

WESTMORELAND COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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A regular meeting of the Westmoreland County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, May 11, 2026, in the public meeting room of the George D. English, Sr. Memorial Building, located at 111 Polk Street, Montross, Virginia.

Present: Board of Supervisors

Timothy J. Trivett, Chairman
Jeffrey McCormack, Vice Chairman
Darryl Fisher
Matthew Ingram (In late)
Woody Hynson

Staff

Donna Cogswell, Interim County Administrator
Richard Stuart, County Attorney

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Trivett called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Chairman Trivett asked whether any Board member had any changes to the agenda.

Mr. McCormack asked to amend the agenda by adding item 9, Closed Session, under code section 2.2-3711. (A) (1), discussion, consideration, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body.

Mr. McCormack asked to move the Adjournment to item 10 on the agenda.

With no further discussion, upon motion by Mr. McCormack, seconded by Mr. Hynson, and with Mr. Fisher voting “aye”, Mr. Hynson voting “aye”, Mr. McCormack voting “aye”, and the Chairman voting “aye”. The Board approved the agenda as amended.

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3. COMMENT PERIOD

A. Chairman and Board Member Comments

Chairman Trivett mentioned that Mr. Ingram would join the meeting later because the Northern Neck Technical Center Graduation is tonight as well, which would give him the opportunity to offer his comments then.

Mr. Fisher stated on Wednesday, May 13th, at 5:00 p.m. at Jerusalem Baptist Church, there will be a community meeting for the consideration of a Community Development Block Grant Application. He stated that it is a consideration to see if there is enough interest in a rehabilitation project on Tavern Run Road and Jerusalem Church Road.

B. Proclamation- EMS Week

Chairman Trivett stated that they have a few proclamations, and the first is for EMS week. He then read the proclamation into the record.

He then asked for a motion to adopt the EMS Week proclamation as presented.

With no further discussion, upon motion by Mr. McCormack, seconded by Mr. Fisher, carried unanimously, with Mr. Fisher, Mr. McCormack, Mr. Hynson, and Chairman Trivett voting "aye". The Board approved to adopt the Proclamation for EMS Week as presented. Chairman Trivett thanked EMS for all they do for the citizens of the county.

C. Proclamation – National Law Enforcement Week

Chairman Trivett read the proclamation into the record and then asked for a motion to adopt as presented.

With no further discussion, upon motion by Mr. McCormack, seconded by Mr. Fisher, carried unanimously, with Mr. Fisher, Mr. McCormack, Mr. Hynson, and Chairman Trivett voting "aye". The Board approved to adopt the Proclamation of National Law Enforcement Week as presented.

D. Recognition of Sheriff's Office

Richard Stuart, County Attorney, spoke about an incident that occurred last year. He asked 1st Sergeant Brian Vanlandingham, Sergeant Rhiannon Mulvena, Master Detective James Belcher, Detective Jernigan, and Detective Shackelford to come to the podium. He stated

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that the proclamation just read highlighted dedicated service under often challenging conditions, protecting the life and property of citizens. Mr. Stuart stated that this past winter, his law office was subject to wire fraud, and what they thought was a cashier's check turned out to be counterfeit. He called the state bar and told them what happened and was told that wire fraud is rampant throughout law offices and in banks. He then called the Sheriff's Office and told them what happened, providing all the evidence he had. He mentioned that it was a substantial sum for both his office and the bank. Mr. Stuart stated that he has worked with many different agencies over his 35 years and has never seen the tenacity and professionalism of the Sheriff's Office. Mr. Stuart mentioned that these scammers have a very elaborate way of making you believe they are one person when they are not. They run money through fictitious LLCs and entities, making it hard to track. He stated that our county investigator tracked them all the way to Florida, went down there, got the local sheriff's office involved, and arrested one person at their home. They found Mr. Stuart's money and the bank's money at the local bank in Florida, where money was being laundered, and solved cases in Rhode Island and elsewhere where it happened as well. Mr. Stuart spoke with the Secret Service, and they did not seem interested in helping but said they would assist the Sheriff's Office, which they did not. Mr. Stuart wanted the citizens of the county to know what a great job Sheriff Balderson and his department are doing, and he is proud of them.

Sheriff Balderson thanked them for their hard work on this case and for all the cases they have been a part of, and they deserve all the credit in the world. Sheriff Balderson asked why they wanted to go to Florida, noting that 9 times out of 10, the money is never recovered and the cases are never solved. He stated that they drove down there, solved the case, and returned within 2 days, with the person in custody and Mr. Stuart's money back. He also thanked the Volusia County Sheriff's Office for their teamwork, which was vital to the case. They located the individual after she moved, and the wealth of information they shared with this county about financial crimes will greatly benefit this county moving forward. Sheriff Balderson was amazed by the collaboration among the different departments and their hard work. He stated that he stayed out of the way so he wouldn't get in the way and had everything they needed in place. He stated that Rhode Island State

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Police also identified the same individual. Sheriff Balderson stated that he had also contacted the Secret Service and was surprised by their lack of interest. He stated that they are coming down for a tour, and maybe they can see it's bigger than what they thought.

Mr. Fisher thanked them for their hard work, and their work serves as another shining example that smaller agencies are serious and meticulous in their work and produce good results. He stated that it is also a good example of hard work and good training put to use.

Mr. McCormack echoed Mr. Fisher's comments and stated that he has never received a complaint about the sheriff's office since he has been on this board, which he said reflects professionalism, leadership, and dedication. He thanked them for what they do and knows they don't have an easy job, but they make it look that way.

Mr. Hynson knows what a good job the sheriff's office does because he has been here his whole life, but was surprised that they were able to recover the money for Mr. Stuart. He was very proud and considered it a 100% job well done.

Chairman Trivett contemplated this topic being presented at the meeting, and on social media, they have been posting all week about officers losing their lives in the line of duty, and people do not like the sheriff's office for any reason, but it is how you deal with it that truly matters. He has been there when a police officer has lost his life for no reason over a domestic call, and every day your family doesn't know if you will come back home. He noted that they did not do it just because of Mr. Stuart, but because they put that type of effort into everything they do. He then commended Sheriff Balderson for his leadership and demanded the utmost professionalism of his people. He thanked everyone present and the entire department for all they do.

E. Proclamation – National Safe Boating Week

The Board decided not to read the proclamation into the record and the Chairman asked for a motion to adopt as presented.

With no further discussion, upon motion by Mr. McCormack, seconded by Mr. Hynson, carried unanimously, with Mr. Fisher, Mr. McCormack, Mr. Hynson, and Chairman Trivett voting "aye". The Board approved to adopt the proclamation for National Safe Boating Week as presented.

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F. Proclamation – Older Americans Month

The Board decided not to read the proclamation into the record, and the Chairman asked for a motion to adopt as presented.

With no further discussion, upon motion by Mr. McCormack, seconded by Mr. Hynson, carried unanimously, with Mr. Fisher, Mr. McCormack, Mr. Hynson, and Chairman Trivett voting “aye”. The Board approved to adopt the proclamation for Older Americans Month Week as presented.

4. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Request for Approval of Minutes, Board of Supervisors Meetings – April 1, 2026, April 8, 2026, April 13, 2026, and April 27, 2026

Chairman Trivett stated that everyone should have had an opportunity to review the minutes from the Regular Board meeting on April 1, 2026, April 8, 2026, April 13, 2026 and April 27, 2026. The Chairman asked whether any changes were needed to the minutes; if not, he asked for a motion to approve.

With no further discussion, upon motion by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Hynson, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the minutes from the April 1, 2026, April 8, 2026, April 13, 2026, and April 27, 2026, as presented.

5. REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVALS

A. Request for Approval of Accounts Payable April 2026

Chairman Trivett stated that you all received the Accounts Payable for April 2026. He then asked if there were any questions, observations, or concerns. If not, Chairman Trivett asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable as presented for April 2026.

With no further discussion, upon motion by Mr. McCormack, seconded by Mr. Hynson, with Mr. McCormack voting “aye”, Mr. Hynson voting “aye”, Mr. Fisher voting “aye”, and the Chairman voting “aye”. The Board approved the Accounts Payable for April 2026, as presented.

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B. Request for Approval of Payroll Register April 2026

Chairman Trivett stated that you all received the Payroll Register for April 2026. He then asked if there were any questions, observations, or concerns. If not, Chairman Trivett asked for a motion to approve the Payroll Register as presented for April 2026.

With no further discussion, upon motion by Mr. McCormack seconded by Mr. Fisher, with Mr. McCormack voting "aye", Mr. Hynson voting "aye", Mr. Fisher voting "aye", and the Chairman voting "aye". The Board approved the Payroll Register for April 2026, as presented.

C. Appropriation – DSS Budget Supplement

Tiffany Gordon, Assistant Director of Social Services, came to the podium to discuss the appropriation. She stated that she is requesting an appropriation of \$113,746.00. She mentioned that \$300 of those funds represents family partnership meetings, and the remainder represents the local funds the board approved in April 2025 as part of the fiscal 2026 budget to support the salary increases. She further stated that the board did approve the funds during the budget process, but the corresponding appropriation was not brought forward for approval. She requested the board to formally appropriate these funds.

Chairman Trivett asked the pleasure of the Board.

With no further discussion, upon motion by Mr. McCormack seconded by Mr. Fisher, with Mr. McCormack voting "aye", Mr. Hynson voting "aye", Mr. Fisher voting "aye", and the Chairman voting "aye". The Board approved the appropriation for the DSS budget supplement in the amount of \$113,746.00, as presented.

D. Appropriation-CSA Budget Supplement- Comprehensive Services

Bobby Duke, CSA Coordinator, was present to discuss the appropriation. He provided background on CSA. He stated that CSA stands for the Children's Services Act, enacted by the General Assembly in 1993 to provide mandated funding for services supporting eligible at-risk children. He stated that the Code of Virginia requires each locality to establish a CSA Program and that at-risk children fall into 4 categories, including foster children, special education students who require an out-of-school placement, children who are eligible for

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CHINS, and children who have been court-ordered to CSA. He stated that the CSA Program has funded 20-day school placements this fiscal year, 2 CSA parental agreements, 11 foster care children, and 6 who receive community-based services, for a total of 39 children. The approved budget for the fiscal year was \$2.2 million. Last year, the CSA Program served 43 children and spent \$1.9 million. They served 4 fewer this year but gained 5 more with various needs and can expect an increase of 5%-12% per year. He stated that he is asking for an additional \$200,000; the local match is \$60,500, with the Commonwealth reimbursing the remainder.

Mr. McCormack asked Ms. Cogswell if the appropriations are a part of last year's budget that were not previously.

Ms. Cogswell stated that, but for this one, the previous appropriation was sometimes based on current figures. As the programs add more eligible children and costs increase, they have to come back and ask for more to cover the additional children.

Mr. Duke stated that they do their best to forecast what next year will look like based on the previous year, and additional children tend to arise, which in turn requires more money to cover those additional costs.

Chairman Trivett asked what the pleasure of the Board was.

With no further discussion, upon motion by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. McCormack, carried unanimously, with Mr. Fisher, Mr. McCormack, Mr. Hynson, and Chairman Trivett voting "aye". The board approved the Appropriation for CSA Budget Supplement of Comprehensive Services in the amount of \$200,000 as presented.

6. PRESENTATIONS

A. Town of Colonial Beach Update, Natasha Tucker, Town Manager

Robin Schick, the Mayor, was present to discuss the town's events. A new cell tower was approved by Food Lion, which will enhance 5G service for Verizon. She noted that it will benefit the county and the town and will also support communications devices for first responders. There is also availability for 2 service providers on the towers; AT&T and T-Mobile are possibly interested. Colonial Beach Volunteer Fire Department will be putting up a garage behind Lenny's and will serve as storage and an event center. They are looking

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forward to more discussion regarding Colonial Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad and asked for a follow-up on where that stands currently. She then asked the county for help with Save the Bay Day on June 6th, 2026. She noted that they were tremendous help in cleaning up the trash on 205 in the past and asked for any assistance the county can provide for that event, which would be appreciated. They vote on their budget at the next council meeting and expect an increase of \$7.00 a month in their water and sewer rates.

Mr. McCormack stated that he has been working with Verizon to help with dead zones in his district and asked if they had been told how far the service would reach.

Mayor Schick stated that a map is provided and that they allowed this tower to go to 150 feet, which should help increase the distance. She asked Mr. McCormack to send her an email and will send him their map so he can get a better idea. She noted that the new tower will help a lot on town hill when they have vendors to help with mobile transactions.

B. Town of Montross Update, Fran Taylor, Town Manager

Fran Taylor, Town Manager, was present to discuss town events. She thanked the Sheriff's Office for all they do and for their quick response to any issues that arise. Their Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals have new members, and all boards are now full for the first time in a while. On June 2, 2026, the Montross Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing to consider a lot boundary adjustment request for a developer proposing a new home development on Zacata Road. The development proposes 65 new, affordable single-family homes. The May town council meeting will be held on May 19th, 2026, due to the Memorial Day Holiday, and the budget will be heard that night as well. The First Friday was canceled due to a death in the family of one of the band members, and they were unable to replace them. The next one will be on June 5th at 5:00 p.m. The Fall Festival is underway, with the focus on the 250th Anniversary Celebration, and volunteers are being sought. They have made changes to the park, including new lighting, and have taken safety precautions throughout the park. She stated that the love sign is being refurbished and should be back up soon. The contract to fix the waterline has been awarded to a company in Kilmarnock. Work will start on Forest Drive to allow them to use the remaining grant funds that need to

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be used by September, then move to Carver Street, and then to Kings Highway. They are trying to raise funds to put up banners around the town as the holidays approach.

C. VDOT Monthly Report, David Beale, Resident Engineer

Mr. Beale was present and read the Monthly report that was given to all members prior to the meeting. He noted that they are starting their first mow of the year at the beginning of June, which will include litter pick-up. He stated that the surface treatment hasn't started yet and will start on Charles Way, Due Rue, and Holly Way at the end of May.

Mr. McCormack stated that a pipe on Armed Forces Drive needs to be cleaned out.

Chairman Trivett asked Mr. Fisher for an update on the beavers.

Mr. Fisher stated that they moved and that the water seems to be flowing well.

Mr. Beale stated that in another county, he and his assistant tried to fight back and pulled everything out of the beaver dam, and by the next day, half of the dam was rebuilt.

Chairman Trivett asked Mr. Beale when the litter pick-up is scheduled, which is on 205.

Mr. Beale stated that it is scheduled for the first week in June.

Chairman Trivett stated that it was a good thing due to the Stratford Hall event on June 6th and 7th, which will be a huge turnout.

7. ACTION ITEMS

A. PUBLIC HEARING - VDOT Six-Year Secondary Plan Presentation, David Beale, Resident Engineer

Mr. Beale gave a presentation on the six-year secondary plan for Westmoreland County and read it slide by slide. His first slide covered the plan's duration, the construction program, and estimated allocations. He then went through each road currently in the plan. He spoke about Skipjack Road and reviewed the allocations and fund sources, such as revenue sharing, telecommunications, and local funds. He also discussed what was expended and what is currently available throughout the six-year plan. He then reviewed Charles Way and discussed fund sources such as telecommunications and unpaved DGP, allocations, what was expended, and what is available throughout the time frame. He noted that the project is almost complete and plans to surface treat it at the end of the month. The next project is

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on Ashbury Road and is described as a state-maintained gravel road that they plan to hard surface using unpaved road funds. He then went through the fund source, allocations, what was expended, and what is available through that six-year period. The last two that Mr. Beale discussed were countywide engineering & survey and the future unpaved road fund, and he stated that it is funds until they are allocated to a certain project when the board decides what to use it for. He stated that there is \$162,766 available in tele fees and \$202,270 in the unpaved road fund through fiscal year 2032. His next slide reviewed the Rural Rustic Roads program and the criteria needed. He then showed a list of the county's unpaved roads and highlighted a section that serves more than 50 cars per day, stating that there are sufficient funds to allocate 6/10 of a mile to hard surface. He mentioned that, because the county receives more than \$100,000 in the plan annually, it needs to be updated each year. He stated that they will not start on Ashbury Road until the fiscal year 2028, which begins July 2027, and that they will already have work to do by next fall. He mentioned that he will come back before the board in the spring of 2027, and if the board wants to wait to add any other projects before then, until they receive more funds, they can. He stated that if the board would like to add a project they know of that is 6/10 of a mile, it can be added tonight and start in fiscal year 2029, or if it is a big project, they will start on it in 2032. He stated that someone reached out to him advocating to hard surface New Monrovia Road.

After Mr. Beale's presentation, he asked if the board had any questions.

Mr. Hynson felt that hard surfacing New Monrovia Road would greatly improve traffic flow and may reduce litter on the road.

Chairman Trivett asked what the requirements were to add New Monrovia Road to the plan.

Mr. Beale stated that the road is about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile, but it can make it work because there are fewer entrances on that road. He noted that they will still need public comment, but once the board decides, it can move to adopt, as amended, whichever road it chooses.

There was no further discussion, and Chairman Trivett opened the public hearing portion of the meeting for the VDOT 6-year Secondary Plan. Below is who spoke during the public hearing.

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Robin Schick- She lives at 306 Hamilton Street, and she seconded the idea of paving New Monrovia Road and felt that it would help with the littering issue on that road.

Richard Wilkins- He lives on Cedar Hill Road and stated that VDOT did a great job on Charles Way and is the best road in the area right now. He felt that if there was any leftover material, they could put it on Pomona Road. He thirded the paving of New Monrovia Road.

Let the record show that no one else came to the podium during the public hearing for the VDOT 6- year Secondary Plan, and Chairman Trivett closed that portion of the meeting.

Chairman Trivett then came back to the board and asked if they had any questions or what the pleasure was.

With no further discussion, upon motion by Mr. McCormack, seconded by Mr. Hynson, carried unanimously, with Mr. Fisher, Mr. McCormack, Mr. Hynson, and Chairman Trivett voting “aye”. The Board approved the motion to adopt the VDOT Six-Year Secondary Plan as presented, with the amendment to include New Monrovia Road.

Mr. Fisher felt that when there is a big project in a supervisor's district, the supervisor typically doesn't ask for any other projects, but he stated that there are a few roads in his district that could be considered in the plan.

B. Proposed Amendment to Land Use Fee Schedule, Richard Stuart, Jr., Director – Land Use

Mr. Stuart Jr. was present to discuss the proposed amendment. He stated that he is before the board to request authorization for himself and Ms. Cogswell to amend the current fee schedule for the Land Use Department. He mentioned that the schedule hasn't been updated since September 2016 and remains consistent with the processes and procedures and the costs to run certain cases. He then reviewed several comparable localities, such as King George and Richmond County. He explained the rationale for the increase and provided an example case to break down the costs. He then stated that they meet the amount before it even comes to the board.

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Mr. McCormack agreed with the amendment that if someone expects something by land use, the rest of the taxpayers should not have to pay for it. If they have to raise the prices slightly for that individual project, then he is okay with it.

Mr. Stuart Jr. stated that this was the reason he targeted cases on a case-by-case basis rather than the building and zoning permits. He stated that if someone calls and asks for advice, they would bill him. They are here to help, but if someone asks for a zoning verification letter, which is legally binding and can be very time-consuming and expensive, they would bill for it. He noted that this county is one of the few that doesn't charge for that.

Mr. Stuart asked if they would need a public hearing after it is adopted.

Mr. Stuart Jr. stated that he would like approval for Ms. Cogswell and himself to amend the fee schedule and to request a public hearing before the new fiscal year begins.

Mr. Stuart stated that the motion should authorize Mr. Stuart Jr. to work with Ms. Cogswell to revise the fees and to authorize a public hearing in June to take effect July 1, 2026.

With no further discussion, upon motion by Mr. McCormack, seconded by Mr. Hynson, carried unanimously, with Mr. Fisher, Mr. McCormack, Mr. Hynson, and Chairman Trivett voting "aye". The board approved that motion to authorize Mr. Stuart Jr. to work with Ms. Cogswell to revise the fees and to authorize a public hearing in June to take effect July 1, 2026.

C. Fifth Amendment to Option and Lease Agreement between Westmoreland County and Verizon Wireless

Mr. Stuart stated that it is another amendment to the lease with Verizon regarding one of the county's towers and this updates the equipment. Mr. Stuart mentioned that he has reviewed the documents and the legal side of the amendment and they are fine. He noted that he can't speak to the listed equipment but assumed it had been reviewed for replacement on the tower. He mentioned that it doesn't change the amount they are paying, but the lease requires them to describe what equipment will go on the tower. Chairman Trivett asked the location of the tower.

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Ms. Cogswell stated that it is the one in Montross, and they did have Shawnn Manthey review the list to make sure everything was good.

Mr. McCormack stated that he needs help with cell coverage in his district at Glebe Harbor and Cabin Point. He felt they could offer Verizon a deal in which Verizon would pay less and get more coverage in that area.

Mr. Stuart stated that what he has learned is that when they go to 5G, the signal doesn't cover as much, which is why they are putting up more and lower towers.

Mr. McCormack understood that the county owns a tower by Nomini Creek, and there may be an option to allow them to place equipment on that tower as well.

Ms. Cogswell stated that she will reach out to their contact and see what could be done.

With no further discussion, upon motion by Mr. McCormack, seconded by Mr. Hynson, carried unanimously, with Mr. Fisher, Mr. McCormack, Mr. Hynson, and Chairman Trivett voting "aye". The Board approved the Fifth Amendment to the Option and Lease Agreement between Westmoreland County and Verizon Wireless as presented.

D. Appointments to Commissions

i. Wetlands Board – replacement for resignation (District 2)

Chairman Trivett asked Mr. McCormack if he had any recommendations for District 2 for the Wetlands Board.

Mr. McCormack didn't have any recommendations at this time.

ii. Merrimac Juvenile Detention Center appointment

Chairman Trivett stated that the Former County Administrator, Mr. Taylor was representing the county on that board. He asked if there were any recommendations.

Ms. Cogswell stated that she would serve on Merrimac Juvenile Detention Center board if the board agrees.

With no further discussion, upon motion by Mr. McCormack, seconded by Mr. Fisher, carried unanimously, with Mr. Fisher, Mr. McCormack, Mr. Hynson, and

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Chairman Trivett voting “aye”. The board approved to appoint of Donna Cogswell to represent the county on the Merrimac Juvenile Detention Center board.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Trivett stated that they are now at the Public Comment portion of the meeting, where they will hear from the public present. He asked whoever would like to come to the podium to state their name for the record and proceed to address the Board. Below is who spoke during Public Comment.

Richard Wilkins- He started with a quote with no author that said, “Look how often the unexpected happens, yet we still will never expect it.” Mr. Wilkins then stated that he thought the board brought Mr. Risavi back as a contractor to aid with the loans in the budget and asked how much longer he would be employed. He felt that Ms. Cogswell could handle things without his input and that she took over when Mr. Prescott was terminated and during the investigation of the commercial haulers. He then announced the Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic event at the A. T Johnson building this Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Mr. Wilkins closed with a quote that said if you never find the solution, you don’t see the problem.

Mike Mills- On May 16, 2026, the Northern Neck Antique Auto Club Car Show will be at Stan’s Skate land from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. He invited the Board and all present to attend.

Ernell Jones- She recognized May as Mental Health Awareness Month and as a part of the Tourette Association of America they were able to go to Henrico County and train their school counselors on how to recognize Tourette’s in the classroom. She noted that she would like to see that happen in this county as well, and it helps recognize behavior difficulties brought on by Tourette’s and other neurodivergent issues. She mentioned that they do training for first responders on Tourette’s awareness.

Chairman Trivett asked her to give the clerk her contact information and will pass that information over to the school system and the sheriff’s office.

Mr. Ingram joined the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Larry Hinson- He stated that the primary road going towards Oak Grove, westbound by Washington District, is in bad shape. He also mentioned that the Westmoreland County sign on King George, eastbound, is gone and needs to be replaced.

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After public comment concluded, Chairman Trivett gave Mr. Ingram a chance to share any comments before they called for a closed session.

Mr. Ingram stated that his lateness was due to the graduation at Northern Neck Tech Center, where 165 students graduated, more than in any single high school class. He also commended Ms. Cogswell for stepping into the Interim role again and thanked her for all her hard work. He noted that he learned yesterday she came in to work on Mother's Day, and he thanked her, saying she is the glue that holds this county together. Mr. Ingram then spoke about the Boys and Girls Club, which serves over 200 youth in the county. He mentioned that the program provides leadership and mentorship, a safe place to learn, and nutritious meals. He stated that there is an open house for the Boys and Girls Club on May 20th, a free community event from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mr. Ingram encouraged all present to come and see what they have to offer to young children. Mr. Ingram stated that Parks and Recs was closed many years ago, which is a shame, as they now pay the YMCA for a satellite office and do not get their money's worth. He felt they needed to bring Parks and Recreation back into the county to increase engagement and keep young people off the street. He felt they could use the old W & L High School building to start their own gym to help young adults as well. He stated that he has heard comments that this county doesn't need an economic developer, but felt it was needed because if you aren't growing, you're dying in life and in business. He mentioned that they need it to have economic growth so they don't have to raise taxes. He also stated that they should form an advisory group to better understand what citizens need and are asking for.

Chairman Trivett stated that he has gotten in the habit of being able to call on the weekends and is always available, but he was surprised to hear that Ms. Cogswell came in on Mother's Day. He admired her hard work and her always being available to this board and the residents of the county. He stated that it is well deserved to recognize Ms. Cogswell.

9. CLOSED SESSION under section 2.2-3711. (A) (1), discussion, consideration, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body.

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Chairman Trivett read the code section into the record and then asked for a motion to go into closed session.

With no further discussion, upon motion by Mr. McCormack, seconded by Mr. Hynson, and carried unanimously, the Board moved into closed session.

RECORDING WAS STOPPED, AND THE MEETING MOVED TO CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Trivett asked for a motion to return to the Regular Session from the Closed Session.

Upon motion by Mr. McCormack, seconded by Mr. Fisher, and carried unanimously, the Board returned to Regular Session from Closed Session.

Chairman Trivett then asked for a Certification Motion stating that nothing other than what was listed on the call under Sec 2.2-3711 (A)(1) was discussed during the Closed Session, and no action was taken.

Upon motion by Mr. McCormack, seconded by Mr. Fisher, and carried unanimously, Mr. Fisher, Mr. McCormack, Mr. Ingram, Mr. Hynson, and the Chairman voted "aye." The Certification Motion was approved.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Trivett asked whether there was any further business to bring before the Board, if not, he asked for a Motion to Adjourn.

With no further business, upon Motion by Mr. McCormack Seconded by Mr. Fisher, carried unanimously. The Board adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is Monday, May 27, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.in the George D. English, Sr. Memorial Building.

Chairman, 