

May 8, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, May 8, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. at the Rockingham County Administration Center, Harrisonburg, Virginia. The following members were present:

PABLO CUEVAS, Election District #1
SALLIE WOLFE-GARRISON, Election District #2
RICK L. CHANDLER, Election District #3
WILLIAM B. KYGER, JR., Election District #4

MICHAEL A. BREEDEN, Election District #5 was absent

Also present:

BRYAN F. HUTCHESON, Sheriff

STEPHEN G. KING, County Administrator
THOMAS H. MILLER, JR., County Attorney
CASEY B. ARMSTRONG, Assistant County Administrator
RHONDA H. COOPER, Director of Community Development
KIRBY W. DEAN, Director of Parks & Recreation
ANN MARIE FREEMAN, Director of Court Services
JEREMY C. HOLLOWAY, Fire & Rescue Chief
JENNIFER J. MONGOLD, Director of Human Resources
TERRI M. PERRY, Director of Technology
PHILIP S. RHODES, Director of Public Works
BRADFORD R. R. DYJAK, Director of Planning
ANGELA R. HERNANDEZ, Senior Accountant
DIANE LEPKOWSKI, Deputy Zoning Administrator and
Deputy Subdivision Agent
JOSEPH E. SHIFFLETT, Building Official
DIANA C. STULTZ, Zoning Administrator
TAMELA S. GRAY, Deputy Clerk
DONALD F. KOMARA, Residency Administrator
Virginia Department of Transportation

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**CALL TO ORDER
INVOCATION
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Vice-Chairman Kyger called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

Supervisor Wolfe-Garrison asked for a moment of silence for attendees to examine what was on their hearts, before she provided the Invocation. County Attorney Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

On motion by Supervisor Chandler, seconded by Supervisor Cuevas, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0, voting recorded as follows: BREEDEN – ABSENT; CHANDLER – AYE; CUEVAS – AYE; KYGER – AYE; WOLFE-GARRISON – AYE; the Board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of April 24, 2019.

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TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT.

The Board heard Mr. Komara’s report on the activities of the Transportation Department, including updates to bridge, road and rural rustic projects.

When Mr. Komara reported on the progress of the two-way box culvert installation at the bridge at the intersection of Eberly Road (Route 732) and Silver Lake Road (Route 701), Administrator King asked about the project timeline. Mr. Komara hopes it will be completed before school starts in mid-August. Administrator King asked Mr. Komara to notify the Interim Dayton Town Manager, if the project will not be completed by August 3, 2019 for the Dayton Muddler.

Recent maintenance items included prepping roads, skin patching, scratching asphalt, ditching, spot leveling, and mowing. He explained skin patching is done by shooting a layer of tar and chipping it with gravel to extend the life of the surface.

In response to a question from Supervisor Wolfe-Garrison, Mr. Komara said the resurface treatment on Harpine Highway (Route 42 North) was a slurry seal, which is similar to skin patching. This was a better option because there were concerns regarding the tar and gravel surface. However, there have been concerns with the slurry. On a higher speed roadway, slurry is used because there is less stone, he said.

Mr. Komara said he plans to schedule a public hearing for the Secondary Six-Year Improvement Plan during the May 22, 2019, Board meeting.

Supervisor Chandler informed Mr. Komara that the “Prepare to Stop” emblem sign on Massanetta Springs Road (Route 687) approximately 200 feet north of its intersection with Shen Lake Drive (Route 689), is mostly covered by growth so that it is not easily visible to motorists. He requested that the sign be moved to the clearing 50 feet beyond that point to gain visibility. Supervisor Chandler also advised that there is growth covering the speed limit sign on Shen Lake Drive east of Massanetta Springs Road, approaching the Magnolia Ridge Subdivision.

In response to a question from Supervisor Chandler regarding Port Republic Road (Route 253), Mr. Komara said the surface scratch will be overlaid.

In response to a question from Supervisor Kyger, Mr. Komara indicated the surface on Mt. Crawford Avenue (Route 1310) will remain as an overlay.

Supervisor Kyger previously spoke with Mr. Komara about extending the buggy lane on Ottobine Road (Route 257) to Dry River Road (Route 738) to obtain a wider girth. Supervisor Kyger noted it is critical that VDOT mow intersections since the grass is growing rapidly.

Supervisor Kyger advised those in the audience to move over and make room for road crews, emergency vehicles and emergency personnel. He also noted that room needs to be given to farm equipment traveling on narrow roads, and asked that motorists make the highway safer for the crews that maintain them, in order for the roads to be safe for the public.

Mr. Komara agreed with Supervisor Kyger, indicating traffic moves rapidly on secondary roads.

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NORTHEAST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION.

Steven Thomas from the Northeast Neighborhood Association asked for a moment of silence for the life of Charlotte Harris, an African American woman accused of instigating the burning of a barn in Rockingham County in 1878. Mr. Thomas said that Ms. Harris was arrested and placed in the Rockingham County Jail, and was abducted from the jail by a mob who lynched her in a nearby tree.

The Northeast Neighborhood Association worked with James Madison University (JMU) Professor Dr. Gianluca De Fazio to learn more about the lynching and to memorialize the life of Ms. Harris. In March of 2018, the Northeast Neighborhood Association participated in a panel

discussion at JMU on the subject of “Lynching in the South”, announcing they would work with local officials and partners to acknowledge and memorialize the traumatic event.

Following the opening of the National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, Alabama in April of 2018, the Northeast Neighborhood Association began communicating with the administration supervising a memorial to Charlotte Harris and sought to bring the memorial to Harrisonburg/Rockingham County. Mr. Thomas outlined a process encouraged by the administration at the National Memorial for Peace and Justice founded by the Equal Justice Initiative, including a community remembrance project, a soil collection at the approximate site of the lynching, a historical marker project, and memorial monument placement initiative.

Mr. Thomas indicated the Virginia General Assembly unanimously passed resolutions acknowledging Virginia’s profound regret of the existence and acceptance of lynching in Virginia, and called for reconciliation among all Virginians regarding the racial terror, segregation and other forms of discrimination faced by African Americans during the Jim Crow era. The resolution indicates Virginia will document the lynching online and with historic markers to bring awareness and recognition of the history to contribute to the process of health and reconciliation for communities and families affected by lynchings.

Mr. Thomas noted that Dr. De Fazio is a member of the Virginia Dr. Martin Luther King Memorial Commission, which will coordinate the logistics to follow through with the Virginia General Assembly resolutions passed by the House and Senate.

Mr. Thomas requested a commitment from the Board to work with the Northeast Neighborhood Association on the Community Remembrance Project, sending a strong message that the County is dedicated to remaining a welcoming and safe community, where human rights of residents are valued and protected.

Mr. Thomas noted the exact location of the jail or tree where Charlotte Harris was hung is unknown, and a grand jury did not charge anyone for the murder.

The Northeast Neighborhood Association is asking that the historical marker approved by the general assembly be placed on Court Square. They hope to return to the Board later with a formal recommendation from the Harrisonburg-Rockingham County Community Remembrance Project Committee as it pertains to the historic marker placement.

Mr. Thomas further noted that Virginia Senator Jennifer McClellan, who chairs the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Commission, will visit Harrisonburg later in the year to discuss the Commission’s History of Lynching in Virginia Work Group and invited Board members to attend the meeting when it is scheduled. He also invited the Board to attend the regular meeting of the Northeast Neighborhood Association on May 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., at the Lucy Simms Center.

Mr. Thomas noted the Virginia Department of Historic Resources has a historic memorial marker of Charlotte Harris for Rockingham County at the National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, Alabama. He requested a verbal commitment from the Board to work with the Northeast Neighborhood Association and Community Remembrance Project Committee on the placement of the marker memorializing the life of former City/County resident Charlotte Harris.

Since the exact site where the lynching occurred is not known, Supervisor Chandler asked if there is an effort to try to determine the site, because more interest may be generated if the monument is erected at that location. Mr. Thomas indicated he and Dr. De Fazio have been unable to determine the exact site of the lynching or find local descendants of Ms. Harris.

Supervisor Chandler also asked about the original jail. It was noted that Ms. Harris was held in the custody of a jailer in a house or school because it was too far for her to travel to the Harrisonburg/Rockingham County jail that night. Administrator King indicated the building Ms. Harris was held in was described as an outbuilding about 15 miles east of Harrisonburg.

On behalf of the Board, Vice-Chairman Kyger expressed appreciation to Mr. Thomas for updating the Board and suggested assigning staff to work with the Northeast Neighborhood Association and Community Remembrance Project Committee. Administrator King noted that

Bradford Dyjak attended the first Community Remembrance Project Committee meeting, held on April 25, 2019.

Supervisor Kyger noted it is important not to forget history, and said Virginia citizens have been painfully reminded of many dark periods of history in the last year. Supervisor Kyger knows the importance of history and understanding the cause and effect of what occurred so others are not as likely to repeat the same mistakes in the future. He also likes to know the historical importance of monuments. Supervisor Kyger said the project has great merit, and he thinks the Board will work with the Northeast Neighborhood Association and other organizations to try to determine where the lynching took place.

Supervisor Kyger noted a marker recognizing this event in history would be better located closer to the event on a major highway where tourists will more likely see it. He hopes the exact location can be determined, so the appropriate and correct thing can be done. He said the Board will wait to hear from Mr. Dyjak and will move based on the evidence gained in the future.

Mr. Thomas said he hopes this will be a joint City and County effort.

In response to a question from Administrator King, Mr. Thomas explained that the historic memorial marker of Charlotte Harris that he mentioned earlier is a six-foot monument in Montgomery, Alabama, which recognizes Charlotte Harris with the date of her lynching and Rockingham County on it. He noted that Ms. Harris' lynching gained national attention and the memorial at the National Memorial for Peace and Justice is available to be claimed by the County.

Supervisor Kyger said the Board and County staff will see how things fall out once they obtain all the information.

Supervisor Cuevas said he has heard that the small building located on the southeast side of Smithland Road (Route 720) at its intersection with North Valley Pike (Route 11) was used as a detention center or a jail many years ago. He suggested that Mr. Dyjak try to determine the original use of that building.

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ROCKINGHAM-HARRISONBURG SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (RHSPCA) UPDATE.

Huck Nawaz, who became the Executive Director of the Rockingham-Harrisonburg Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RHSPCA) on January 1, 2019, said he has been exploring opportunities for the RHSPCA to better serve the citizens of the community. Shelter partnerships with local organizations that offer discounts for spaying and neutering allow animals to be more easily adopted. Mr. Nawaz is exploring similar opportunities in Northern Virginia and Charlottesville.

While intakes have been slowly decreasing over the last three years, Mr. Nawaz noted they increased 40 percent over the last four months (approximately 200 additional animals). He said the SPCA is accustomed to managing 2,500 intakes a year. A 40 percent increase will bring the number of intakes to 4,500 a year, so the SPCA is bracing for that. They hope to determine why intakes have increased so much. Euthanasia and animal deaths have declined over the last three years, Mr. Nawaz said. He noted that whenever possible the SPCA tries to return animals to their owners.

Mr. Nawaz said the SPCA Board and staff are exploring strategic planning and hope to attend a future Board of Supervisors meeting to review their plan. He noted an adoption promotion will be held May 11-18 with a \$60 discount for adoptions, which is about half the normal fee.

In response to a question from Supervisor Kyger, Mr. Nawaz said the SPCA takes in more animals after college graduations because students do not take their pets with them.

In response to a question from Supervisor Chandler, Mr. Nawaz said the SPCA's goal is to increase live release (adoptions) and decrease euthanasia.

When Supervisor Cuevas asked about the SPCA Board, Mr. Nawaz responded that there are currently eight members on the SPCA Board, but they have at least six vacancies. Board members provide financial donations, and he is working with them to donate their time.

In response to a question from Supervisor Chandler, Mr. Nawaz said he did not know the amount of the SPCA budget that is provided by the County, but said the SPCA raises 60 percent of their funding.

Supervisor Wolfe-Garrison asked if the increase in intakes was cats or dogs. Mr. Nawaz said it was primarily cats. There is an equal increase in strays versus owner surrenders due to financial difficulties, and he said most strays come from the City.

In response to a question from Supervisor Chandler, Mr. Nawaz said the SPCA does not charge a fee to people who surrender their pets because the majority of the surrenders are due to financial difficulty. The SPCA provides resources and counseling to help citizens keep their pets because the most cost effective way to save an animal is to keep it in their current home.

Supervisor Chandler suggested the County consider having a Board representative on the SPCA Board. Mr. Nawaz said the SPCA would be open to an advisory board with a representative from the City and County, as well as citizens.

Administrator King said a number of local agencies concerned about animals have told him about the relationships Mr. Nawaz is building in the community; Administrator King thinks Mr. Nawaz is on the right path with community members.

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COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA) PRESENTATION.

Juan Pablo Berrizbeitia, Chief Executive Officer for Blue Ridge Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for Children, explained that the 501(c) 3 CASA organization was created by a Juvenile and Domestic Relations (JDR) Judge in Seattle, Washington, who wanted more information about the children and cases for which he was making decisions. There are currently 1,000 CASA agencies in the United States and 27 in Virginia, with a mission to advocate for abused and neglected children.

The area CASA program started in Waynesboro in 1994. That office moved to Staunton a few years later, an office was opened in Lexington in 2011 and the Harrisonburg CASA agency, which is located at the Community Foundation, opened in 2013. The group raised funds to provide full-time services last year and increased the number of volunteers. Valley offices serve 110 children, but an estimated 300 children need services, Mr. Berrizbeitia said. He noted there are currently 117 Rockingham County children in foster care.

The advocates work with children who have suffered sexual, physical and social abuse, as well as educational, physical, medical and emotional neglect. Mr. Berrizbeitia indicated trauma negatively affects the brains of children who are victims of abuse or domestic violence so they can defend themselves. Even after being placed in a safe environment, their brains trigger a strike, flight or risk response. The children appear to have behavior problems, but need therapy to adjust to a new environment that is less intense. Abused and neglected children are less likely to graduate, read well, be employed or productive at work. They often self-medicate and abuse alcohol or drugs.

The first goal of social services, JDR judges and lawyers is to return the children to their homes. Court Appointed Special Advocates have a Court order that allows them to receive confidential records from psychologists, social workers, doctors, school staff and counselors. The advocates read and compile information from the records, and visit with the children, foster parents and biological parents. They cannot disclose to social workers what they learn from the records or see during their visits, but may inform the social worker that they should visit the home. The advocates prepare a comprehensive CASA court report with the child's history for the judge to review.

CASA is able to reduce the chance of a child being abused and increase the number of services for the child. Therefore, the children perform better in school, physically and mentally, and are more likely to be placed in a safe environment and remain there.

CASA trains volunteers to understand what is happening with the children. Of the 117 foster care children in Rockingham County, 30 will have an advocate by June 30, 2019. Mr. Berrizbeitia noted that an advocate manager, who is compensated \$40,000 a year for their salary and benefits, can oversee 30 volunteers who serve 60 to 70 children.

In response to a question from Supervisor Wolfe-Garrison, Mr. Berrizbeitia indicated there is one full-time advocate manager for Rockingham County and Harrisonburg. There is a full-time advocate manager in Staunton and a part-time advocate manager in Lexington, he said.

Supervisor Kyger stated that social services is overworked and children need advocates to keep them safe from people who love them, but do not adequately care for them.

Mr. Berrizbeitia said he requested money from the County, but received a letter that the 2019-2020 fiscal budget had already been established. He looks forward to working with the County and plans to provide a funding request for the 2020-2021 fiscal budget and future years.

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S STAFF REPORT.

The Board received and reviewed Mr. King's staff report dated May 3, 2019.

Administrator King brought attention to staff's request for the Board's support of a Timmons Group grant application for Planning and Technical Assistance to develop a Storm Water Management Model for the Lake Shenandoah Watershed on behalf of the County. He noted the grant application is due May 14, 2019.

By consensus of the Board, the County will support the Timmons Group grant application for Planning and Technical Assistance to develop a Storm Water Management Model for the Lake Shenandoah Watershed.

Administrator King also highlighted a draft timeline included in his staff report for the Board's review, to ensure staff is on the right path regarding the Lake Shenandoah Drainage Area.

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COUNTY ATTORNEY'S STAFF REPORT.

Mr. Miller brought attention to a property in District 4 that staff believes to be a public safety hazard. The structure is advertised as a short-term rental property in the County. It is located in a dangerous place, well within the floodplain, and is not engineered or built adequately, Mr. Miller said. Community Development staff sent a letter to the owner indicating the structure could no longer be rented or occupied, but the owner has not complied.

Mr. Miller indicated staff is asking the Board for a determination to declare the structure unsafe and direct staff to proceed as necessary to make it safe or eliminate the structure.

Supervisor Kyger requested confirmation that staff has done their due diligence and has the necessary information to proceed.

Supervisor Kyger asked that a fellow Board member make a motion on his behalf to move forward with staff's recommendation to declare the treehouse structure near the river unsafe, and direct staff to take usual and necessary means to deal with the structure.

Administrator King indicated the tree house could possibly be moved and relocated away from the floodplain.

Mr. Miller indicated visitors who are not from the area who do not realize how rapidly the water can rise during a rain storm and the danger. Additionally, Fire and Rescue staff could be endangered and the structure could wash down stream, causing debris to damage bridges.

Supervisor Wolfe-Garrison asked if there would be an issue if this were a play structure. Mr. Miller responded that technically any structure should not be located that close to the river due to floodplain issues, but if it were a recreational feature, not offered for rent, the unsafe declaration would not likely be exercised.

Mr. Miller indicated that if the structure is determined to be in a FEMA floodway, nothing can be built there.

Supervisor Kyger indicated there have been similar problems with picnic structures. This is an issue of public safety, and if detached from its foundation, the building could affect other structures downstream.

Mr. Miller noted that the occupied floor is four feet below the hundred year flood level, so four feet of water could be pressing against the structure. Joe Shifflett indicated that he received certified documentation from an engineering firm that the floor is four feet below the hundred year flood level.

Mr. Miller indicated the tree house should not be occupied until it is determined that the structure can withhold that amount of water pressure, but the owner is not cooperating with staff.

Supervisor Chandler made a motion on Vice-Chairman Kyger's behalf to declare the tree house structure located on Hill Gap Road (Tax Map Number 122-(A)-61 or 122-(A)-62A1) unsafe and directed staff to take the usual and necessary steps to deal with the structure. Supervisor Cuevas seconded the motion.

Carried by a vote of 4 to 0, voting recorded as follows: BREEDEN – ABSENT; CHANDLER – AYE; CUEVAS – AYE; KYGER – AYE; WOLFE-GARRISON – AYE; the Board declared the tree house located on Hill Gap Road (Tax Map Number 122-(A)-61 or 122-(A)-62A1) unsafe and directed staff to take the usual and necessary steps to deal with the structure.

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ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S STAFF REPORT.

The Board received and reviewed Mr. Armstrong's Economic Development & Tourism staff report.

He thanked those who participated in the May 6, 2019 expansion announcement at Merck & Company in Elkton regarding the 120,000 square foot expansion, which will result in over 100 jobs and a \$1 billion investment. He stated the expansion is a great benefit for the County, Valley and State.

Mr. Armstrong presented a professional services agreement for Retail Strategies, L.L.C. to provide consulting services. He requested that the Board authorize Administrator King to sign the agreement with the firm, which specializes in retail marketing. Retail Strategies will target specific properties in the County for specific retail development. There is a consulting fee of \$45,000 for the first year. If the agreement is renewed after year one, the fee will be \$35,000 for each of the next two years.

Mr. Armstrong said he and Administrator King interviewed Retail Strategies, L.L.C. and would like to move forward with a one-year consulting services contract.

Supervisor Cuevas indicated there is money in the Economic Development budget to cover the expenses associated with the Retail Strategies, L.L.C. agreement. He would like staff to have the final say regarding retail businesses locating in the County and where they locate.

Supervisor Cuevas made a motion to authorize Administrator King to sign the professional services agreement with Retail Strategies, L.L.C. to provide consulting services, with the condition that Retail Strategies, L.L.C. will not have the authority to engage in a contractual agreement with a retail company without approval of the County Administrator and Assistant County Administrator, and proper notification will be provided to the Board. Supervisor Chandler seconded the motion.

Supervisor Wolfe-Garrison confirmed with Mr. Armstrong that the County is contracting with the company to find businesses interested in locating in the area and informing them of possible locations and land for them to purchase. Administrator King clarified that County staff will work with local landowners to help them connect with the companies looking to start projects. The landowner will have the final decision to move forward with a business, assuming that the zoning is appropriate or the property is rezoned.

Carried by a vote of 4 to 0, voting recorded as follows: BREEDEN – ABSENT; CHANDLER – AYE; CUEVAS – AYE; KYGER – AYE; WOLFE-GARRISON – AYE; the Board authorized Administrator King to sign the professional services agreement with Retail Strategies, L.L.C. to provide consulting services, with the condition that Retail Strategies, L.L.C. will not have the authority to engage in a contractual agreement with a retail company without approval of the County Administrator and Assistant County Administrator, and proper notification will be provided to the Board.

Administrator King gave credit to Mr. Armstrong and Josh Gooden, who have worked on the Merck & Company project for a year. He said this type of expansion happens because of the tone set by the Board and the staff who interact with interested companies in a professional manner. He believes that how County staff and other local entities have interacted with Merck & Company, treated them and helped them work through the process, make a difference. He believes that is the secret to the success.

Supervisor Chandler indicated a good experience goes a long way in a company making a decision.

Supervisor Kyger said partners such as Blue Ridge Community College (BRCC), James Madison University and other local schools help staff promote the County. He noted that workforce readiness is money well invested, and said the most critical aspect of the County’s workforce readiness program outside of the Plecker Training Center at BRCC is Massanutten Technical Center. The County needs to continue to support such ancillaries, he said.

Administrator King said since Merck has made the commitment, it is the County’s job to make the transition for their expansion as smooth as possible.

Supervisor Chandler noted the commitment by the educational facilities that assisted with the Merck expansion will help with future expansions.

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FINANCE DIRECTOR’S STAFF REPORT.

The Board received and reviewed Mrs. Davidson’s staff report dated April 29, 2019. Senior Accountant Angela Hernandez was in attendance to answer questions since Mrs. Davidson was attending the Virginia Government Finance Officers’ Association (VGFOA) conference.

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HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR’S STAFF REPORT.

The Board received and reviewed Mrs. Mongold’s staff report dated May 8, 2019.

Mrs. Mongold noted County and School staff will meet with insurance consultants on May 24, 2019, to review the health, dental and vision insurance proposals. Recommendations will be provided to the Board shortly thereafter.

Supervisor Wolfe-Garrison asked if it was typical to receive only one response for an RFP for medical, prescription and re-insurance coverage. Mrs. Mongold indicated it is typical for reinsurance, but several responses are usually received for health insurance. One health insurance company declined to provide a proposal and another company that met with the County in the fall indicated they would not be able to compete because they do not have a contract with the University of Virginia (UVA), and a large number of County employees seek medical care at UVA. She noted two responses were received for stop-loss, which is common.

Supervisor Wolfe-Garrison asked if the County is obligated to go with single respondents. Mrs. Mongold said the County could remain with the current vendor and try to negotiate the contract.

Administrator King said the County can seek proposals again, but Mrs. Mongold said she did not think that would generate additional responses. Companies look at claims, where the County has the most utilization and what doctors are in their network to determine if they can be competitive. It was also noted that the County being self-insured may be a factor.

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PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S STAFF REPORT.

The Board received and reviewed Mr. Rhodes' staff report dated May 8, 2019.

Mr. Rhodes said he was notified that the Town of Dayton no longer needs water from the County, but he is not sure if all the water issues have been resolved.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S STAFF REPORT.

The Board received and reviewed Ms. Cooper's staff report dated May 8, 2019.

Supervisor Chandler thanked Community Development staff for assisting with community meetings in his district. The meetings were well-attended and he received mostly favorable comments. He noted that some administrative staff also attended.

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TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR'S STAFF REPORT.

The Board received and reviewed Mrs. Perry's staff report dated May 2019.

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FIRE AND RESCUE CHIEF'S STAFF REPORT.

The Board received and reviewed Chief Holloway's staff report dated May 2019.

Chief Holloway provided a presentation with photographs of flooding issues on June 22, 2019, and the Bergton Community Cleanup Day on May 4, 2019. He noted that 72 people helped with the cleanup, including many community members, fire and rescue staff and the Sheriff's workforce crew. Supervisor Cuevas, Administrator King and Chief Holloway met with community members to look at areas that they hoped to improve, in an attempt to reduce future flooding. Chief Holloway noted a community service crew picked up trash along the roadway and a swift water crew removed trees clogging a drain under a bridge. Volunteers with backhoes and equipment lifted the logs out of the water.

The cleanup was not expensive because the Bergton Fire Department provided food, and local people donated their time and equipment. Chief Holloway noted it was good to see people working in their own community. He said some issues have not been addressed yet and there are other areas in the County which would benefit from a cleanup day. There was a lot of manpower, personnel and equipment from the County, he said.

Supervisor Cuevas thanked Chief Holloway and Administrator King for organizing the meeting, helping community members realize there were solutions and encouraging them to participate. He said the cleanup day was a good example of how government can lead citizens to do for themselves, rather than wait for the state or federal government to assist.

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PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR'S STAFF REPORT.

The Board received and reviewed Mr. Dean's staff report dated May 2, 2019.

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COURT SERVICES DIRECTOR'S STAFF REPORT.

The Board received and reviewed Mrs. Freeman's staff report dated April 8, 2019.

In response to a question from Supervisor Wolfe-Garrison, Mrs. Freeman said she receives feedback from some participants that help with cleanup work, but they did not hear from anyone who participated in the Bergton cleanup event.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The Board heard the following reports from Board members and staff:

CENTRAL SHENANDOAH PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION (CSPDC)

Ms. Cooper noted that recommendations for executive board member elections are in early June.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Supervisor Wolfe-Garrison indicated the Chamber is trying to maintain their membership and participation from organizations in the community.

COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD (CCJB)

Supervisor Chandler reported that a CCJB meeting will be held on June 4, 2019.

HARRISONBURG-ROCKINGHAM METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

Supervisor Wolfe-Garrison indicated the MPO will meet May 16, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

HARRISONBURG-ROCKINGHAM REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY (HRRSA)

Mr. Rhodes indicated the HRRSA Board met on May 6, 2019, and the Executive Director was authorized to move forward with the allocation transfer from McGaheysville.

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ADJOURNMENT.

Vice-Chairman Kyger declared the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Vice-Chairman