

County Business

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At a regular meeting of the King George County Board of Supervisors, held on Monday, the 21st day of April, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Revercomb Building at 10459 Courthouse Drive, King George, Virginia:

PRESENT: Annie Cupka, Vice-Chairman
Jeff Bueche, Member
Richard Granger, Member
Neiman C. Young, County Administrator

REMOTE ATTENDANCE: Cathy Binder, Chairman
Jeff Stonehill, Member
Matt Britton, County Attorney

Madam Chair: I call to order, this meeting of the King George County supervisors. We have a quorum present in the boardroom and Mr. Jeff Stonehill and I are attending the meeting remotely based on our policy. Right now I bring it up my agenda. All right is there any amendments to the agenda, Dr. Young?

Dr. Young: No Madam Chair.

Madam Chair: All right, we will open it up to public comment. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person in order to afford everyone an opportunity to speak. If comments relate to a specific public hearing item, we ask that you offer these comments at the time of the public hearing. Do we have any email response people in the board room or anybody online who likes to give public comments?

Dr. Young: Madam Chair we don't have anyone in a boardroom but I did receive correspondence via email. The correspondence is from Kathy Dyson or the freelance star. She asked that someone please read this question during the public comment tonight for the nine deaths from COVID 19 in the Rappahannock area health district were King George residents and there were more from King George than any other locality in the district. Spotsylvania County has had three deaths and Stafford County two deaths. I hope board members could offer comments or any perspective on these deaths. Thank you. And stay safe, Kathy Dyson.

Madam Chair: Thank you Dr. Young. Did anybody else have any correspondence? I see that would be no. So we will move on to reports from members of the board. Mr. Stonehill, since you're online, you go first.

Mr. Stonehill: All right outside of talking to a number of constituents and people asking questions. Wednesday the eighth, I along with everybody else attended our next budget work session here for the County. Wednesday the 15th I called in and jumped on the phone conference from Rob Whitman's office for more news of what's going from the DC side and locally through our area about the COVID outbreak. That evening I also tended in another County budget work session via computer, Thursday the 16th, the logged on to Mary Washington's Facebook page and watch their town hall meeting when they speak. They spoke about more pertinent information about the COVID virus, clinical info and more of community resources that are available for the public. I just wanted to say my thoughts and condolences go out of our community for people who have lost loved ones to this virus and other related issues and seems like we're getting more and more of those. That's it very short for me.

Madam Chair: Thank you. Mr. Stonehill. Miss Cupka?

Miss. Cupka: Yes, ma'am. Before mentioning my recent activities, I would like to shine a spotlight in honor of national library week April 19th to 25th on a County department that just like all of our other departments has continued to provide services to our community despite its closure, its Smoot library. Our library never missed a beat since beginning curbside pickup on March 17th, our library staff have provided over 400 pickups of more than 2,576 items. That's data as of Friday, April 17th the total circulation for the month was 9,079 items including digital resources and renewable. In addition to library materials, they are also distributing tax forms, craft kits, census promotional items and starting today can make available the garden club of Virginia historic garden week 2020 commemorative booklet if you request it. Many other libraries in our region are closed. We are fortunate to have a local small town library that can sustain providing services to our citizens given the circumstances.

Thank you to our library, director and staff for all they're doing. I mentioned gardening week today. We would have celebrated our 300 years by visiting five historic properties and St. Paul's church during the garden week tour. I want to thank the owners of those properties for volunteering for the tour even though it didn't come to fruition this year. I hope you will consider participating next year. If you all haven't seen the booklet yet you can request a copy from the library. It really would have been a spectacular event. April 8th and 15th attended the County budget work sessions. Thank you to County staff for your hard work as we continue our budget process and thank you to all the County

department directors who have taken pains to cut their budget back as much as possible given the revenue shortfalls we are anticipating. Monday, April 13th participated in a conference call for planning districts with Senator Tim Kaine at the invitation of George Washington regional commission.

It has been noted on the federal level how important broadband access is. Like we've been saying here in King George for years to rural communities like ours when online working learning and healthcare strategies have to be implemented broadly and hopefully the funding for that follows. Thursday, April 16th the Mary Washington hospital online town hall, Friday April 17th participated in a conference call for elected officials hosted by Congressman Rob Wittman. I asked four questions during the call and I'll briefly summarize the answers here. Number one, COVID 19 case recovery data intentionally was not built into the VDH website. In order to make the public cognizant of the severity of the situation. I was told if you want information regarding recovery data to scroll to the bottom of the COVID 19 page on Virginia department of health website and click on the link for the VHHA dashboard.

They are reporting some recovery statistics there. Number two funds for the paycheck protection program ran out fairly quickly. There is a plan in the works to issue more funding in another round of stimulus bills. Number three, the nice bridge project is still on track and has not been affected and number four federal funds allocated to Virginia will be disbursed based on percentage of population, not based on severity of outbreak in individual localities. That's good news for us. It'll be distributed fairly based on population. To our first responders, healthcare workers, grocery and pharmacy workers. Thank you again for putting yourselves in harm's way to make sure our basic needs continue to be met. To our community please keep doing what you're doing to care for yourselves and your families and get fresh air and exercise following the social distancing guidelines to stay healthy, please stay at home unless you need food medicine or necessary supplies or an essential worker per the governor's order.

Do what you can to check in on your neighbors and friends. We have had four of our elderly citizens succumb to disease. Each of them was someone important to someone else in our community, whether that be a parent, grandparent, spouse, friend, et cetera. They are why we've been asked to stay home when we can. Some of you are frightened, some of you are angry. I understand that all of these action, all of these reactions are real and they vary from person to person. Please remember, we are all in this together and we need to work together to get through this. I have been inspired by the many groups of citizens doing what they can to help their fellow man. Individuals and groups have sawn mass quantities of masks provided meals to our first

responders. Nonprofits have provided childcare at no charge to medical personnel, provided school supplies to our students learning from home and provide a drive through food bank services to those in need. That's the caring community that is King George County. Thank you again to all of you in our community for the opportunity to serve you. Please don't hesitate to contact me with your cares and concerns for our community. Thank you.

Madam Chair: Thank you Miss. Cupka, Mr. Bueche.

Mr. Bueche: Thank you Madam Chair. On the eighth and the 15th I also attended the budget work session that we held. Yesterday evening I followed the school boards meeting very closely online. With that I'd like to say that fear is being utilized here from a virus that is affected 0.12% of the Commonwealth's population of that percentage, which is based off of cumulative numbers from the first positive test of a Marine at Fort Belvoir on March 7th. I can't seem to get a straight answer on recoveries or even what are no longer active cases from the Virginia department of health. They don't seem to like the word recovery. Meanwhile, 100% of the Commonwealth of Virginia is affected by these orders. With that some are saying that this is a new normal. I don't agree with that statement at all.

I think it's time to get back to normal. It's time to make serious plans, not an overnight reaction, but to make plans to reopen Virginia to get to work on addressing ultimate recession we are facing that will touch every single Virginia household. With that to Miss. Kathy Dyson's question that Dr. Young read earlier, it is heartbreaking that people's, passing elderly if COVID 19 contributed to their deaths. It's heartbreaking, but COVID is not the single factor in some of the deaths that that are being reported by the Virginia department of health. There are other mitigating circumstances, preexisting conditions. It also go in line with that. I seriously questioned the numbers that are coming out of the Virginia department of health and until they find a point where they can be truly transparent. I'm giving very little credibility as far as myself towards the numbers that they're reporting here. Thank you, Madam Chair. That concludes my report.

Madam Chair: Thank you. Mr. Bueche. Mr. Granger.

Mr. Granger: Yes ma'am. Thank you. I also attended the budget work sessions, the eighth and the 15th. I would like to say thank you to staff for finding a way tightened belts. We're definitely have a challenging year coming up and I appreciate they're fruitfulness in finding what the bare minimum is they need in order to continue operations. I'm sure the citizens as well appreciate their, fruitfulness. Thank you that the staff for that. Other than that, I'd like to say I had correspondence from Mr. Clark the parks and rec head of parks and rec and he's also leading up the King George

census complete count committee. He let me know that we are currently at 58.1% above the people in the County are, have responded and, and given their information. That's the household. And I'd just like to encourage all people, if you have the opportunity and the means to please go online that's the easiest way.

If you have internet connectivity, I know there are a number of people who don't. It is my 2020 census.gov. And if you don't have internet connectivity, if you, if you have a trusted friend or a relative who you could have maybe helped you, if they do have connectivity please feel free. Please reach out to them as well with keeping in mind social distancing and all of those regulations in place and don't want anyone to endanger themselves. But this is also an important activity to get done as well. With all that said, census workers will start field operations beginning June 13th, it's been pushed back, I believe from the original date. I don't recall what the original date was off the top of my head, but so for those people who have not responded, starting that date, they'll people be, people in the field will be going around the houses to try to collect that data, which is, as I said, very important. Other than that, I just like to say I keep it all, all the people who are impacted by what's going on in my prayers, which I believe everyone, whether it's illness or the shutdown and financial situations. They're, they're all in my mind, so just say that. Thank you.

Madam Chair:

Thank you. Mr. Granger. I'm going to touch on a couple of things before the board report that I had already prepared to question for Miss. Dyson. While I can go on, since do go out to all those in the community that have lost loved ones and are affected by COVID 19 as it touches King George and that also goes to King George residents and might've had family members or friends outside of the area that have been touched by this disease. On our County website I had asked Dr. Young last week to make the information more accessible, so especially older residents or people not as familiar with our website can find the information on COVID a little easier. I thank you Dr. Young and the IT staff or, and for anybody else involved in that for making that possible people got, I think can read it a little more easier now.

I really appreciate you doing that for our citizens. Miss. Cupka mentioned the GWRC call and I asked Senator Kaine on that call about our broadband and that I was appreciative that he was addressing it because a lot of people think that King George is covered, because we're so close to DC in Fredericksburg and people don't realize that we're really underserved with broadband. I mean, myself included and it was I just want to get it out there that people understand that we are not served in broad. We really need help with broadband. I did appreciate him acknowledging that easy mentioned us by name and mentioned Dahlgren. As Miss. Cupka kind of stole my thunder with all that information but, but I really appreciate Robin and her team for the

plan they came up with just before the COVID 19 break and I really appreciate all they've done servicing the citizens.

I know everyone that utilizes our really truly community library appreciates her and her staff for all they're doing to Try to help people out in this time to read a book or get a PA whatever they need to do. I really appreciate her and her staff. I'm going to read my board report that I prepared. I want to start off by thanking each and every King George resident that is making a difference in this community. What you do on a day to day basis, whether as a first responder, law enforcement, healthcare provider, school personnel, all there and maybe just checking in on your neighbor. Thank you for serving the citizens of King George. These are challenging times and with it comes hard choices that not only the government businesses or local residents needed to make on a day to day basis and it is very challenging.

With the ever changing information. We all need to work together to make the best decisions possible, so not always popular. They are made with great thought and attention. Each member of our board participates on numerous teleconferences for state and federal representatives on a weekly basis. Without input from our County staff and administration, we move forward and into a goal of reopening our community in a safe and planned manner. With this in mind, I will host a virtual town hall next Wednesday, April 29th is 6:00 PM. It will last one hour and information to tune into the Shiloh town hall as I'm calling it with GoToMeeting, which those that are online now using GoToMeeting might know or you can get the access to the information on the County website. On my Twitter page that I started, which is @Kathy Shiloh.

My colleagues I said it too early. If you could put that on your social media accounts to get the link, I would truly appreciate that. I want to thank our IT director Chris Dines for helping me out with this today. And I look forward to seeing you next Wednesday to hear your concerns and positive stories of how King George is weathering the COVID storm. I appreciate serving not only my constituents of the Shiloh district, but all of the King George County as a 2020 chairwoman of the board of supervisors. I hope to see you online next Wednesday. Thank you. With that, I moved to the consent agenda. Do I have a motion?

Mr. Granger: Move to accept as presented?

Mr. Bueche: Second.

Madam Chair: Any discussion? All those in favor?

All: Aye.

Madam Chair: Any nays? Chair votes aye. Motion carries. Move now to the County officials, reports constitutional officers.

Dr. Young: No report Madam Chair.

Madam Chair: All right. Thank you. Report to the County attorney.

Mr. Britton: Thank you Madam Chair. As you know, I've been working with Kaine administrator and a lot of the other County staff chief Moody and the sheriff and others in order to whether the storm as you correctly put it up, the pandemic and that's taken up most of everybody's time. I think both in thoughts and indeed. We have also had the regular County business that is going on. We've updated the County contracts. I've worked with the purchasing agent to do that for general service and agreement and the construction sheriffs as a professional services agreement. We entered into a bunch of other contracts related to COVID including trying to obtain Additional masks and PPE for the first responders. I'm also in the process as you know, of collecting the various board manuals and bylaws and procedures and make sure that they're in, good stead.

We have many of them as you know, from the EDA to the landfill to the tourism. There's just many boards. I'll be working with a County administrator and staff in order to get those going also and going over the copious and ever-changing advice from DOL CDC and the various EOC agencies regarding the a pandemic and the effect that it may have on workers of the County. There's all sorts of laws, the so-called family relief act and leave laws and working from home, remote working, there's cyber security issues for a lot of people working. We've tried to incorporate a lot of those powers and authorities into the emergency ordinance, which was drafted and passed by this board some time ago. We've also entered into a regional mutual aid agreement with the counties in our region, Fredericksburg, Stafford, Spotsylvania, Caroline in order to assist one another as needs may come up with responding to pandemic issues. Also, obviously there are as you heard, I think from Brad Hudson last time, they're going full force, their community development.

We have applications and building permit applications rezoning special exceptions. What have you on that front. Also monitoring the new laws that are coming out. Generally laws are passed by the general assembly. Go to the governor's one house for the other, to the house, the Senate ,Senate to the house. Then it goes to the governor's desk. Governor either signs it, vetoes it, I think the only vetoed one bill this year or make amendments to those and then send them back to the house for an up or down vote on the final day, which I believe is April 22nd this year. There are a number of laws affecting counties or that we monitor and go over those. I've been in touch with County Administrator and the

relevant people, whether they be the commissioner or the revenue or the treasure. What have you? We also looked at the new the problems that may come up with voting. I've spoken with the registrar about the things that may be handled there. As, you know, the governor has delayed certain things primaries, selections for cities, things like that. Until certain times. We've been monitoring those and just I think that's about it as a general overview of what's been going on the legal front in the County. So I appreciate the time.

Madam Chair: Thank you very much Mr. Britton and we always appreciate your information. And thank you for the report. Right next. Bring up line. Dr. Young permissions, he reports.

Miss. Cupka: Madam chair, Mr. Bueche would like to be acknowledged.

Madam Chair: Sorry Mr. Bueche. I didn't see because I was bringing up my agenda. Go ahead.

Mr. Bueche: Thank you. I apologize. I do have a question for the County attorney. Mr. Britton, do you have any status report or anything that you could provide to the board regarding the local taxing authority that is currently sitting waiting for the governor's signature? Is there anything you could provide to this board regarding that matter?

Mr. Britton: Sorry, I just want to make sure I'm answering their local taxing authority for what?

Mr. Bueche: For example, the cigarette tax is there-?

Mr. Britton: There, a couple of taxations which are before the general assembly, the one of them is a cigarette pack. is the cigarette tax is a tax that localities can impose on cigarette sales within the locality. Interestingly, that has always been for cities and towns. Towns are municipalities located inside of counties. I guess somebody figured out that if a town can do it, that a county should be able to do it. The bill was proposed, there was an identical bill in the house and the Senate at past it went to the governor's desk. He had until April the 11th to sign it, veto it or send back comments. He sent back comments on that bill to the house. They need to do an up or down vote on whether you accept the governor's comments and send it back to his desk.

What that does is it'll give counties the same authority that cities and towns would have on cigarette taxes. There is also a proposed tax. It's a revenue sharing bill relating to solar farms that we're tracking and we're going to see whether or not that passes. Again, I think that's on the CNADI the last day of the general assembly on April the 22nd. I have sent out a couple of reports about the cigarette tax and I'll let you know

what happens on that. We've also met on that Mr. Bueche with both the County treasurer and the commissioner of the revenue. In order to get a head start if that bill were to be passed on how that would be implemented. It's not a simple thing. It requires obtaining stamps, getting those stamps out to the people that sell them, make sure that the correct tax and revenue is collected and brought back into the general fund. They only two taxation bills that we've been monitoring or that I've been monitoring.

Mr. Bueche:

Thank you. The reason I brought that up I've done a little leg work on this and if anybody's a subject matter expert on, on this subject, it's my colleague Mr. Stonehill from back is in his days in uniform. One thing I'm looking at, the town of colonial beach has three stores sell cigarettes in that town. Colonial beach levies a 25 cent tax per pack of cigarettes that are sold in that township that translates to 80,000 dollars a year into their general fund. Now, olive live on it, off of Owens drive, just going into the sheets every morning to get a cup of coffee or to get a soda, whatever I need to wake up at least three people in front of me in line with Maryland tags are buying four cartons of cigarettes per person. That's a lot of revenue that is leaving this County. Especially when we are facing a recession, when we are making significant cuts to our budget, that's something that needs to be tapped in. I look at it as a double advantage to this County. One it brings in much needed revenue, but two, hopefully this can stamp down this issue we have with smuggling of cigarettes on this 301 corridor. Thank you Mr. Britton for that brief. Today's 21st if this needs to be passed by tomorrow, the 22nd hopefully that happens and I'll look forward to moving forward with this. Thank you very much, sir.

Mr. Britton:

You're welcome. I'll work with Mr. Stonehill Becky and I worked together years ago on some of the a BATF rates. You're quite right. It was a federal issue because when they smuggle cigarettes unstamped on cigarettes in and out, there's really no, we aided and assisted in those matters taskforce but did not gain any revenue as a result cause there was no County taxation. That's another complicating factor that of course we'll work on to make sure when those occur in the federal regulation in federal champ regulations and raids happened to catch those, that the County also it benefits from which called asset forfeiture when those illegal cigarettes are being trucked over the line. Being on the border with Maryland on 301 and the trucks running up and down there. That's another complicating factor under asset forfeiture that maybe some of the other counties don't have if they're not a border County. We'll be sure to incorporate that as well. And I'll definitely coordinate with Mr. Stonehill if the bill passes.

Madam Chair:

Thank you. Mr. Britton. Does anybody else have any questions on? Nope. Well thank you Mr. Britton. Doctor Young do we have any board commission agency reports?

Dr. Young: No ma'am.

Madam Chair: All right, so we move to 4-14 any other presentations and reports?

Dr. Young: No, Madam Chair.

Madam Chair: All right. We'll move to 4-15 County administration landfill post agreement. Dr. Young.

Dr. Young: George County in waste management, the solid waste company has been authorized to a sub 1,248,000 tons of waste in the King George County landfill. The host agreement also requires waste management to lobby the governing body for authorization to receive any tonnage in excess of the 1,248,000 ceiling as necessary. Over the past three years, waste management has seen either an increase in business or catastrophic failures of key infrastructure across the Commonwealth. As a result, the company has sought authorization for XX tonnage over the last three years. Prior to the current state of our national economy, waste management forecasted a sustained need for landfill space to accommodate as business. However, the company finds the proven additional landfill space on a case by case basis to be unpredictable and not conducive to their ability to plan for future operations. As a result, waste management has sent King George County a request to update the host agreement for the landfill. Some basic proposal of the new agreement include-

Increasing the annual tonnage for 1,248,000 tons to 1,800,000 tons, a return for increasing the annual tonnage limit. Waste management has offered to increase the premium for tonnage and excess of the established 1,248,000 ceiling. The premium for excess tonnage is proposed to increase from 50 cents per ton to 55 cents per ton. We recommend that you authorize the County administrator and County attorney to negotiate and execute an amendment to the host agreement. Authorizes tonnage to be increased from 1,248,000 tons to 1,600,000 tons and allow that agreement to expire on December 31st, 2025. I've attached to your board reports the proposed agreement but waste management, the landfill tonnage years over the last eight years, I'm sorry, nine years and a forecast detailing what how additional tonnage would affect lifespan landfill. In addition, I invited David Howard, the district manager for waste management while also operates the King George County landfill to speak and entertain any questions or concerns from the board. I now defer to Mr. Howard.

Madam Chair: Mr. Howard,

Mr. Howard: Good evening?

Madam Chair: Good evening to you.

Mr. Howard: I have a little bit of a hard time understanding Neiman or the phone. Did you say that the annual limit will be 1.6 million?

Dr. Young: I said that w the County staff recommends that we amend the agreement to be increased from 1.248 million tons to 1.6 million tons and put an expiration date on it. December 31st, 2025 or five years.

Madam Chair: Mr. Howard, did you hear that?

Mr. Howard: I'm sorry. Is it 1.6 million for five years?

Dr. Young: That's correct.

Mr. Howard: Okay. Well, unfortunately I, that's a little different than we had proposal, the amendment. I don't have the authority to make that change without taking it back to my group.

Madam Chair: Well Mr. Howard, would you like to brief the board just in the public? Just a minute to about where he reached out to us or give any feedback, we'd just like to have questions from the board.

Mr. Howard: Sure, absolutely. As we've seen, I think we've discussed this. Most members of the board, we've had a big volume downturn. I wonder if that has been affected by this pandemic as well. We've seen anywhere from 30 to 40% reduction in volumes across the industry. With that we would like to have some flexibility to be able to flex back what if and when this long road to recovery we are able to recover of this tons. To be able to flash back and pick up some volume whenever, if when it's available and to go from there.

Madam Chair: All right. Thank you. Mr. Howard. Miss. Cupka do you have any questions?

Miss. Cupka: Dr. Young, I realized there's a little bit of confusion here. Waste management came in at 1.8 and you and County staff are recommending 1.6, is how I read the board report.

Dr. Young: Yes, that's, that's correct Madam Chair. We did a review of the forecasting and felt that 1.8 may be a much and we felt that that will have a significant impact on the county's life cycle, especially given if it was to run into perpetuity. I had a conversation with Mr. Howard on that and Mr. Howard, I'm sorry, what number did we, did we not, if 1.6 wasn't a number that we thought was doable, can you enlighten me on our conversation and what we thought would be a doable number?

Madam Chair: Mr. Howard, did you hear Dr. Young?

Mr. Howard: Unfortunately, I can hear him but I really can't make out. Unfortunately I can't make it all exactly what Dr. Young is saying. I can hear him speaking but I cannot make out what he is saying unfortunately

Dr. Young: Ma'am, can you pass that message along to him? I thought that would discuss 1.6 was a doable figure for him. If it wasn't 1.6 can you ask him what number did he say was doable. We did discuss that 1.8 was pretty challenging.

Madam Chair: Alright, Mr. Howard. The question was 1.6. Is that, is that doable or what, how'd you come to the 1.8 number or you know, those that make the decisions, is there a number that is doable or is that something you would have to go back and ask your superiors?

Mr. Howard: Unfortunately, I have to go back on the stuff that with my superiors. I mean I think that 1.6 is probably a number that everyone could, I can certainly work with. I just don't have the authority to speak on that without taking that back to my superiors.

Madam Chair: Thank you. Miss Cupka do you have another questions I see your hand up.

Miss Cupka: Yes please. Madam Chair if I could continue. SI guess my hesitation is this would lock us in until 2025 so that's for five years. I think Madam Chair, I would recommend that maybe we get at least board consensus now to come up with a number that we, the governing body would be comfortable with so that Mr. Howard is very clear and direct on what the governing bodies wishes are. Because I got to be honest with you, I'm not even sure I'm comfortable with 1.6 because when I look at the last page of the presentation or the attachment in the packet, the tonnage, the remaining life of site years, I got to tell you that I would be a little more inclined to look at the 1.472 with the 23 years.

Mr. Granger: I apologize. I think there's some confusion because I'd certainly had some confusion and I think part of my confusion is the five year length of this agreement. Was Mr. Howard, was your understanding that this agreement would be for five years or was your understanding that it would be in perpetuity?

Mr. Howard: I'm sorry Mr. Granger I can't make it very well either. Could you relate that again for me Madam Chair cause I can hear you clearly.

Madam Chair: Yeah. I can help Mr. Granger out and help you out Mr. Howard, asking do you understand it or do you understand previously it being a five year agreement or in perpetuate until the landfill is closed?

Mr. Howard: This was just until the landfill closed. I was not aware of the five year. Just trying as well. Again, these are things that we certainly could probably work through. I just, I didn't know that that was on the table right now. Awesome.

Madam Chair: Okay. Mr. Granger, why don't you ask your question and then I'll relate to Mr. Howard.

Mr. Granger: I appreciate that. I apologize Miss. Cupka I just, okay. Thank you. Mr. Howard provided an Excel spreadsheet to myself. I'd spoken with him about it and I shared with him my, my biggest concern was the lifespan of the landfill and the fact that its revenue source for the County and long-term planning, making sure that we don't set the County up for a difficult situation down the road. I would assume now that based off when I'm hearing the Excel spreadsheet sheet he provided to me is showing the impact to the lifespan based on an in perpetuity idea as opposed to a five year idea. And if that's the case, my quick off the cuff of math, if we were to go with a 1.6 million tonnage for five years, I believe it would cut off 1.4 years, which would knock it down to 25.7 years of lifespan left for the landfill. Although I wouldn't mind if someone could verify that I'm just doing it linearly based off the tonnage which to me seems to make sense, but I could be missing something. And that's assuming that it would see a full 1.6 million tons for the next five years and that they hit that capacity. I know that's a lot of information, but I guess the, the crux of the question is, is that, is the spreadsheet, I'm assuming the spreadsheet he gave to us was showing the lifespan modification based off in perpetuity agreement.

Dr. Young: Yes sir. That's correct. That's a spreadsheet that runs as if it was into perpetuity. The reason why we kept it intact because we wanted it to include in the packet the exact proposal that was brought to waste management. Because as you all are aware, the staff doesn't have the authority to basically censor an agreement or an offer that's coming before the board. Our recommendation is deliberate. We did number one suggest 1.6 million tons because if you look at the history from 2004, 2019, only one time has waste management really exceeded a 1.6 million times. And that was during the time that the facility in Fairfax realized their catastrophic failure and King George county's landfill was utilized as the alternative to haul in a trash. As you can see that anything above one point \$1.6 million is really an anomaly.

It really didn't make sense for us to pursue a 1.8. Number one, the number two, we picked a five year recommended the five-year cap for two reasons. Number one to protect the lifespan of the landfill. Like Mr. Granger said, if we did it that way, then it is effect one year or one and one and a half years off of the life cycle number one. Number two with that thought that rather than going into perpetuity, we placed the host agreement on a five year cycle, just like would do what I see IP

processes. Our CIP is driven by a revenue that's generated from the landfill. We allow for the amendment run for five years, the CIP department run for five years. Then once that five year term is expired, the board, the future board would actually be in a position to say, hey, well we understand what our needs are going to be five years from now. Yes it would be beneficial to go ahead and generate more revenue for an amended agreement or to say, no, we're going to decline. We are returning it back to that 1.24 8 million ceiling. So it was some deliberate thought into the recommendation of being brought before the board.

Mr. Granger:

I just like to say I apologize for missing the time span I completely overlooked in, so that's my fault and I think I might've shared that, that faulty information with some other people. Any confusion. I apologize for everyone, but thank you Doctor Young for clarification.

Madam Chair:

Thank you. Mr. Granger, did you have any questions for Mr. Howard directly?

Mr. Granger:

No. I think at this point I have an understanding of what, I had understand what waste management's proposal was and now I thank you Dr. Young. I, I appreciate the county's staff's recommendation and far as what they want to negotiate. Thank you.

Madam Chair:

Mr. Bueche. Before you ask your question, Mr. Howard, Mr. Granger, we're just getting clarification on what the staff recommendation versus what the original ask from waste management was. Mr. Bueche is now asking the question. Mr. Bueche.

Mr. Bueche:

Thank you, Madam Chair. First off I'd like to thank waste management for their partnership with King George County. I understand, you know the United States King George, we're a consumer based economy. Given everything that's going on right now, there's a lot less consumables. I know we get a lot of trash from New York, New Jersey, with things being closed right now, that translates into less trash coming in. I can definitely understand what what's going on with waste management. Thank you for your partnership with us. With that, I do like the idea of not in the perpetuity. I liked the idea of every five years to re-examined. One, I don't want to obligate a future board. The decisions that this board may make and the five years does run in line with our CIP process. Unfortunately the landfill revenues or not going towards what they were initially set aside for. Initially landfill revenues were to go to cash fund capital projects.

That's no longer the case. Landfill revenues are basically managing our debt service. With that said, we eventually have to get to a point to where we need to wean ourselves off of dependency on the landfill. One thing, King George taxes, when you, look at everything and the revenues that that the landfill brings in and apply that to our tax rate,

our tax rate is artificially low. It's offset by those revenues. If the revenues from the landfill went away, our tax rate with skyrocket. It's something that we need to understand that eventually, regardless if that timeline is moved up, if it's extended, those revenues will eventually go away, which is why I'm very happy we have an economic development strategic plan, which we need to see implemented. It's a diverse fire economic footprint and bring in alternate revenues.

It also leads me to our, our previous presenter, which was Mr. Britton and the questions revolving around the cigarette tax bringing in those revenues. Eventually we need to look at diversifying how revenues are brought into the County waste management is presenting that opportunity with this petition. So as far as me, I don't think the 1.8 tonnage is ridiculous. I understand where we're coming at with the 1.6 but I wouldn't have a problem with the 1.8 if, and this is a big if. Anything in excess of the 1.2 or whatever the initial agreement is, you know, and then we get the premium for anything in excess of that at 55 cents if we were to set it at 1.6 but allow for flexibility to the 1.8 which wastes management has requested. I think we're at a point where we can negotiate. If we went from 50 to 55 for anything in excess of the 1.2 or 1.25 and County staff has recommended 1.6 and if waste management is willing to pay the premium of 55 cents I would propose, let's make that our policy at 1.6 but give flexibility to the request waste management presented.

Not to exceed 1.8 which was their request. We would then get an additional premium instead of 55 cents of 60 cents so you could go, you know, the current negotiated rate up to 1.6 at 55 is a premium. If you need to go to that 1.8 then I would like to maybe explore the possibility of renegotiating the premium for that excess tonnage to 60 cents. That's my two cents. I didn't think it hurts to negotiate. I mean that's what we're doing here. That's all I have thank you Madam Chair.

Madam Chair: Thank you. Mr. Bueche. Mr. Howard Mr. Bueche was giving his thoughts on it and also thanking all waste management for what they do. Mr. Stonehill.

Mr. Stonehill: The last page that we got with the remaining life of the site, is that from waste management? Is that staff?

Dr. Young: It's a combination of both, sir. It's a working information that we both utilize in our discussions and engagements when waste management on a year to year basis

Mr. Stonehill: The line of including the Fairfax outage. What is that?

Dr. Young: Again, that that was if you look at the previous slide or the previous page, you'll see that the tonnage exceeded 1.6 8 million tons. That was the year that the Fairfax facility had caught fire. Actually had to close and King George County landfill was utilized as the alternate side. We saw a surge of traffic of both a surge of tonnage into the King George County landfill.

Mr. Stonehill: I see that now my only concern is that, you know, if we bumping it up to 18 I mean we're going to lose that many years of the site's life. As Mr. Bueche said, that is a great revenue for the County and keeping his taxes. I would be very leery of bumping that amount and shortening that you know lifespan. That's all I have. I mean it's just such a great concern of mine is just losing that revenue source-.

Mr. Granger: That is showing the lifespan. If this aboard agreement in perpetuity, if we were to adopt a five year plan, it would not have as significant of an impact as that data is showing.

Madam Chair: is that correct Dr. Young?

Dr. Young: That's correct. I would a five year span would expect that it'd be between 1.4 1.6 years loss from the landfill versus 20 I'm sorry seven.

Madam Chair: Well, I guess our first decision port point for my colleagues is do we want the five-year or the perpetual? What do you guys feel?

Mr. Bueche: I'm for five year.

Mr. Granger: Miss. Cupka did you have any other questions? I kind of jumped in on your time and I don't mean this, I apologize Miss. Binder, but was there something else?

Miss. Cupka: No, I would be willing to do 1.6 at five years per staff recommendation at this time.

Mr. Granger: Yeah, I agree with that assessment as well.

Mr. Bueche: I'll concur.

Madam Chair: Mr. Bueche, did you agree with that?

Mr. Bueche: Yes ma'am. I concurred.

Madam Chair: All right, Mr. Stonehill.

Mr. Stonehill: I agree with that.

Madam Chair: Dr. Young how would we proceed? Just throw it back to the 1.6 with the five years and renegotiate.

Mr. Granger: Miss. Binder I think if I just make a motion a will provide them the opportunity to negotiate that agreement with waste management is my understanding. It sounds like there might need to be a little bit to hash out if that's going to be a doable agreement, but the way the recommendation is, it sounds like we just give them the authorization saying we're willing to do that.

Madam Chair: Is that correct Mr. Britton? Just to clarify.

Mr. Britton: Yeah. If you give, kind of disparity authority to negotiate with those parameters. I think there are some other in there that would go along with it regarding the quarterly ton inch limits that we had made comments on and reducing it from perpetual to the five-year and take it down for a 50% increase to a whatever the other is from 1.8 to 1.6. I think that if you get direction that through negotiated the agreement, not inconsistent with the board's consensus then we can go ahead and put that part of waste management and happy to go add the amendment 20. There are a couple of other amendments that go into this one that we have reviewed as well. I think there are 12 and 16. That go into it and so we do have that proposal basically in front of them. So I think you just need to get the direction the county administrator to go forward not inconsistent with consensus of the board today..

Madam Chair: Just by consensus then?

Mr. Britton: I think so then the amendment will be brought back and then you can execute an agreement. Not in conjunction with this. Or if there's a significant deviation, obviously you have to bring it back for the board.

Madam Chair: Okay. All right we have consensus Dr. Young?

Dr. Young: Thank you Madam Chair, thank you board.

Madam Chair: Mr. Howard, you heard that?

Mr. Howard: I did not hear Dr. Young. I did hear everyone before him. That sounds like a good point.

Madam Chair: Okay thank you Mr. Howard and thank you for coming online to talk to us. Sorry, you couldn't hear?

Mr. Howard: Yeah, I'm sorry. Certain people are really clear I'm having a hard time making some others out.

Dr. Young: I'm sorry go ahead Mr. Granger.

Mr. Granger: I was just going to bring up Mr. Britton. I just want to verify based off the board packet, I got the impression that we would need to make a motion to authorize the negotiation and execution of an amendment. I'm getting the impression now that you're saying consensus is sufficient. I just want to make sure we don't leave here right now with still needing to make a motion and an artificial motion and adopted. Is that correct Mr. Britton?

Mr. Britton: Yeah. Well given the, there's two ways to do it. You can, the issue is, that there were some other red lines in there in the proposal that we sent forward. You can either give consensus bring it back or make a motion to execute the agreement. If you want, I have the understanding that you were getting kind of ensure the authority to negotiate the agreement and then you would be bringing it back in its final form to amend the ordinance.

Mr. Granger: That's fine. I think that makes sense. I guess for just an renegotiation's consensus and assuming that gets paid, we would take that at the next board meeting.

Madam Chair: Everybody fine with that. Okay. All right, well thank you everyone involved in that and we'll move now. Is there any discussion items Dr. Young?

Dr. Young: No madam chair.

Madam Chair: We move to your County Administrators report.

Dr. Young: Thank you Madam Chair as we are in this current norm, I've invited the EOC, I'm sorry, the emergency management team to include our fire chief to come and give a board update on the COVID 19 pandemic and I'm going to defer my time to them. Okay. Apologies, Madam Chair. We're working through some logistics.

Madam Chair: That's okay I will be flexible.

Chief Moody: Madam Chair while the presentation is being pulled up, I'd like to go ahead and get started and share with you and the rest of the board some numbers.

Madam Chair: Go ahead that is Chief Moody right?

Dr. Young: That's correct Madam Chair, Chief Moody.

Madam Chair: All right, go ahead Chief Moody.

Chief Moody:

Okay. Just, just as a as a recap from where we have gone to where we're at today January 21st United States of America received its first case of, of COVID. March the seventh for Virginia received its first case, a patient with COVID 19. The numbers updated today. We are just a little over 787,000 cases. Those are cumulative numbers. Those are not cases that are active currently. Those are cumulative numbers from January 21st.

we were over 787,000 cases in the country. That includes 42,000 deaths in Virginia. We are 9,630 cases confirmed since March the seventh with a total of 324 deaths in the state of Maryland. 14,193 cases with 584 deaths within our Rappahannock region, which includes our planning district, 296 cases and a total of nine deaths. As you have already mentioned this evening, a King George with a total of 19 confirmed cases and four deaths these four deaths as stated earlier, are elderly citizens that live in our- that lived in our County. So thoughts and prayers are certainly with them and this certainly hits close to home. With that, we'll go ahead and get, started with the presentation. If you can go next slide Chris.

Just an updated timeline. On April the second Virginia received its presidential disaster declaration. This was a submitted by the governor to the president. The president approved it on April the second. If you can go back- on April the 15th King George extended its emergency local declaration to May the 15th. On April the 15th, Governor Northam extended the executive order number 53 to May the eighth. As you know, executive order 53 outlines what is essential and what is not essential. And executive order 55 goes until June. That has been more referenced as the stay at home stay at home order. On April the 17th, we submitted initial cost. This is a King George here locally. We submitted initial cost to the Virginia department of emergency management which ultimately goes to the federal emergency management agency.

One thing that I will mention is that nowhere ever in history as ever, has there ever been a situation in which every state, all 50 States and the entire country have been under an act of presidential disaster declaration. Most of these are for hurricanes, catastrophic tornadoes, earthquakes, volcanoes, etcetera. Nothing where we've actually had all States and territories that have, fallen under that disaster declaration. I can assure you that we are covering costs very closely. We are monitoring and tracking expenditures. The expenditures are not like we've seen in other cases where we've had weather related emergencies where there's no property damage in a pandemic. There's no generators that need to be repaired or roofs blown off. This is certainly a different storm in which we're facing dealing with dealing with this COVID 19.

Next slide please. This is just a map and we are providing this information every day to staff and also the public. This is just information we're pulling from other resources particularly the state departments of health. As stated before one of the, certainly the big area that we're tracking is across the bridge. Going into Charles County Prince George County is just shy almost 4,000 cases and probably get in there sometime this week. There are some hotspots certainly in Virginia but there are also some counties hundreds of square miles that they have not had one reported case. A lot of the counties out in the Southwest and the central part of the state are, you know, they're one case, two cases less than five cases. That is you know, since this began in March seven, there is a nursing home facility.

Nursing home facilities are a hot target area that we are certainly monitoring. The state is monitoring. We are we are in close working relationship with our heritage hall nursing facility, our urgent cares here in the County. Also any of the residential population that, fit into the high risk categories. We're, certainly monitoring all those situations. In Ryko County you can see in Ryko city, Richmond Chesterfield that area they have experienced a nursing facility that almost wasn't a pretty large chunk of the deaths that were reported was from that one nursing facility in the Richmond Metro. If you go as of today I've had a question that came up earlier that said, well, when you go to Virgin, when you go to King George on Virginia department health website, it says two deaths reporting, two deaths for King George. The answer is, is that there's four deaths and that's the, true factual answer. We have four deaths reported. And there is some, some, some lag between what is being reported through Virginia department of health regionally and in what's being reported on the state's website. Next slide please.

Certainly can't go without mentioning our, our community outreach and partners that have folks that have just come together throughout our King George family and that have been looking to, help. We've had folks that churches have, have been looking for opportunities to assist and to help. We've had donations from various organizations to the fire rescue. I believe the Sheriff's office has received some donations, but I want it to just we just put a few pictures on here. The top left that is five guys called contacted us and wanted to provide lunch and we didn't turn them down. Aha provided some pancakes there. The picture there in the middle, we had a lady and one of our one of our volunteers actually made, they made close to a hundred mask cloth mask for us.

Then at the bottom is the King George village quilters, and they use our Dahlgren station too for some communities, some of their events. They made us almost just shy of 200 masks. We have been very fortunate on the other side there Dickey's barbecue has provided us some even provided some lunch and stuff. We received a \$600 donation from the Leeds town daughters of American Revolution and just, people that are

just outreaching and really showing their support for the first responders in certainly a time of need. It's, a stressful time. I will tell you that that our folks on a routine and daily basis are responding to calls that either the patient has a fever; the patient has difficulty breathing, shortness of breath and just any of the symptoms, travel, histories out. Any of the symptoms, that may be suspected of COVID 19, our folks are having to put in 95 goggles, isolation gown and certainly gloves. There is as you can imagine we, we go, we can go through quite a bit of that as we're responding to the needs of the public. Next slide please. At this point I'm going to turn the rest of the presentation over to Chief Lynd and then we'll answer any questions you have at the end.

Chief Lynd:

Good evening everyone. I have this slide up here for emphasis on how the County is preparing and responding to COVID 19 are public information. We're talking about that in a second. Obviously maintaining the government services or public safety involving 911 operators fire and rescue and law enforcement emergency management now where we're working on ordering supplies and tracking our costs and beginning the next phase of this operation. Next slide please.

Just some recent EOC actions we've taken since our last time we were here. To brief you the GIS office developed a new public information hub. We'll show a couple of screenshots of that here in a few minutes. Chief Simmons has provided updated COVID 19 training to all of our career staff and volunteer firing EMS providers just to do some just in time training and reemphasize what they've learned and wearing the PPE and all that. Our providers are educated and protected. We've purchased the monitors as you saw tonight, we're doing temperature scans, you know, that's a best practice in the industry and we're doing that at fire and rescue stations. Here Sheriff's office is doing it Sheriff's office and also at the courts in order to keep the public safe and also to keep the employees safe.

We're providing a PPE to some of the County departments that need it, extra cleaning supplies and all that. We're managing the bulk of it here in emergency management office. We're trying to collect as much as we can. We have some of that stuff being donated to us. You know, some of the businesses that aren't using their N95 masks and stuff like that are donating that extra of supply to us, which is very helpful and helping us to stretch our supplies. We're also working on ordering additional PPE. We're still working with Northern Virginia group to make a purchase of N95 masks. We did make a purchase of a face shields with the Northern Virginia group and we just took delivery on those today. That was a good way to leverage a large purchase to get it to a supplier and you know, they can return the product fairly quickly as opposed to each locality going out and try and buy a small batch at a time.

We're tracking the COVID 19 expenses. I would say that finance is set up a really good method to track it. This thing started early. We, talk about how the best way to track it is, and that's working for us. When we went to submit our first report, everything I needed was, you know, located in one folder and the copies of the invoices and the cost and all that stuff. That made it a really easy for us and as this thing goes forward depending with the recovery process providing all the documentations will be hopefully, really easy. Next slide please.

Dr. Young:

Chief if I may go back, for me to expand upon that just a little bit more when he's referencing providing PPE to other County departments, you'll see that the fire rescue department, specifically the emergency management operations center, done a good job of ensuring departments like general properties, they actually have to be masked up. And you all are aware had a scare at one point that there may have been a contamination in the building. They were called provided the PPE, cleaned up the office and that was afforded to them by the EOC. You go by the convenience centers; you'll see that we have our employees in the convenience centers wearing masks and PPE on as well. That was again supplies that was afforded by the emergency operations center. We appreciate you all not only taking care of our community but taking care of the County staff as well.

I spoke with Chief Lynd about the COVID 19 expense tracking. I noticed that the joint effort between the finance department and the emergency operation center, and I'm asking the same question that I did at the huddle chief, if you let the board know, put a number to that, where do we currently stand with our expenses as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic?

Chief Lynd:

Okay. Roughly we have about \$12,000 worth of expenses and extra PPE that's ordered extra cleaning supplies. It's ordered. General properties had some additional costs and you know, cleaning supplies and a little bit of a overtime for the cleaning process. We're still tracking it. FEMA's rules are changing so what's going to be eligible at the end of the day? It's still up for, you know, their interpretation of the rules, but we're tracking everything and you know, when they say this is eligible, you know, we'll have that documentation for it.

Any other question? Next slide please. This is the new information hub. The GIS office put this together and this is on the County website. It's a one stop shop for all kinds of information's as citizens would need to know about the county's response to COVID 19. It shows, you know, the documents, emergency declaration, other public relations, public relations, counties put out all that there so they can click on it and download it. If you scroll down just a little bit, this is a screenshot so you can't, it talks about our hotline. It also talks about the to go meal

program the schools are doing, so one stop shop where the County and get information. Next slide please.

This is part of that. This is a new dashboard. This is data driven through the GIS office. The nice thing about this is it automatically updates when the new information is pushed out to the web. You know how GIS works, that data is pulled down and it's captured right here. Yes sir.

Mr. Bueche: I have a question on this slide. King George cases 18. King George deaths four, we know that the numbers that are being recorded for King George is cumulative from the first identify case, which given the timeframe, that person probably doesn't have COVID anymore, my opinion. All that aside, the four deaths, are those four numbers built into the 18 for King George cases?

Chief Lynd: Yes.

Mr. Bueche: Even though they're deceased, they still count as cases?

Chief Lynd: Yes.

Mr. Bueche: That's ridiculous. Yeah, I know it's not you. Thank you all for all your efforts. Again, I would like to stress, I know the Virginia department of health does not like using the word recoveries for some reason. However, is there a way to get a damn answer from them on what are the active cases in King George County?

Dr. Young: We asked them that question, we asked them about recovery. We ask them about, hey, could you provide us if they were COVID 19 related, which they believe that the deaths are, we have asked them for a defined definitional, what is recovery and why are these cumulative cases not decreasing? They have not given us a definition and we decided that we're going to maintain the same numbers that the department of health is showing so we will show any confusion or put ourselves into any potential exposure for us to say, yeah, this person has recovered because by our own definition here in King George County, but in reality the person actually is not recovered by the state's standards so we continue to peg them.

I know that Chief Lynd has talked with the EOC and their public affairs office and I personally talked with the director of the Rappahannock area health district on two separate occasions explaining that need for recovery numbers and to give us a comprehensive guidance on how we can define a recovery rates and communicate that to the community. We're still waiting on a response from the health department on that and we know that it's important that a point for not only the board of supervisors but for the County as well.

Mr. Bueche: I can absolutely appreciate that and I would not want you guys making a decision on what you're going to put out there or what you're not. I mean there needs to be a standard so I could definitely appreciate what you're doing. My critique is not have you transferring information but the information you're putting out there is only as good as the information you are receiving. My issue is with who you are receiving the information from. I have a problem that we cannot get a straight answer. Not from you but from the Virginia department of health. How many active cases exist in King George County today? And we can't get a damn answer. That's what I have a problem with. My issue is not with you. Thank you for everything you do. My issue is with the Virginia department of health. Maybe this isn't the appropriate place to discuss that, but I have a damn problem with them. Thank you.

Madam Chair: Dr. Young. Is there one of the responses back is privacy concerns?

Dr. Young: I don't, think that this is an issue or privacy concerns, ma'am. Actually I think as a matter of undermining personally I think that from what I've heard about the staffing at the Rappahannock area health district, I heard that they're having, they're overcome by data versus having that manpower that the need to actually be able to synthesize information and give us the relevant data that we need to convey to the general public. Once as you all aware, they were able to take the reporting out of the health district's hands. They turned it over to the department of health because of their undermining and being overwhelmed by the data. As a result of that, there was able to focus more on notifications and communicating with the general public. I think that chief moody chief Lynn and myself can tell you all of that. We have seen a more robust reporting coming out of the department of health since they decided to make that move. I think that as they start getting their footing and actually placing more manning at the health districts, we will see more robust information and hopefully we will see that relevant data that we need for King George County, specifically recovery rates and how this pandemic is affecting our community. Not cumulative but on a case by case basis.

Miss. Cupka: Madam Chairman-

Madam Chair: I guess yes, Miss Cupka I was just going to make a comment before that. They are data overload, basically Dr. Young?

Dr. Young: I think that that's a good way to put it, ma'am yes ma'am.

Madam Chair: Miss. Cupka sorry to interrupt you, but go ahead Miss. Cupka.

Miss. Cupka: That's okay. Thank you Madam Chair. The bottom line here though, realistically is we're not going to get an answer. We're not going to get

the answer you want Mr. Bueche because the definition of recovered quite frankly varies from person to person. What you may be recovered, what you may call recovered for you, for your body, for your lifestyle is probably going to be dramatically different for someone younger and someone older. They're just to me is really not going to be a quantifiable way to measure that. That's why I shared in my board report the information about hospitalizations, if there, the local health district is not able to give us the data that we want because there just isn't a quantifiable way of measuring recoveries and they frankly are overwhelmed with data, then all we can do is the best that we can.

You all are certainly doing it. You're making every effort get information out to the community. I noticed the new hub, the information hub on Friday night and immediately shared it with the community. Like you said today, saw people on social media saying, well the Virginia department of health website says we only have two. The County COVID dashboard says, you know, we have four. The County are being as transparent as possible and making every effort to put out the information as soon as it is conveyed to Dr. Young and the EOC. Everyone please know that. I had another question, but I'll let you continue and maybe it'll come back to me. Thank you.

Chief Lynd:

This dashboard right here, just like this is available on the County website, you just got to go to the County website, go down and click on the link and it'll load, on your device just like this. It's got the map and it shows each localities of numbers. The graph at the bottom, the blue is Maryland and the red is Virginia counties. Next slide please. I just wanted to put this slide back in there and talk about public messaging. Obviously the County website and our kg alert system and also our Facebook page and also the Sheriff's office Facebook page. Anytime we have a message to push out, we try to hit all those platforms so to citizens can get the information or they don't just have to rely on one source to get their information. Next slide please. Just to review the actions this has been mentioned before. The citizens can take social distancing washing your hands, covering your cough. If you have a fever, stay home. Avoid large crowds, limit nonessential travel and always follow official information about the best way to keep you and your family safe. Next slide. The address is for the websites that have been mentioned Facebook page King George fire. Next slide. Any questions?

Madam Chair:

Do we have any questions for our great EOC?

Miss. Cupka:

Madam chair, I did remember my question if I may?

Madam Chair:

Go right ahead.

Miss. Cupka:

I know the health district isn't able to be too specific with regard to the data about the victims and the positive tests, but are they able and I'm

not saying I want to see this on your GIS map by any means because it's confidential. We need to protect people's health information. Do they provide you all with address data that you all can use first to make sure you're aware of special considerations you need to take as far as PPE and so forth. Then secondly, I noted the newspaper, I think it says something about our Rappahannock health district is the only district in the state that doesn't have a defined outbreak yet. This might in part answer Miss. Dyson's question. At the beginning we have, she noted that we have four deaths and there are only nine in the whole district. Are you all doing anything behind the scenes quietly to kind of map where the cases are so that if we were able to on our own identify where there might be a small cluster or anything like that? I mean, do any of these people have anything in common like that that we could track?

Chief Lynd:

To answer your question? Yes, we do get the address data and we are, you know, using that internally to protect them now public safety responders. We have looked at some of the data and we've, you know, anytime the health districts asked for any kind of local comments about what we seen in the community, you know, we've given that back to them. You know, we're, you know, as a chief talked about with the nursing homes you know, that's a big emphasis watching the nursing homes. Because you know, anytime you get a population that no tight area, you know, something like this gets spread.

Miss. Cupka:

Thank you very much.

Madam Chair:

Thank you Mr. Granger.

Mr. Granger:

Yeah. Thank you so much guys for coming out and briefing us. I appreciate the information and I appreciate all of your efforts and are all of your staff does. Thank you for keeping us safe. I know last time I had asked some questions about calls for more traditional I guess what fire and rescue and EMS traditionally respond to. You said it was still pretty early. I didn't know if you've guys have any further data, do call seem down, aside from obviously the virus or the pandemic issues that we're facing?

Chief Moody:

We've, seen it seems like this week were to past since, since last week. Especially since, you know, since we have provided a briefing that there's been a little bit more of an uptake in calls. Just in the you know, a couple I guess hot more high priority calls we've had since the last time we've come to this board and we've had a meeting. We've had two structure fires. We had a shooting this weekend. We- accidental shooting, we've had you know overdoses and, car crashes seem like they have been certainly have declined. However we still are getting those. It doesn't seem like the volume of that, but as far as actual

numbers I don't have, you know, the, numbers parse I know in your a board report was tracking.

I think it was, we, I came in last month, which is still kind of hard to, you know, too capture that data and do something with it. We were a little less than the previous year. It's going to be interesting to see what overall, the total month of April's going to bring and what the month of May will bring. Then how long, we're still dealing with COVID 19 as a very, you know, critical factor in our community. We're still running these high priority calls and people still have other medical emergencies. They have heart attacks and strokes and diabetic emergencies and you know, COPD and everything. We're still delivering babies out in the field. None of that goes away and that's kind of the important thing to remember is that we, we still have that. We had one of the house fires was in Fairview beach this Easter Sunday on just ironically, we just got off another fire right before that in Oakland, park of the vision in the Western part of the County. So you know, we're still in wildfire season until the end of this month. Those calls continue-

Mr. Granger: Thank you.

Madam Chair: Mr. Stonehill did you have anything?

Mr. Stonehill: Chiefs I just wanted to thank you, I just had to find my mic. Chiefs I just wanted to say thanks for your all's continuous work on all this. Isn't there somewhere there's some info on who test positive and when they're released from isolation, I've heard that maybe Maryland has that information and shows, you know, when folks get released from isolation, do we not have that here in Virginia at all?

Chief Moody: Supervisor Stonehill that you are correct about that this, the state of Maryland is providing a, what they term as a release of ice from isolation case numbers. Virginia we're not we're not getting that information there. I don't I know Miss. Cupka you mentioned something earlier. I can tell you we're not getting that information readily available at least. We are not you know, we are getting some information from the Rappahannock area health district when it comes to our cases locally. For example we, you know, sometimes we don't get the names of the, let's say the deceased, but then they come off the list and we can kind of connect the dots, so to speak. Virginia is not tracking, at least providing it for public information, the release from isolation cases.

Mr. Stonehill: That would be nice to know, but as Miss. Cupka said that, you know what, I recover, maybe different from when you recover, but then at least we would have some type of info. I mean, if that's not provided to us, you know, that's just unfortunate. I know that you guys are busy. I'm hearing sirens running every which way, so. Thank you again.

Madam Chair:

Now I want to reiterate it. Thank you. I was part of the first three training sessions for our EOC that we took in the last two years and it's amazing the good work that was put into planning those sessions and now it's put in to practice and you guys are going above and beyond what we practice in those three training sessions. I want to personally thank you as someone who was there with Dr. Young at those training sessions thank you for all you're doing and especially to our great GIS again for providing that data. Mr. Bueche, you got a question? Go ahead.

Mr. Bueche:

Thank you Madam Chair. I did in my previous comments, I didn't get a chance to or I neglected too. Give you my appreciation. Thank you for all that you've doing. I know it's not comfortable facing all these questions, especially from somebody who wants some answers like me that just, can't get those answers, but everything y'all are doing. Thank you very much. Especially with the fire regarding Fairview beach on Easter Sunday in the heart of my district. You were very thorough providing a lot of information to me to the citizens down there and to Mr. Bennett who is the resident association president. Thank you very much. The last thing I would like to close with is I understand that recoveries or a matter of perspective, what recovered to me is, isn't necessarily the same as Miss. Cupka is absolutely correct. If they're recording those through a test and someone tests positive and that's how they're recording that affirmative number, you should be able to test or find out when that person no longer has it. That's a definitive, and there are ways if they wanted to provide those numbers, they could and they are not. That is not a matter of perspective. If a lab test results says I'm positive, there's a lab test result that could say you are negative. That's all I have. Thank you.

Chief Moody:

Miss. Madam Chair, if I could just mention that certainly myself, Dr. Young, Chief Lynd, Mr. Britton we have all had some pretty stern, candid conversations about the information sharing on what is being provided to us. We have we are certainly recipients on the, on the, on the public safety side that says, hey, we need this we want certain type of information. We have, there have been some long strides since this first kicked off at the beginning of March to where we are at today, certainly we'd like to have a little more.

I will say this, that when it comes to the, when it comes to the active cases, of COVID in every community, this is only going to become more important as time goes on. You know, the first month you can work in cumulative numbers and we need to track cumulative numbers. We need to do that, but we also have to, as the numbers continue to increase, it is inherently important that we know, well, how many do we have today when we're talking maybe in the fall? As time goes on, this becomes inherently more important. I can assure you that if we get the word from BDH or RHD, that they're going to start providing us some

more refined data points on active cases, not even using the word or terminology of recovery, but active cases, meaning those people that are isolated and that are active with COVID, then I can assure you that Dr. Young will be aware of that. This board will be aware of it. I could only hope that VDH would present that to the public for transparency purposes. It's all I want to say. Thank you.

Madam Chair: Thank you. Dr. Young?

Dr. Young: Nothing else Madam Chair.

Madam Chair: Do you have anything else near board report?

Dr. Young: No madam Chair.

Madam Chair: All right with that said hold on a second. Did we have any information items and we have a motion for adjournment.

Mr. Granger: Moved to adjourn until April 27th at 6:00 PM.

Miss. Cupka: Second.

Madam Chair: Dr. Young one second before we finish that motion on our board packet to adjourn to May 5th are we still doing the work session?

Dr. Young: Yes ma'am.

Madam Chair: On April 27 right.

Dr. Young: April 27th ma'am.

Madam Chair: I just had to confirm. That's my discussion item. All those in favor?

All: Aye.

Madam Chair: Any nays? Chair votes aye we are adjourned. Thank you everyone who joined us on the go to meeting and everyone stay safe and go King George. Thank you.

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