. Those are all costs that come back to you and the local community in one way or other. I understand there would be some property tax revenue that might offset some of that but you need to count those costs and it's really not an adequate answer to say it's too hard to figure out what those costs are. Just one other point, on the ecosystem services side we just looked at just the right of way in the construction zone. We didn't consider the access roads or the footprint of other surface infrastructure which would increase our cost estimates a little bit. We just didn't have the data to work from earlier in the study. I can take questions now.

Chambers: Does anyone have questions? Thank you.

Phillips: Thank you for your time.

Re: Consider scheduling a public hearing on zoning changes regarding the Gold Hill School Property and the Light Industrial Zone Uses

Cobb: Yes, good evening. I'll just very briefly, the first thing I have is the Gold Hill School Property. This is a recommendation from the Planning Commission to rezone this property to Light Industrial and also make changes to the light industrial district in the zoning ordinance. Tonight I'm just asking that you set a public hearing for this request.

Jones: I make a motion that we set it for the next meeting.

Bryan: April 11th

Carter: 18th

Chambers: We changed it because of the budget.

Bryan: That's right.

Allen: Second.

Jones: 7:00

Chambers: 7:15 It was motioned by Supervisor Jones, second by Supervisor Allen to set a public hearing on April 18th at 7:15. Any questions? All in favor. Hand raise

Supervisor Jones moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to set a public hearing for 7:15 on April 18th to hear public comments on the rezoning of the Gold Hill School Property to Light Industrial and change the light industrial district in the zoning ordinance.

Re: Dam Break Inundation Zones

Cobb: The other item I have for your consideration is also a public hearing regarding the Dam Break Inundation Zones. This was brought by Kelly Snoddy, Soil and Water Conservation District. She's worked with the Planning Commission providing information and you have that with you tonight as well as the language that's proposed for the zoning ordinance and I'm asking tonight that you consider a public hearing for that language.

Allen: So moved.

Bryant: Second.

Chambers: A motion by Supervisor Allen, second by Supervisor Bryant to set a public hearing.

Allen: I'd set it for right after the other one so we don't have to wait.

Carter: May I remind you that this is the public hearing for the budget also.

Allen: In order.

Chambers: Best thing to do is run them down in order. All in favor of the motion.

Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to set a public hearing immediately following the first hearing to hear public comment on the Dam Break Inundation in the Zoning Ordinance.

Re: Consider appointment of Board member to Crossroads Community Services Board

Bryan: Mr. Chairman, I'm currently on that committee. If there are no objections, I'll continue to serve on it.

Chambers: If it's the consensus of the Board....

Jones: I make a motion that we retain him.

Matthews: Second.

Chambers: A motion by Supervisor Jones, second by Supervisor Matthews for Supervisor Bryan to continue to be on the Crossroads Community Services Board. Any questions? All in favor.

Supervisor Jones moved, Supervisor Matthews seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to appoint Supervisor Bryan to the Crossroads Community Services Board.

Re: Circuit Court: Consider appropriation of \$13,466.50 from the State Library of Virginia to the Circuit Court Clerk's Office Budget

The Buckingham County Circuit Court Clerk's office has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$13,466.50 from the State Library of Virginia for the purchase of record keeping supplies. These funds have been received by the Treasurer's office and do not require any matching funds. Please consider appropriating these funds to line item 4-100-2100-6001 for use by the Clerk's office.

Allen: Motion to accept.

Matthews: Second.

Chambers: Motion by Supervisor Allen, second by Supervisor Matthews to appropriate the \$13,466.50 to the Clerk's Office. Any question?

Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Matthews seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to appropriate \$13,466 grant from State Library of Virginia to the Circuit Court Clerk's Office for recording supplies for line item 4-100-21600-6001.

Re: Sheriff's Department Consider transfer of two vehicles to School Board

Kidd: I just simply want to get your permission to transfer two surplus vehicles, 2009 Ford Crown Victoria Sedans, transfer over to the School Board.

Allen: So moved.

Bryan: Second.

Chambers: A motion by Supervisor Allen, second by Supervisor Bryan Consider this request. Any questions?

Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Bryan seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to transfer two sheriff's department vehicles, 2009 Crown Victoria Sedans, to the School Board.

Re: Consider meeting with auditors for review of the 2014/15 Financial Report

Carter: We provided you all with the financial report this evening. Generally the Board meets two at a time with the auditors, about 30 minutes, more if needed, but generally 30 minutes to go over this document. The auditors said they could meet the week of the 21st. I just remind you that we do have a budget Worksession on the 23rd starts at 6:00. If you would like to schedule it for that afternoon.

Chambers: We meet on the 23rd.

Carter: If that is what the board wishes. I think it would be more convenient.

Chambers: Meet with the auditors on the 23rd. Does that suit the board members?

Matthews: Start the meetings at 12:00 or 1:00?

K. Carter: We try to get the time close to the start of the 6:00 meeting.

Chambers: If you could call the county administrator to get the meeting time.

Carter: We try to set it up at whatever time. Some school board members have expressed that they would like to sit in. We have done that before. The audit has their revenues and expenditures also. No more than 2 at a time.

Chambers: Motion by Supervisor Matthews, second by Supervisor Jones to consider this. Any questions?

Supervisor Matthews moved, Supervisor Jones seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve meeting with the auditors two at a time on March 23rd before the 6:00 work session.

Re: Consider Resolution of Memoriam of John M. Dixon, II

Chambers: We just need to make a motion to approve.

Bryant: So moved.

Dunnivant: Second

Chambers: Motion by Supervisor Bryant, a second by Supervisor Dunnivant to approve this resolution. Any question? All in favor?

Supervisor Bryant moved, Supervisor Dunnivant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the Resolution in Memoriam for John Dixon III that was previously presented to the family in the beginning of the meeting.

Re: County Attorney Matters

There were none.

Re: County Administrator's Report

Reminder of budget Worksession: I want to remind you of the Budget Worksession on March 23rd beginning at 6:00 with the School Board and administration staff to start on the school budget first.

Planning Commissioner Appointment/Reappointment: Also I wanted to make you aware there is an upcoming Planning Commissioner Appointment/Reappointment for District 2. I think that ends in April. We need to appoint someone to be effective May.

Update on status of Century Link with the Build America Funds: I also want to update you on the Century Link Build America. We received an update on that and for new board members, Build America is federal money that has been awarded to Century Link to build out areas of the County that doesn't have good internet access or are under served. Century Link was awarded about \$700,000 for Buckingham County area. So according to the report that they gave Jamie on their progress their preliminary plan was submitted to the Board of Directors regarding the Buckingham build out and the area they are looking in right now is in the Northeast area Rt 20 from Scottsville to Centenary roughly being completed in 2016. So we will keep you posted as that goes up. The way the determination is made is there is a map that shows all the areas of what has service and what doesn't. So the purpose of the Build America money is to build out in underserved areas. We'll keep you posted. I was just glad to see some progress had been made because we haven't heard from them in a while.

Tobacco Commission Education Grant Support for Regional Efforts to become "Workforce Ready Community" region. The last item I have is an addendum and Supervisor Bryan is aware of this. Virginia Growth Alliance, Green County for instance, Emporia have become Workforce Ready Community. What Workforce Ready Community is if an industrial prospect or business prospect has come to me, I will have documentation to show them what kind of workforce Buckingham County has. There will be an agreement with the schools also and Piedmont Community College and Southside Community College. Particularly for our region is Southside where they would administer tests to our workforce that is not working to our high school seniors to determine how workforce ready they are. What areas they are best in and trained in. It also gives an inclination of where training is needed. As with anything, this is very expensive so I'm asking you all to do a letter of support for application of a grant to the Tobacco Commission. It would be a grant for \$293,500. This is for the whole region that Virginia Growth Alliance is in. Two counties have become certified. They are looking at national level now instead of just Virginia. I think particularly Cumberland is interested with looking at this. I would like your authority for a letter of support for this.

Matthews: So moved.

Jones: Second.

Chambers: A motion by Supervisor Matthews, second by Supervisor Jones to give a letter of support for this grant.

Supervisor Matthews moved, Supervisor Jones seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to authorize Mrs. Carter to do a letter of support for a Workforce Ready Grant with Tobacco Commission.

Re: Other Board Matters

Chambers: Any other Board matters?

Bryan: Mr. Chairman, if I may please? Since tomorrow is March 15th Peter Francisco Day, I was called today and asked if we would support making March 15th Peter Francisco Day in the County.

Chambers: Is that a motion?

Bryan: Yes sir.

Allen: Second.

Chambers: Motion by Supervisor Bryan, second by Supervisor Allen to make March 15th Peter Francisco Day. Any question? All in favor?

Supervisor Bryan moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve March 15th as Peter Francisco Day in Buckingham County.

Re: Executive Session

Bryan: I move that we go into executive closed session under Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community. §2.2-3711.A.5.

Allen: Second.

Chambers: A motion by Supervisor Bryan, seconded by Supervisor Allen to go into executive closed session.

Supervisor Bryan moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to enter into executive closed session under Section 2.2-3711.A.5.

Re: Return to regular session and certification.

Bryan: I moved that we return to regular session and certification that to the best of each Board members knowledge only public business matters as were identified by the motion by which the closed executive meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the executive closed session.

Allen: Second.

Chambers: A motion by Supervisor Bryan, second by Supervisor Allen to return to regular session.

Supervisor Bryan moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to return to regular session and to certify that to the best of each Board members knowledge only public business matters as were identified by the motion by which the closed executive meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the executive closed session.

Re: Recess

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Chambers recessed the meeting to reconvene on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. for budget Worksession.

ATTEST:

Rebecca S. Carter
County Administrator

Joe N. Chambers, Jr.
Chairman