

County Business

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At a regular meeting of the King George County Board of Supervisors, held on Monday, the 19th day of May, 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

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Ms. Binder: I hereby call this meeting of the King George County, King George County Supervisor, sorry, to order. I hereby invoke the rules and procedures previously adopted by the board of supervisors and allow for electronic participation by some members with a quorum physically present. This action is taken as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the governor's orders regarding limiting of gatherings and staying in place during disaster. Electronic participation is encouraged and pursuant to the governor's emergency orders, a maximum of 10 people will be allowed to be physically present. If you choose to be physically present; you'll be screened by authorized staff for signs and symptoms of this illness. Based on the results of that screening, certain physical attendees may be denied entry.

The following members are physically present. We have Ms. Cupka, Mr. Bueche and Mr. Granger in the boardroom, Mr. Stonehill and myself are participating remotely. Please those of us participating through electronic remote means have notified the chair, including me that temporary disability and/or other medical conditions exist that prevents the member's physical attendance. I direct the clerk to include the statement and the statement of those remotely participating board members to be memorialized in the minutes. Give me one second; I'm moving on to the agenda. All right. Do we have any amendments to the agenda?

Dr. Young: No, Madam Chair.

Ms. Binder: Thank you, Dr. Young. Now we have public comment. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person in order to afford everyone an opportunity to speak. If the comments relate to a specific public hearing item, we ask that you offer those comments at the time of the public hearing. I will once again, if anybody would like to speak just give me a shout out in the chat box or if not, I will pause right now and wait to see if anyone would like to make public comment. Please state your name and your address for the record. Thank you. Dr. Young and fellow board members, does anyone have any written correspondence that would like to be read?

Dr. Young: No, Madam Chair.

Ms. Binder: All right, thank you. Now we'll move on to reports from members of the board. Mr. Stonehill.

Dr. Stonehill: Good evening everybody. It's been kind of a slow week, last couple of weeks, but on Tuesday 12th, I ended up meeting down on Roseland road as a result of a couple of concerned citizen comments that reached out to me in reference to the parking lot that's going on down on Roslyn road. I actually went down and I ended up meeting with VDOT and one of the contractors that was doing some taping. And they went and actually, we physically walked off all the parking lot and he showed me the area and all the latest plan that VDOT came up with. And I was able to then speak to the concerned citizens and explained to them what was going on and everybody was good. So, their timeline is kind of hurry up and wait on that project down there for the parking lot. Thursday the 14th, I along with all the other group, we met up for another budget meeting and then earlier that day I met up with a committee to speak about formulating the new taxes that the County has now, the authority to work with for 2021. The cigarette tax was the biggest thing.

And also, I spent all day, Friday the 15th, and then actually yesterday as well talking to people in Richmond, in North Carolina in reference how they do these things. So that is all I have.

Ms. Binder: Thank you, Mr. Stonehill. Ms. Cupka.

Ms. Cupka: Thank you, Madam Chair. I have a lengthy report; however, I will not read all of it. I will, as I normally do, provide it to the freelance star and project 94 and post it on my Facebook page tomorrow morning. Just a couple of highlights. I too, on May 12th, separately from Mr. Stonehill, visited Wayside Park regarding social media posts with reference to the archeological dig going on there. The area subject to the dig is fenced off and per the construction company, cameras have

been installed to monitor the area. Please do not enter this area as it is not safe to do so and we do not want anyone disturbing the archeological dig and recovery of any artifacts there. The park, the riverfront proper is still open to the public per the current state restrictions of fishing and exercise until the groundbreaking for the bridge occurs in late June or early July.

On May 15th, I participated in a telephone conference for elected officials hosted by Congressman Rob Whitman. I asked two questions on the call, summarized here-in; is there any update from last week's call regarding resumption of youth sports and summer activities? Angela Navarro, Deputy of Commerce and Trade for the Commonwealth, responded that in a few weeks in phase two provided downward trends continue. The gathering guidelines, the number will increase from 10 to 50 persons and we will begin to see the allowance of non-contact youth sporting events limiting the audience to keep the numbers down below the 50.

I also asked if there was any updated guidance from the governor's office regarding the definition of the term 'gathering limited to 10 persons' given that we have King George High School graduation ceremonies this week and a number of staff are required to be present to execute the ceremonies and the seeming disparity in the allowance for retail stores and churches to operate at 50% capacity clearly above the 10-person limitation indoors on gatherings. I want to thank Dr. Robert Benson and Sheriff Giles for the conversations we've had about this in the past week. The word from Deputy Secretary Navarro, is that the church guidelines were eased specifically due to the constitutional issues and pending litigation involved; and the need for businesses to reopen their doors.

I did have a number of parents of King George High School graduates contact me about this in the past week and I'm truly sorry I don't have a better answer for you. I thank all of you, graduates and their parents for their patience this week and I hope that later this summer if conditions allow, you can have a more celebratory event in honor of this milestone. I want to thank King George High School and the school board and Dr. Benson for doing what you can. I did see photos online of the celebrations today and given the circumstances it looked like most folks seemed pleased with the results. So, thank you for that.

May 15th, later that day Ms. Binder and I participated in a telephone call with Secretary Matthew Strickler, the Secretary of Natural Resources for the Commonwealth in Virginia regarding reopening of public beaches. He is serving all jurisdictions with waterfront access in the Commonwealth on behalf of the governor to determine a beach opening way forward. We stress to the secretary that our public beaches lack many of the high touch services, common to many

tourists' destinations, boardwalks, handrails, public bathrooms, et cetera; and urge consideration by the governor for reopening our waterfront areas for more than fishing and exercise. Subject to the social distancing guidelines as the fresh air and environment might benefit our citizens who have been home bound for so long. Today I had a telephone conversation with Joseph Baidoo, Administrator of Heritage Hall. The facility currently has adequate PPE and he wishes to thank the public for the outpouring of support they've received in the last couple of weeks. To our first responders, healthcare workers, grocery and pharmacy workers, thank you once 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 social distancing guidelines to stay healthy.

Per the governor's order effective May 15th, we are at a turning point. We are in phase one. Despite that there are some in our community who aren't ready to be there. Please respect their wishes to carry about their business as they see fit. Let's try to all show each other the kindness as we have been and most of all a little bit of grace so we can meet in the middle and be the caring community I know King George to be. As long as benchmarks continue to be met, I plan to resume in person Saturday office hours outdoors, weather permitting, at one of our local County parks in mid-June. Thank you again to all of you in our community for the opportunity to serve you. Please don't hesitate to contact me via email with your cares and concerns for our community. Thank you.

Ms. Binder: Thank you, Ms. Cupka. Mr. Bueche.

Mr. Bueche: On the 14th, I participated in a budget work session along with my colleagues and I've had quite a few conversations this week with some constituents, very informative about some things coming up that I'll have to do a little research on, but I'll probably bring it to the board to talk about in the near future. Besides that, I'll remain available. If anybody would like to contact me, please do so. I'm available via email, phone call, Facebook. That's what I'm here for so, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me. Thank you, Madam Chair. That's all I have.

Ms. Binder: Thank you, Mr. Bueche. Mr. Granger?

Mr. Granger: Yes ma'am, thank you. I also attended the Thursday May 14th, budget work session. Also received an email just before the meeting. I will share with everyone about the census from Mr. Clarke. We are currently at 66.7% of the households responding in the County. Mr. Clarke says that's 1.2% better than our self-response rate for all 2010. So, it's very encouraging so have a third of the way to go. And he also mentioned that self-response will not go until October which should allow the Census Bureau at the time to get the

enumerators into all the areas to distribute forms to houses without street mailing addresses. So, if you haven't had an opportunity please try to put the effort to get that done. It is important as well. Other than that, I noticed that that I have a member on the landfill advisory committee whose term is up. And so, I would like to make a motion to reappoint Mr. Jordan Teaford to the landfill advisory committee.

Mr. Bueche: Second.

Ms. Binder: Any discussion? All those in favor?

All: Aye.

Ms. Binder: Any nay, chair votes aye. Thank you, Mr. Jordan, for serving us. Mr. Granger?

Mr. Granger: Yes ma'am, thank you. And thank you Mr. Jordan as well. Other than that, I'm done but thank you.

Ms. Binder: Thank you. I made a mistake it's Jordan Teaford. Thank you, Jordan, for serving. I participated in a call with Ms. Cupka with a representative of the governor's office about the status of our parks with water access. We stressed how citizens need access to fresh air sunshine and to get out. From what I have seen with two visits to Wayside Park at the shoreline, people are properly social distancing, mostly just fishing. And I even saw a family building a castle out of shells. With that being said too, I've reached out to Dr. Young and our County Attorney to contact the State of Virginia to find out how we can secure the artifacts that they've been finding there. I've had several conversations before about the COVID pandemic with the people that are doing the archeology dig there. They're pretty amazing people and they really shared with me all the things they found in the outline of the plantation home and everything; and all the artifacts that they had found the time. But now with all the space opened up a little more, I'm sure it'll be interesting to find out what the more artifacts they've pulled up from the ground.

On May 12th, I held a second virtual town hall from 6 to 7:00 PM I appreciated the opportunity to talk with my constituents and I appreciate Sheriff Giles, Dr. Young, Chris Dines, and our registrar Laurie Gunk, who gave us an important information on how the COVID-19 impact on elections. I also want to thank all departments that submitted brief summaries. And yesterday I participated with Ms. Cupka on the GWRC and FAMPO meetings where we would discuss transportation needs and the FY2021 budget and its challenges. And I also want to thank all of the citizens of King George for everything they're doing from our first responders, to our grocery store workers, to everyone making masks and delivering meals to those people on the front lines. Thank you very much. And I

am always open, like Mr. Bueche, for a phone call or an email or check me out on Twitter. Not very good at it, but I'm working on it and I appreciate all you do. Thank you. And that is the end of my report. Do I have a motion on the consent agenda?

Mr. Granger:

Moved.

Ms. Binder:

A second?

All:

Second.

Ms. Binder:

Any discussion? All those in favor?

All:

Aye.

Ms. Binder:

Any nays, chair votes aye, motion carries. All right. Mr. Britton, do we have a report for the constitutional officer's report? Dr. Young, do we have any?

Dr. Young:

No constitutional officers Madam Chair.

Ms. Binder:

Thank you. Mr. Britton report of the County attorney personal property tax exemption for the disabled.

Mr. Britton:

Yes. Thank you, Madam Chair. Actually, I have two things; the personal property tax exemption is for vehicles actually, which are outfitted for the transportation of the disabled. There were comments made at the last board meeting and I believe Ms. Cupka had warned about we amending the ordinance to make sure that it was private vehicles for private use, non-commercial vehicles. I did that, updated it as well as ensuring that the commissioner of the revenue and/or the treasurer could promulgate rules and regulations to ensure that there were major updates to the vehicles such as lifts and not just like a small mirror or a hand knob on the wheel or something like that could easily be removed.

The intent of the ordinance is to allow people who make significant upgrades to their vehicles in order to transport the disabled to be taxed on the fair market value of the vehicle. So, if you were to have a vehicle worth \$40,000 a van and you might put \$40,000 into it, which actually drives the resale value down next to nothing. Unless someone else for some reason would need a disabled equipped to van. So, what we do, we don't have the ability to waive it so, we modeled the ordinance based on the volunteer fire and rescue vehicle waiver and brought the tax rate down to a point where no bill would be generated. I ran those amendments by the commissioner of the revenue treasurer County administrator. No comments were received and so if the board we're of a mind to do it, we could advertise that for public hearing at your pleasure.

Ms. Binder: What were the feelings of fellow board members? Ms. Cupka?

Ms. Cupka: I didn't have any edits or amendments to it and I just wanted to thank Mr. Britton for incorporating my suggestion. I think it's a good idea and we should move forward with the public hearing.

Ms. Binder: Thank you. Mr. Bueche?

Mr. Bueche: Thank you, Mr. Britton, for putting this together. I'm ready to move forward.

Ms. Binder: Mr. Granger?

Mr. Granger: I agree. We should move forward with the public hearing.

Ms. Binder: Thank you. Mr. Stonehill.

Mr. Stonehill: Thanks to everybody and yes, let's move forward.

Ms. Binder: I agree. I also want to thank everybody. I'm never going to say thank you enough. Thank you for all the work everybody did on this. Mr. Britton, Go ahead Dr. Young.

Dr. Young: I'm sorry Madam Chair but you're going to have to take the vote versus a consensus because you'll be voting to advertise for a public hearing. So, we will need a public vote.,

Ms. Binder: Okay. All right. Do I have a motion? Second? Any discussion? All those in favor?

All: Aye.

Ms. Binder: Any nays? Chair votes aye, motion carries. Thank you, Dr. Young.

Mr. Britton: Thank you, Madam Chair. One other matter I wanted to raise at the last public hearing; we discussed the appointments to the towing board and that email had gone out to you and Dr. Young and I emailed a comprehensive report and the recommendations of the sheriff for the reappointment of Sergeant Weston and Sheriff Giles did a lot of work in order to call everybody to update the tow board appointments. And those appointments can be made. They are made by the board of supervisors, but they would be required for the tow board to hold its hearing. There are several matters updating the tow board ordinance that we would like to bring before the tow board.

The ordinance currently requires at the tow board review and recommend to the board of supervisors before any amendments are made to the tow board ordinance. This is for police towing vehicles where the law enforcement -- we don't have police, but where the state police or Sheriff's office would be calling for a tow as a result of law enforcement. We currently have eight people on the

tow cycle and they go in order and there are some amendments that need to be made to the tow board makeup as a result of people cycling off, no longer being eligible, retirement, and what have you. I sent a list out of all of the people that are recommended by the Sheriff's office, and the reasons for that. If the appointments were to be made, then the tow board could hold its meeting. And the amendments could be made.

Whatever amendments they want plus the recommended sheriffs' amendments that goes with advice but not consent of the tow board, meaning that the board of supervisors have the sole say in the ultimate amendment to the ordinance, if any. What we are looking for is amongst other things to appoint the new tow board and to look for level billing so that each and every tow and service provided by a police-requested tow or law enforcement-requested tower is at the same rate. At the pleasure of the board, whenever you would like to do it, if you could appoint those members so that Sheriff Giles could get the tow board going. Sergeant Weston is a point of contact at the Sheriff's office and he has our proposed amendments already drafted. The proposed amendments for review and consideration by the tow board.

Ms. Binder: Mr. Granger.

Mr. Granger: [0:21:18 inaudible]

Ms. Binder: Mr. Granger, can you talk into the microphone please?

Mr. Granger: I apologize, I had muted it. Yes, Mr. Britton, I received your email and I'm amenable with moving forward with making the motions to appoint these members to the board. My question would be, if we're to move forward and making the appointments, do we make them one at a time or do we make one appointment for all five members to be appointed?

Mr. Britton: You can do it either way. These appointments are not by locality or jurisdictions as committee and board members are, these are appointments that can be made at one time by any or all membership at layer together. And in fact, there are requirements of the types of members and their expertise. For instance, a tower, law enforcement, retired law enforcement and what have you. That's why we took the extra effort to make the recommendations. I think it would have been very difficult had the Sheriff's office not done the legwork and groundwork in order to find people. And all of the people have agreed to serve if, the board were to appoint them. But they can all be made together.

Mr. Granger: Understood. And thank you to the Sheriff's office as well for doing that legwork to help us find these individuals and their willingness to serve. If everyone's okay, then I'll go and make a motion. I'd like to move to a point, Kevin Botkin

and Sergeant Weston as law enforcement representatives, Gill Kennedy as a citizen representative, Morgan Zwicker and Jerry McDaniel as towing services representatives to the tow board.

Mr. Britton: Second.

Ms. Binder: Any discussion? All those in favor?

All: Aye.

Ms. Binder: Any nays? Chair votes aye. We have it. Thank you for everyone who's willing to serve on that board.

Mr. Britton: Thank you, Madam Chair. We'll get those appointments in a resolution over to Sergeant Weston and so he can get the tow board and panel and hold their meeting for this year and make any recommendations. And once they've made those recommendations on the ordinance, if any, we'll bring those before the board with an outline of what tow ordinance currently looks like versus what the amendments are that is recommended, if any by the tow board.

Ms. Binder: Thank you, Mr. Britton, is that all for your report?

Mr. Britton: Yes, Madam Chair. Thank you.

Ms. Binder: Thank you, Mr. Britton. Dr. Young, do we have any 5.10, 5.11, any board commission agency reports or presentation and reports?

Dr. Young: No, Madam Chair.

Ms. Binder: Now, I'll move on to our action items. Department of finance, King George Middle School change order. Is that Ms. Cobb presenting?

Ms. Cobb: Yes, Madam Chair.

Ms. Binder: Go right ahead.

Ms. Cobb: All right. Good evening Madam Chair and the board members. Tonight, I'm bringing the change order to you all for the middle school expansion project in the amount of \$51,625. This change order as stated in your board report is for asbestos abatement. The starter demolition work in areas B, C and D uncovered previously unknown asbestos in an older layer of floor tile, the mastic on the HVAC duct insulation and the joint insulating materials of the water supply lines. The price includes abatement of these materials as outlined in the supporting documentation with no time extension required. This change order is recommended by the County engineer and RRMM architects.

So therefore, I recommend that the board of supervisors authorized the County administrator to issue a change order to branch in associates to increase the contract price of the King George Middle School expansion project by \$51,625. Funds are available in the project construction contingency fund.

Ms. Binder: Thank you, Ms. Cobb. I do understand there's a representative here, Mr. Vogel from the company doing the construction. Does anybody have any questions?

Mr. Bueche: Madam Chair, I have a question but not for Mr. Vogel. My question would be with this \$51,000, what would be the remaining ballots of the contingency fund that we are going to have available after this? Do we have those numbers?

Dr. Young: Yes, Mr. Bueche. Adam Vogel is our senior architect that works for RRMM architectural firm, which is hired by our King George County to partner in the management of the project. And at the review in the numbers, we had \$75,000 with the contingency. So, with the approval of the change order to bring it down slightly below \$25,000 left in the contingency.

Ms. Binder: Ms. Cupka, did you have a question?

Ms. Cupka: No, ma'am. Thank you for asking that, Mr. Bueche.

Ms. Binder: Mr. Granger, did you have a question?

Mr. Granger: No, ma'am.

Ms. Binder: Mr. Stonehill?

Mr. Stonehill: No, not at this time.

Dr. Young: Madam Chair, I do have a question that I think that Adam can clarify. I had a discussion with Adam regarding the change order. I was pretty surprised that this change order was coming down the pipeline, and after the conversations with him he had advised me that, at the previous board meeting that he attended, he was afforded an opportunity to talk to the board regarding change order. He had attended to discuss with you all an expectation forwarded to be subsequent change orders for asbestos removal. I was not aware that it and I found that a surprise in the conversation and I think that'd be value added to ask him to elaborate on that a little bit. So that the board has full understanding of what's going on at the work site.

Ms. Binder: Thank you. I would also like to hear that Mr. Vogel because as you know, I've been very vocal about not understanding why the asbestos was not identified when the project was taken over since the building was built in 1968 and there

was already asbestos especially in the Vo-Tech building. So, Mr. Vogel, I'd like to hear that.

Mr. Vogel: Absolutely. Whose question should I start with first? Dr. Young's or Mrs. Bender's?

Ms. Binder: You could go with the either one first.

Mr. Vogel: Okay. Dr. Young asked about the potential for future change orders for asbestos and the process of, are there multiple change orders for asbestos at this point? The project now is competing the additions to the building and is moving on to the renovations of the existing forces of the building and the original phasing of the project that is moving from one portion of the building to another. And as we are doing so, we are subsequently uncovering additional areas that require abatement. And so, once these areas are uncovered and we're able to quantify the amount of abatement needed, that's when we are able to submit the pricing. But it's due to the nature of the phasing of the project is why we're having multiple asbestos change orders.

To Ms. Binder's question. The initial bid was based on the documentation that we were given. The initial construction documents from when the building was built and the subsequent as asbestos testing reports. **[0:29:24 inaudible]** reports performed by the school every three years neither of which had any abatement noted in besides the auditorium floor, which we were not changing the flooring, so we knew it wouldn't be getting into any abatement work there. So, we did have an allowance amount in the end of the project for \$25,000. But obviously that was not nearly enough for these unforeseen conditions.

Ms. Binder: Mr. Vogel, do you see any more, potentially?

Mr. Vogel: We are assuming there's going to be a little bit more. The previous change order for asbestos I believe was in the range of \$80,000. And that was for area A, which was the portion of the building with the existing kitchen. So, there was a lot of plumbing and HVAC duct work around there that had asbestos containing materials. This change order is for areas B and portions of C and D. And they have much less piping, so there is less abatement for these areas. But there are still portions of the duct work that has not been uncovered yet in the ceiling because the ceiling has not been demolished yet. So, we do anticipate a subsequent change order for the above ceiling work in area C and small portions of D.

Ms. Binder: And now, when you refer to parts of D, are you talking about the old science rooms and like art room and then maybe the cafeteria -- portion of the cafeteria?

Mr. Vogel: Areas C and D for this this project are; D is near the auditorium and the band. And in chores terms, I know you're familiar with the layout of building. And then the old front portion of the building to the left of the old main entrance is area C. That contains the art room and most of the classrooms in there. The science rooms are in the area were covered in this portion of the work.

Ms. Binder: Okay. And also, the cafeteria –well, I guess the [0:31:44 inaudible] former cafeteria was in this portion or?

Mr. Vogel: No, that was in the previous one. That was the area A.

Ms. Binder: Okay. All right. Well thank you for clarifying that.

Dr. Young: I have a couple more questions Madam Chair, if that's okay.

Ms. Binder: Go ahead, Dr. Young.

Dr. Young: Yes, number one, I think that it'd be especially valuable if you can explain to the board percentage wise where are we at with the completion of this project and the expected timeline for the completion of his project. Are we at 80%, 85%? Where are we at with the completion of the project?

Mr. Vogel: Absolutely. Yes, you're right there. We are at about 82% based on this last payment application. And our anticipated completion date as of the progress this morning, progress meeting this morning is the two weeks ahead of their contracted schedule.

Dr. Young: So then, we're finding out now that there's an anticipation or another change order, [0:32:56 inaudible] contingency. Based off of your expertise, do you believe that the exchange order we'll be able in under the remaining \$24,000 that's left in the contingency? Or do you think it can exceed that?

Mr. Vogel: I do believe it will come in under the \$24,000. We did some initial investigation. We're assuming from this point on that the items that have tested positive for asbestos in the past are going to test positive again. And I've stuck my head up in the ceiling to get some rough idea of how much anticipate going forward and it should be a much smaller change order coming down the line than we've seen previously or in this one.

Dr. Young: I appreciate that. [0:33:51 inaudible] because there was a conversation had between Adam, [0:33:57 inaudible] and myself to explain [0:34:01 inaudible] \$21 million bond with general fund money. So, Adam and me cleared that this project had to come in within budget and we're hoping that any of these expected change order come down. The pipeline is going to be able to fit into contingency.

Ms. Binder: Yes. I thank you for that Dr. Young. But I see Mr. Bueche has his hand up. Do you have a question?

Mr. Bueche: Yes, ma'am. So, thank you Dr. Young for bringing that up. I'm not going to go over everything in the past. The past is the past, but it is troubling that we have \$25,000 left group contingency and we already know another one's coming up. Now. Mr. Vogel said that he believes that we have enough money to be able to handle that. But this estimate we just got; we were just told came in higher than what was anticipated. So, we may run into a situation where the abatement that is coming down the pipe, may come in higher and exceed that. And that is just if there are no other unforeseen events, which is what a contingency fund is for. If something else is encountered, we have no more money to throw at this. And Dr. Young's right. I can only speak for myself. I have zero appetite to throw any more money towards this bond given how I think we overextended ourselves a bit with this contingency fund in the beginning.

So, it's just something that I appreciate Dr. Young and his staff keeping their eye on, but it's just something to be aware of. I believe in being realistic. I think we're going to find ourselves falling short with funding available in contingency because of unforeseen things, estimates coming in higher than anticipated; that that's my point of view. I just wanted to share that with you. Thank you.

Ms. Binder: Thank you, Mr. Bueche. Do any of my colleagues have any other questions or discussion items? Okay, I thank you Mr. Vogel for coming and talking because I know I've given you a hard time in the past. But Dr. Young, I just want to express again, this is another reason that I'm adamant about any future renovation projects of any of our buildings that we need to have an environmental engineer come in and assess properties for asbestos and any other environmental concerns that have a high ticket price. It's really imperative when we should have done this with this project. And then do you have anything else, Dr. Young, on this matter?

Dr. Young: No, ma'am. Other than I believe that the engineer assessment was done in Mr. Vogel has stated that was studied and revealed this asbestos that was in the flooring except for in the gym area.

Ms. Binder: That's fine. I knew about more asbestos, but I'm not going to keep hitting that can down the road. But I'm very adamant about environmental engineers coming and looking at that, but that is my opinion. But I do once again want to thank Mr. Vogel for coming in and explaining it more to us. Thank you very much. Well with that, I will move on -- go ahead.

Mr. Vogel: I was just going to say you're welcome. Thank you.

Ms. Binder: Thank you, Mr. Vogel. Move on to our discussion and restoring public hearings to the board of supervisor agenda.

Mr. Granger: Before we move on, I would like to make a motion to authorize the County administrator to issue --

Ms. Binder: I apologize.

Mr. Granger: --Branch and associates to increase the contract price of King George Middle School expansion project by \$51,625.

Ms. Binder: Any discussion? My discussion is, thank you Mr. Granger for catching me on that one. Thank you. All those in favor?

All: Aye.

Ms. Binder: Any nay? Chair votes aye. Motion carried. Thank you again. Dr. Young, restoring public hearings to the board of supervisors' agenda.

Dr. Young: Yes, Madam Chair. This is the discussion item that was requested that we added to the agenda to request the chairman. Madam Chair, I'm going defer to you regarding your thoughts on pursuing or restoring public hearing to the BOS agenda.

Ms. Binder: Yes. Thank you, Dr. Young. I just wanted to have a discussion with my colleagues. I know I had asked Mr. Britton to reach out to all of you and he reached out to community development first to find out a list of the public hearings that were slated on the agenda for us to hear ones that were slated to come before us before we stopped the public hearing. And those that have come after. Some of them concern ordinances that we wanted to fix or the sign ordinance being one of them and other ones are businesses that would like to open up in the community, and the villages project. So, what is the feeling of my colleagues on this? And one thing I did ask as Dr. Young, is to reach out to our superintendent of schools, Dr. Benson, about possibly using the football stadium or auditorium or the gym to practice proper social distancing and having a venue, a large venue for public hearing. Any of my colleagues what are your feelings on this? And I'll start with Ms. Cupka first.

Ms. Cupka: I absolutely think we should look to move forward with resuming public hearings. But we're about to speak later during Dr. Young's County administrator reports about reopening our buildings. So, as long as we have a plan in place to do that and we do what we can to adhere to the social distancing guidelines, which hopefully is going to be in a couple of weeks **[0:40:02 inaudible]** and then we'll move on from there. Yeah, I think we need to move forward and get back to business. Thank you.

Ms. Binder: Mr. Bueche?

Mr. Bueche: I'm all for moving forward with getting back to normal operations as soon as possible. Thank you.

Ms. Binder: Mr. Granger.

Mr. Granger: I agree with my colleagues. I think we should try to move forward with starting these up. Probably not the first meeting agenda. If we get started in the second meeting in June, that would probably be advantageous.

Ms. Binder: Thank you. Mr. Stonehill.

Mr. Stonehill: I say let's get back to at least what normal will look like here in the near future. So, I'm good to go on anything you all want to do.

Ms. Binder: Well, thank you board. Dr Young, could you have a possible plan talking with your staff and maybe Dr. Benson for our next meeting?

Dr. Young: Yes, Madam Chair.

Ms. Binder: All right. Well then, we will look forward to it in our next June 2nd meeting. Thank you so much for the input of my colleagues and Dr. Young, you and your staff for the plan that you will come up with. Next up, will be the County administrator's report Dr. Young.

Dr. Young: Thank you, Madam Chair. First is, two items that is not captured in the board packet because we were just notified recently before the Board Packet published. I have good news for the board. We were notified by the secretary of finance for the Commonwealth; and advised that King George County will receive \$2.3 million from the CARES act. The staff is currently taking a look at that 20-page document describing the requirements and compliance measures that must be met for the spending of the monies. An addition is currently under legal review by the County attorney.

However, it is our attempt to a bring before the board are very comprehensive in detail. We think describing the cares act at the next meeting in June. And we will continue to work on a plan as the recommendation to come before the board for approval before releasing that money into expenditures. Second, we received approval for \$31,550 CDBG grant from the DHCD. If you all recall, the board authorized us to execute a memorandum of agreement with Northern Neck Electric Dominion Power and our Northern Neck communities for the express use of trying to utilize the right-away for utility companies, the leverage the lying of fiber and expanding our fiber network in King George County and addressing the last mile internet access.

The first set of that plan that you all recall was actually pursuing this grant by all of the localities that are members of the agreement and all the localities were approved \$31,550 grant for the initiative. These monies will be dedicated to working up a design of the fiber network. And we're really looking forward to the discussion. The next step is establishing two different committees. Firstly, it would be a local committee in King George County that will be stakeholders in the community that are perceived to weigh in on the plans that are being produced for the broadband grants. We'll be bringing a recommendation to the board for approval at the next board meeting. In addition, they have what is called a management team that's maintained at the PDC.

As you all aware, our PDC is the George Washington regional Commission. However, since the majority of the members of the memorandum of agreement are members of the Northern Neck planning district commission, the Northern Neck planning district commission who will actually chair this management committee. The management committee will be comprised of the Northern Neck PDC director, members [0:44:04 inaudible] power utilities, and the County administrators from the regional group. So again, we'll begin putting together the plan for the committee and the management group and that should start the meetings off regarding the management of the design and planning for the initiative. I'll make sure that I bring those back to the board so that everybody is aware of the support initiatives taking place in King George County.

With that being said we do have a plan regarding the reopening of our public facilities. I attached the memorandum on detailing that plan that we intend to push out the county staff tomorrow. However, I also have a presentation that I would like to present to the board and to the general public that summarizes the plan for the way forward for King George County administration.

Ms. Binder:

Thank you, Dr. Young. And I know I have some questions afterwards. And I'm sure my colleagues will to, go right ahead.

Dr. Young:

Please pull up the slides. Next slide. Again, this plan is designed to provide guidance to the County staff in order to prepare for reopening of public facilities in accordance to Federal and State Guidelines. Next slide. If you recall, we had Executive Order 55 from the governance office that was published on 20 March '20, and in response to that Executive Order, the County took the following actions which included, escalating our public safety operations in the essential services, closing down the government buildings to the general public, using alternate means to deliver government service to customers. When I say alternate means, alternate means that means the promotion of paying tax bills and paying fees via either mailbox or online. And as you're all aware, the Community Development Department actually had a curbside pick the plans

because of the plan reviews, absent of the applicant to ensure that they could continue the land use process.

In addition, we had ceased all public meetings of Commissions, Authorities and Committees at King George County. Since the publishing of that order the Governor has now superseded it with Executive Order 61, which was published on 8th May, 2020. I'd like to note that Executive Order 61 worn out of the government's plan for reopening the Commonwealth, which is titled Code of Virginia, and can be referenced online at the governor's office website. In line of this Executive Order we are now producing before the board a plan to reduce the Emergency Operations Centers' operations, reopen government buildings to the general public, offering limited services to customers in person in, and resuming public meetings of all our governing agencies, our governing bodies in King George County.

Next slide. So, here's our approach, which is four-phased. We have what we're calling the Build Phase, which has already begun and we expect to conclude on the 21st of May. We then have a socialization phase which are three days. On the 26th to the 28th of May. You have a limited opening, which we'll begin to open up facilities to the general public on the 28th of May. And that will extend through phase one at Code of Virginia plan. Once a code the Virginia plan comes, lose it the phase two, we'll get more guidance from the Commonwealth. We'll then take a look at putting together a plan for phase four, which is a full open of the government facilities.

Next slide. So just a brief summary Phase One Build. As we speak The General Properties Department is a serving and installing physical barriers at what we call High Touch Point Areas. High Touch Point Areas are defined as areas within our County facilities where the King George County citizen and King George County employees interact. Some of those areas that have been identified include Treasurer's Office, Commissioner Revenue's Office, Registrar's Office, The Admin Department, Finance Department, Smooth Library, Courthouse, and Department of Social Services. If you walk through some of our facilities now, you'll see that with taking an expedient approach to building these barriers. We wanted to make sure that they were transparent and not obtrusive. If you go to somebody, just so the thing that I have to speak, you'll see something similar to what we have in the sheets.

You go into Sheets on route three, you'll see that they have actually plexiglass it's hanging from steel cable and it serves as a sneeze guard to prevent the transmission of spittle or a casual contact. We decided that that was a very quick and expedient method to install them in the public facilities, and we

basically replicated that in our facilities and we'll be replicating that temporary fix in these High Touch Point Areas. While these barriers have been installed, I've been in close contact with our directors and they are currently working with all staff and clients following guidance from the County Administration. Teleworking will remain an available option for our employees or their staffing plans will include plans to have employees that can always meet our customers in person during business hours.

Next slide. So that then brings us into phase two, which is socialization. During this stage County employees will be brought back to work on May 26th, 2020 at 8:00 AM. However, the public facilities will remain close to the general public. This is because this phase will allow for the departments to retrofit their processes, beginning servicing customers, both in person and remotely. This phase will also afford to staff the opportunity to rearrange department furniture and equipment and procure the supplies that they need to meet State and Federal health guidelines. During this period, if you don't know that we also have what we're calling an employee stand down. During the stand down, which will be one hour from 9 o'clock to 10 o'clock on 26th of May, where the employees, a hundred percent King George County employees, will attend a virtual conference with the Emergency Operations Center and the senior leadership with King George County.

During that time, we will discuss the best practices for combating COVID-19, keep themselves safe and make recommendations for them to take to ensure that they maintain a healthy work environment and can protect their personal safety. In addition, we will be handing out thermometers to our directors at that time, and the reason for the thermometers is we felt that it's important that we do temperature checks, but these temperature checks would not be performed on the general public. Rather we have physical barriers in place we feel that the real threat for COVID-19 spread lies amongst County Office employees, if they worked in such close proximity to each other in County departments. So, each County employee will be checked for their temperature prior to beginning the work day. The responsibility for performing that check on the employees is individual director. After those employees are checked, not by a director or a person, a third party, confirmation will be sent to the administration office that temperature checks are complete and deployed workforces safe.

In addition to the employee stand down and the socialization period, we will have additional policies in place. For example, we're going to restrict the use of common areas. When I say common areas, I mean in example, the employee kitchen. The employee kitchen will still be allowed for food storage, but we're not going to have employees gathered around the table in there and not

practicing social distancing. We already have a policy where we have limited interdepartmental travel, [00:52:23 inaudible] employees, and our departments if they need to connect between departments the channel will be via telephone or via Go-To Meeting if possible, to prevent face to face interaction.

I'm still going to maintain that policy to prevent the spread of any potential disease. In addition, employee gatherings, and when I say gatherings like retirements or birthday parties or celebrations that were commonly held in the board room for county employees will be approved on a case by case basis. And if approved, we'll not be doing our traditional buffet style meals where there are multiple touches of food and potential spread of the disease.

Next slide. That then brings us into phase three with limited opening. Again, this is the day 28th May '20 that we will intend to open the facilities to the general public. Before that date, we will make sure that we have a strong communication plan in place that's put out to not only our staff, but to the general public as well. The purpose of the communication plan would be to inform the general public of the restoration of in person services in County facilities. But we'd still be promoting alternative services as the preferred method for The Federal Government Services to the general public. In addition, we'll be preparing the facilities or the reception of our citizens, we'll be placing social distancing markers on floors in front of department queuing areas and it's no different than what you see in the grocery stores.

We'll have hand sanitizer placed at the entrances and exits of facilities and the county officers with the team will close at 3:30 PM. We're going to allow our employees that one hour a day to ensure that they can be sanitized in their respective workplaces and their common areas. We do still have the escalated cleanings taking place with the General Public Department, but being frank, the General Public, can't clean keyboards. They can't clean light switches in some of those touch point areas where people are working. It's up to the individual employee to sanitize the area and make sure that they have a healthy work environment. We also have a limited access points in Public facilities. Access will be restricted to one entrance and multiple exits in each facility. For example, in Revercomb Building.

Okay. The area from the elevators at the limited entrance into the facility, we'll have an employee there that will direct people to Commissioner Revenue's Office or the Treasurer's Office they can also monitor if those offices maintain more than two or three people in the offices and they can sustain the social distancing. And if that's the case, we'll queue the citizens outside of the office, officers will ensure that we don't exceed capacity. They would keep both our

citizens and our employees safe. The other rationale behind the limited one entrance, the passing of people that are coming into the building, the people that are exited the building and therefore not able to social distance, we will allow people to go into the single entrance will encourage people leaving the building to utilize the separate exit so we can prevent a potential contamination.

Next slide. That's for the county staff my recommendation would be for the Board of Supervisor's meetings to continue to be held remotely and maintain the board policy for public meetings and public comments regarding of the public meetings. That includes limiting citizens in the board room for public meetings. Two, limiting all individuals on board rooms to 10 people or less until that does change, or it is raised to 50, then we can start to ease those invitations. Well, I've also recommended other governing bodies specifically or for example The Planning Commission, The Economic Development Authority, The Recreation and Advisor Committee, I've asked that all these committees to resume their public meetings. However, the public meetings will replicate those of the board of supervisors where you afford them opportunity to do so conduct their meetings via remote access or they'll have the opportunity adopt all virtual meeting policy similar to what the supervisors has.

In closing, we did have The Emergency Guidance that's being put out to our staff. For, if employees test positive for COVID-19 or family members test positive COVID-19. Unfortunately, we have had to test the system, one specifically with a family member testing positive for COVID-19 or symptoms similar to the disease and we know that the system works. We have captured in black or white, and we will continue to perfect that system to make sure that it will keep our employees safe and keep those supervisors as well. Next slide. Again, as to details regarding phase one of the Code of Virginia plan, we'll come back to the board with a phase four full opening once we get a good understanding of the guidance from the Code of Virginia [00:57:45 inaudible]. Madam Chair, that's the end of my presentation.

Ms. Binder: There you go around the horn and I know everyone's got some questions. Ms. Cupka.

Ms. Cupka: I don't have any questions for you. I just want to say thank you very much Dr. Young for your hard work on this and I'm assuming because you and I have had this discussion via email, that all of these expenses that we incur to retrofit our buildings and the things we purchased, all can be reimbursed by Cares Act Funding, right?

Dr. Young: Yes, ma'am. We have two funders [00:58:30 inaudible]. Number one, we do have the Cares Act, which we have again premiered the plans to help cover these expenses. But we're also set a formal line item within the AS 400 that's dedicated to capturing costs that we'd want to lobby against FEMA for reimbursement as well. We're working to ensure that the County suffers no loss as a result of the pandemic as much as we can.

Ms. Cupka: Perfect. Thank you very much for that. That's all I have. Thank you, Madam Chair.

Ms. Binder: Thank you, Ms. Cupka, Mr. Bueche.

Mr. Bueche: Yes, ma'am. Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair. I saw three things in the protocols that I just had questions about. The first, would be directors being responsible for taking temperatures of their employees. Just like to note that people still get fever. If someone has a higher temperature, is that going to trigger some kind of response or shut down of a department or something? If someone has a fever and then we have to wait for them to go get a test and then see if they test positive or whatever, because in reality people still get sick, not everything is COVID. Someone could have a fever in the morning, the director takes their temperature, "Hey, I got somebody with a fever." What happens at that point? Can you elaborate on that?

Dr. Young: Yes, sir. Our ceiling is 100.0 Fahrenheit. If someone tests 100.0 Fahrenheit, all protocol [01:00:10 inaudible] resources [01:00:13 inaudible] center and the County Administrator. We've already made that decision that our first lag is just before everybody goes home. [01:00:34 inaudible] FCRA for the coronavirus biotech--

Ms. Binder: Dr. Young, Hold on. I'm sorry to interrupt but your microphone is echoing online.

Dr. Young: Okay. Let me [01:00:40 inaudible]. Mic is on. Okay. Can you hear, Madam Chair?

Ms. Binder: You're good now. Thank you.

Dr. Young: Okay. If someone tests 100 degrees Fahrenheit then a phone call is made to the Human Resources Department who is going to put them on leave under the FCRA and they're going to basically be quarantined by the County. And then Emergency Operations Center will be tasked with making daily phone calls monitoring the symptoms of that employee. And the employee is asked to go

get tested, we then wait and we don't make any decisions until the test results come back. The departments aren't shut down. Nothing happens until we have some type of positive confirmation, but if it is simply a fever, the employee is sent home and they're afforded an opportunity to stay at sick leave until they recover.

Mr. Bueche: And then my second question would be, I see we're closing offices at 3:30 to allow for an hour of deep cleaning. If the employees are responsible for cleaning their keyboard and their cubicles, their immediate area I'm of the opinion that wouldn't really need to take an hour. The protocols that you've put in place I think are appropriate, but I would like to see access to those services with those protocols for as long as possible. Let's say till 4:00. So would 30 minutes be more appropriate because you still have after hours cleaning that takes place in the building besides the personal deep cleaning of their workspace. So, if you still allotted 30 minutes of deep cleaning for workspace, and you still had the afterhours cleaning services, I would think that will be sufficient and give citizens till four o'clock to get in the building. Some people don't get off until 3:00, 3:30, 5:00 even. And if you can, it's just something that I would like to take into consideration.

Aside from that, the protocols that you put in place as I've said before, you run the day to day operations of this building and I think you and your team have done a fantastic job. Madam Chair, that's all I have. Thank you very much.

Ms. Binder: Thank you, Mr. Bueche, Mr. Granger.

Mr. Granger: Yes, Ma'am. Dr. Young, I just want to say thank you for putting together this plan and finding a way forward. I don't have any questions. Just wanted to say thank you.

Dr. Young: Thank you.

Ms. Binder: Mr. Stonehill.

Mr. Stonehill: I don't have any questions, I'm just going to say thank you again, Dr. Young and your staff for, as we say, keeping the ship afloat in heading forward. But I'm excited to get things back up and running and back to, like we said, we don't know what normal is going to be in the future, but it's as normal as we can be and to do it safely. So that's all I had. Thank you, sir.

Ms. Binder: Thank you, Mr. Stonehill. I do have a couple of questions. One is you had mentioned before the a hundred-degree mark, how long would be the

quarantine for? It would be three days, seven days, 14 days, especially if they show signs?

Dr. Young: Yes, Madam chair, they would be in quarantine until their temperature decreases across beneath that marker and after an interview by the Emergency Operation Center. Again, a phone call would be made daily by a member of the Emergency Operations Center who look at the employee and they make a determination by the interview questions and monitoring their symptoms making that determination with the County Administrator even though it's safe to come back to work.

Ms. Binder: Okay. And then the Emergency Guidance say the employee test positive and the family member, that's if they actually get the COVID-19 tests, correct?

Dr. Young: Roger ma'am. We had cases where we have had some employees whose family members became sick and they had advised us that they were displaying COVID-19 like symptoms and we sent them home and told them "Hey, don't come back to work until there's a test result that's afforded you all that you can come talk to us." And we plan to take those same measures here. Probably even more stringent, seeing that we will open it to the general public and we're bringing people back to the office. I think that we may even take a more conservative approach where if a family member at home and they're sick we probably would leave that individual home until we get a good understanding of exactly what's going on with their family member. Even if it's flu well, let's get a good understanding of what they could place in their households before making that call to bring them back into work. We're being overcautious based on the fact that we're trying to get a good understanding of what the pandemic looks like, number one. And then number two again, we have kind of employed that working in close proximity with each other, the last thing that we want to see is "outbreak" within a public facility.

Ms. Binder: Got you Dr. Young. I asked that too for the fact that we're not testing every employee we're just testing or asking them to get tested if they show symptoms. I just wanted to clarify that.

Dr. Young: Yes, Madam Chair.

Ms. Binder: Do we have any other questions? All right. Well, thank you so much for what you did, Dr. Young and your staff. I know you work long hours in getting everybody on board so that we have a safe reopening plan.

Dr. Young: Thank you, Madam Chair.

Ms. Binder: Did you have anything else Dr. Young?

Dr. Young: Yes. Madam chair as always this is hours and time in our report, but we've asked the Emergency Operations Center to provide the board an update on the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on our community. We'd like to turn it over to Chief Moody.

Ms. Binder: Take it away. Chief Moody.

Chief Moody: Thank you, Dr. Young, Madam Chair, Members of the Board. I'd like to take a few minutes of your time, like we did in your previous meetings to give you an update on where current things are in regards to the numbers and what we're following on a pretty much daily basis. Next slide, please. On this slide, as you know if you look at the Virginia map, you can see the darker shades of blue that are started in Northern Virginia outside of the National Capital Region but we're seeing that move a little bit further. South Stafford County leads our region by the highest number of cases at, they actually broke 501 today. All these numbers are cumulative cases and not necessarily active cases today.

Spotsylvania comes in second, they were showing right at 339 today. In King George, we have a total of 48 cumulative cases since this began. I do want to highlight that there have been many questions oftentimes from some of the Board Members and many times from the EOC staff in working with our partners with the Rappahannock Area Health District in finding out how many active cases we have. And I can report today that we have 12 active cases of confirmed COVID in King George.

One of the positive things we're seeing is we may have our numbers go up a couple new cases on a daily basis. However, we're starting to see that we have new people come onto the active list, and then we have some of the other patients coming off of that list. We're still hovering around that 10 to 15 active case mark which is definitely very valuable to find out how many true active cases we have in the County. You can see we're not only just tracking what's going on in our region, but we're also tracking what's going on across the Potomac River into Maryland.

In Charles County, these numbers are quite higher than what we're seeing in our region. Charles County is right under 900 cases, St. Mary's at 338 and PG County, which leads the State of Maryland at 12,240 cases. Not on your map, but we are also following what's going on to the East of our neighbors, to the East of Westmoreland County and they have a cumulative number, 43 cases as well. I will highlight that just last week, the City of Fredericksburg was pretty

much close to our numbers and they have seen quite a bit of an uptick in cases over the past week and now they've just reached over a hundred cases themselves.

Next slide, please. This is the dashboard that we send out. We do this Monday through Friday and one of the things that I'd like for you to note is under that section there on the right hand side, where you see CAC and under today's date, you can see how many cases our EMS, our Fire Rescue Staff, is responding to calls in which patients have potential COVID like symptoms. This would be difficulty in breathing, shortness of breath, cough, fever et cetera. So, when these occur, our staff are in full personal protective equipment. They are in N95 respirators, isolation gowns, medical gloves, et cetera. You can see we had five calls yesterday with potential patients none, and zero on Sunday, and then three the day before. As of today, a total of 64 encounters with patients with potential COVID like symptoms. You can also see that we are started a new column and that is right there where you have locality, right there in the middle of that slide, locality total cases, and inactive cases. And you can see the active cases numbers right there at 12 and then in the parentheses is what the differences were within that 24 hours. Next slide please.

Okay. And these are just what we're also sharing on the COVID-19 hub, which is posted on the County's website, and these are tracking in live numbers. And one of the things that we really like about this slide is that is a bar graph below, and it kind of shows you where each in locality we have put in there a couple of the ones from Maryland that we just talked about that, you can see in relation to where we are in comparison to some of the other localities. You can also see the total Virginia, the total number of deaths. There's still quite a bit of a difference between the deaths of COVID in Maryland versus the deaths of COVID in Virginia. And also, the cases within the United States, the death count in the United States, and just passed 90,000 today. And so anyway, we're trying to be as transparent as we can with pushing this information out for the public view. And with that, I'm going to turn the rest of the slides over to a Chief Lynn.

Chief Lynd:

Hi, good evening. Next slide, please. I just want to give you an update on some of the actions that we've taken since last time we briefed the board, the local declaration was extended to June 15th, and we continue to publish the COVID-19 dashboard and help support that. Our PPE, good news about our PPE, our large order of isolation gowns. We ordered part of the Northern Virginia purchase that I talked about before that is in, and we will be taking delivery of those this week. We're able to maintain what we're using and place orders to replenish those supplies, which is really important. The thermometers, Dr. Young talked about that the same model that we're using here and we were

able to secure those through our vendor and have those delivered within a couple of days of placing in that order.

We submitted a grant through FEMA for personal protective equipment, and, it was about almost \$11,000 grant we submitted, hopefully we should hear back soon that grant was approved and recouped in some of our costs. Mercy Management Division assisted Dr. Young with the plan to reopen the County offices, and we provided some input and we're tracking that and also a long-term recovery for the County and also to maintain operations of fire rescue.

Next slide, please. This slide is from the Governor's office. This is a Code of Virginia phase one. The openings in the very graphical format the citizens have seen, but I just wanted to include that here in this presentation that we are in phase one, most of the stages in phase one there's parts of the state that are not in phase one yet, but I included this so that citizens that hadn't had a chance to see it, they can see it now. Next slide please.

This some data that we were able to pull from Virginia department of health and the Rappahannock Area Health District. A couple of things I wanted to point out was tracking some of the patients, and you can see there on the left of the screen, the age distribution of the patients, and basically between patients confirmed cases between the age of 20 and 49 is our biggest age groups that we're seeing. 30 to 39-year-old, a 21% that follows really closely by the 20 to 29-year olds and the 40 to 49-year olds. The next graph is the actual numbers of confirmed cases in Virginia, broken down into those actual age ranges.

Go back one, please. Okay. The graphic to the right there shows the testing and how the touching is breaking down between the positive cases here in the Rappahannock Area Health District. A number of tests run per day, and a number of that's in the dark blue line. And the lighter blue line is the actual positive cases. Out of those tests, it shows you the breakdown and then you've got the line graph showing you seven-day average, next slide, please.

This is also data from the health district, the Rappahannock Area Health District. The graph on the left with the upward blue line is showing the actual number of positive test cases per day, Rappahannock Area Health District. And you can see that number is going up, but then if you look at the next graphic, you see you got that curve, that's coming down, that's the actual number of new hospitalizations per day here in the district. You can see that early in April, there was definitely that increase in the number of missions to the hospital, but however you see it's down. Definitely going on the downward trend there. Next slide, please.

I was just trying to put this back up, the way the citizens can get information the County website, the Department of Health website, or Facebook page King George Fire, and also our KG alert system citizens can sign up for the text messages. Next slide, please.

Actions the public can take, definitely want people to be aware of all the online scams now concerning COVID-19 ranging from purchasing, N95 masks to other things where people just want to take advantage of people's fears. And I just want to make sure citizens when they're looking to buy stuff online, that they spend a lot of time to research and make sure they're buying it from a trusted source. Social distancing is still important, washing hands, covering cough, if you have a fever stay at home, avoid large crowds.

The graph here on the right. This is one of the products that CDC puts out and we've uploaded several of these graphs as citizens and download notes. It's going to be up on the information hub there at the County website. Business owners that want to download some of these materials and put in their business we've had those products that CDC has made and we've put that one in place for citizens to get. Yes, next slide please.

Chief Moody:

Madam Chair, I'd be remised if I did not mention this week is EMS week, IT happens this time, this week, every year. And certainly, people working in the EMS field, working in the healthcare field have been very challenged over the past couple months with this pandemic that we're dealing with. It certainly adds more stress to the job than what's already there and I just want to mention that out, to keep folks and EMS everywhere, not just our County, but in all the communities. And also, nurses, nurse's week was just I think, was it a couple of weeks ago? And everybody that's working in healthcare certainly is playing a vital role. And there's so many, so many heroes that are not identified in that's been going on this pandemic, but I did just want to put a big shout out for our industry and fire rescue that this week was EMS week. Next slide please. Okay. And that's all we have Madam Chair, Members of the Board. Happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Ms. Binder:

Thank you, Chief Moody. I'll go around to the board. I do have one question though, quickly on the cases up ticking in Fredericksburg, could that be also because I was up in Fredericksburg last weekend and there seems to be a lot more people out and about. Could that also be part of this, since people are coming out more, for the uptick?

Chief Moody:

I really don't have that much information to say that that's a causative link or not. So not really sure. I suppose there's some possibility to that. We haven't

gotten any information from the Health District or the city on some possible causes, but certainly the next week and weeks to come are really going to show whether there's a trend or a spike based on different reopening and such.

Ms. Binder: Thank you, Chief Moody. Ms. Cupka, do you have any questions?

Ms. Cupka: Thank you, Madam Chair. Yes, I do. First, I just want to thank you and your staff and Sheriff Giles and his staff for everything you all are doing to keep us safe all the time. Could I trouble you please, to go back to the slide that has a dashboard on it, please? The GIS. Yes, that one. So, for 519 King George employees, six, seven. Is that accurate as of today? And then 32 on teleworkers, so that's employees who are home on telework and then the sick category, the seven is separate there, they're on sick leave. Am I reading that right Dr. Young?

Dr. Young: Yes, Madam Chair. None of them are COVID related. We'd still track people that are on sick leave for various reasons appearing to be illness or injury. We make sure that we track the numbers they would flag. Numbers that are maybe COVID related or someone that would have a quarantine. So that is accurate. Yes, we do have 32 personnel that are currently teleworking. That number fluctuate daily because sometimes we have individuals that are teleworking on one day, but they didn't come to the office, for example like payroll, coming to the office is it do payroll on a day is 400. We try to maximize teleworking as much as possible. But at the moment that number is 15% of our workforce, which we can get it higher, but it be so dependent on the Health Guidance System. We're limited in our ability to maximize the telework option.

Ms. Cupka: Thank you for clarifying that. I just wanted to make sure that we didn't have a bunch of employee cases that citizens should take a look at that and be concerned about. Thank you very much for clarifying that as we do look forward to trying to reopen as early as next Friday. Thanks very much again for all the things you've done. It's all I have Madam Chair.

Ms. Binder: Thank you. Mr. Bueche.

Mr. Bueche: Thank you, Madam Chair. Can you go back to the last slide? With the graph on it. It was the last graphs, the one with the curve, it was hospitalizations. That one. Okay. So, obviously we have great news on the right with the hospitalizations. My question is with the number of positive test results that is jumping up, could that be contributed to the way they're now we're tracking that since the standards – well, there apparently isn't a standard. It's a moving goalpost in my opinion. But now that they're tracking antibodies, now that they're tracking the number of positive tests, not necessarily the individual, now that they're tracking probable COVID cases, could all those new changes to the

way they're tracking be what's really driving that trend up on the left; when we see the severe cases or the hospitalizations on a downward trend. Can you elaborate on that, Chief or Chief Lynd?

Chief Moody: Mr. Bueche, can you repeat that question please?

Mr. Bueche: I'm sorry. I tend to ramble, Chief.

Chief Moody: So, can you repeat that please?

Mr. Bueche: Can you hear me?

Chief Moody: Yes, sir.

Mr. Bueche: Okay. I'm sorry. I tend to ramble. The chart on the right shows that the number of hospitalizations has been on a dramatic decrease, looking at the curve. Whereas, the chart on the left shows a trend going upward, that the number of positives has actually gone up and continues to go up. My question is, can that be attributed to the standard or the method of how they are now tracking it, that they're doing the antibody test, they're doing, you know, probable cases. They're now tracking the number of tests, not necessarily the individual. Could that new standard that they're putting in there and then going back and capturing past data that meets those criteria's that weren't captured earlier. Could that influx of new numbers be what's pushing this number up? That's the question.

Dr. Young: I can answer that, sir if you would like. Yes, you're asking can changes in the standards for testing. I'm sorry, **[1:28:02 inaudible]**. You're asking you if the changes in the methods of standards for testing or for positive cases, the escalation. For example, now including antibody testing or, like you said looking at past cases that didn't meet the new qualification -- didn't meet qualifications in the beginning, but now they meet those qualifications and they decided to add those on; which I'm not sure if that's what they're doing or not. I don't know.

But yes, obviously if they increase the ban with the **[1:28:37 inaudible]** positive case, it's going to lead to an escalation in numbers. That's why the governors of Ford, Virginia plan and the **[1:28:47 inaudible]** health district decided that it wouldn't utilize the number of new hospitalizations. That's the standard to drive phase one and parts of phase two this much. Because it's quite binary that we have people in the hospital to do that. And that really can't change, you can't redefine if someone's in a hospital bed for COVID-19 or not. And so, I agree that there is little fogginess towards the way that they're calculating these positive tests, but I take confidence in the new help us hospitalization standard

determining nation, [1:29:24 inaudible] a state response and a local response [1:29:27 inaudible].

Mr. Bueche: Thank you. Chief, thank you all for putting together, especially that slide number two on there and updating that dashboard, which now shows those active cases. That's very helpful. I really appreciate that. With that, that's all I have. Thank you very much.

Ms. Binder: Thank you, Mr. Bueche, for your questions. Mr. Granger.

Mr. Granger: Yes, ma'am, thank you. I don't have any questions. I'd just like to say thank you to Chief Moody and the [1:29:57 inaudible], as well as Sheriff Giles and the Sheriff's department for continuing services [1:30:03 inaudible] County and helping to keep it safe. [1:30:06 inaudible] you guys.

Ms. Binder: Thank you, Mr. Granger, Mr. Stonehill.

Mr. Stonehill: I don't really have any questions, but I do want to just say thanks, Chief. Those two graphs were very helpful. And finally, we have the information that I know all of us plus Mr. Bueche have always been [1:30:30 inaudible] and trying to get was how many people have recovered from this as opposed to our active cases. So that was great to see. I also wanted to say thank you for you and your staff and to say, thanks and have a good EMS week. Also, wanted to remind everybody that last week was Police Week and that Friday was Law Enforcement Memorial Day. And I just wanted to say, thank you, Sheriff Giles, your whole staff and all the other 900 sworn police officers in the country. That's all I have.

Ms. Binder: Thank you, Mr. Stonehill. Thank you once again for a wonderful EOC report. And I'm glad to see those new numbers and the new graphs. Dr. Stern said those numbers would be available for your use, and I'm glad to see it. And thank you, Dr. Stern for having your staff provide that. And so, our EOC can keep the public informed. I also want to give my own shout out to our Sheriff's department and our emergency first responders. Thank you. And thank you for everyone else that works in urgent care at the hospital that is at King George Resident. Thank you. With that being said, Dr. Young.

Dr. Young: Yes, Madam Chair. And I do want to reemphasize happy EMS week. Chief Moody, Chief Lynd, Sheriff Giles and Chief Simmons as they [1:32:06 inaudible] on a daily basis doing the emergency management response for King George County. And I have to say that I work with three of the best professionals in the business. I'd be remiss not to let the board know that they played an instrumental role in the development of the reopening plan; and [1:32:27 inaudible] was able to take our preliminary draft to our directors to gain, buy in

and input. So, because of the efforts of professionals on the emergency operation center, we do have that employee buy in, and I'm confident that we'll be able to bring our employees in to what has promised to be a safe working environment and be able to protect our employees while at the same time, getting back to the business of servicing our citizens. So, thank you all for all the hard work and Madam Chair that concludes my report.

Ms. Binder: Thank you so much, everyone and Dr. Young, especially. Do I have a motion for adjournment?

Mr. Granger: Move to adjourn until June 2nd, at 6:30 in the boardroom.

Mr. Bueche: Second.

Ms. Binder: Any discussion? All those in favor?

All: Aye.

Ms. Binder: Any nay? Chair votes aye. One thing before we close out, this meeting is hereby adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting on June 2nd, 2020 at 6:30 PM. That meeting will be held by electronic means and remote participation only and may be closed to the public being physically present. All citizens are encouraged to participate in advance or during the meeting by electronic means as provided by the County. Thank you everyone once again for joining us on the GoToMeeting app or online or by phone. If you'd like to see this broadcast again, it'll be on the King George County contact YouTube channel. Thank you everyone, everyone in King George be safe. Goodnight.

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