

<b>ACTIONS</b>		
<b>Board of Supervisors Meeting of October 16, 2024</b>		
		October 17, 2024
<b>AGENDA ITEM/ACTION</b>	<b>ASSIGNMENT</b>	<b>VIDEO</b>
1. Call to Order. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by the Chair, Mr. Andrews. All BOS members were present. Also present were Jeff Richardson, Andy Herrick, Claudette Borgersen, and Travis Morris.</li> </ul>		<a href="#">Link to Video</a>
4. Adoption of Final Agenda. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By a vote of 6:0, <b>ADOPTED</b> the final agenda.</li> </ul>		
5. Brief Announcements by Board Members. <p><u>Mike Pruitt:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reminded the public that early voting was ongoing and that unregistered voters could still vote by provisional ballots. He mentioned that voters in Albemarle County can vote at the County Office Building 5th Street location during normal weekday hours and also on Saturday, November 2nd.</li> <li>Reminded the public that there was a race for the mayor of Scottsville between Mayor Ron Smith and Councilor Edward Payne. He noted that there is one person on the ballot for three open positions on Town Council and three write-in candidates.</li> <li>Announced that on October 25 at 6:30 p.m., there would be a screening of a youth climate film entitled "Another World is Possible" at the Lighthouse Studio in Charlottesville.</li> <li>Announced that two-hour twilight tours in Scottsville would be held on October 18 and 19, departing at 6:00 p.m. from the Scottsville Museum, and that there would also be a seated performance at Victory Hall on October 20.</li> </ul> <p><u>Ned Gallaway:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expressed appreciation to Mary McIntire, who served as Rio District representative on the Social Services Advisory Board for seven years and now heads the Albemarle Education Association.</li> </ul> <p><u>Bea LaPisto-Kirtley:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reported that the previous day she and Chair Andrews had visited the Loaves &amp; Fishes food pantry, an organization distributing supplies of food biweekly to all in need.</li> <li>Reminded the public that there would be a joint CAC (Community Advisory Committee) meeting on October 30 at 6 p.m., with a topic focus on AC44.</li> <li>Announced that the Fire Foundation has approved its articles of incorporation and they that they are working on their Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and bylaws.</li> </ul>		

<p><u>Ann Mallek:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mentioned the many recent celestial events, including the rare comet that was visible.</li> <li>• Expressed her appreciation for the Loaves &amp; Fishes food pantry.</li> <li>• Announced that apple butter from the White Hall Ruritans would be prepared and available for sale on October 26 from 1 to 4 p.m.</li> <li>• Announced that “Ruck the Ridge,” honoring the service of active-duty military and first responders, would take place November 9 at Blue Ridge School in St. George.</li> </ul> <p><u>Diantha McKeel:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expressed her appreciation for the Loaves &amp; Fishes food pantry, which she said was now served by MicroCAT transit.</li> <li>• Mentioned the speed zone cameras in school zones, with the first being at Lambs Lane on Hydraulic Road, with the first results showing that 782 cars per day were speeding 10 mph or more over the limit; the new speed cameras have reduced these incidences by about 70%. Fines for these violations would be enacted beginning October 21.</li> </ul> <p><u>Jim Andrews:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expressed appreciation for the Loaves &amp; Fishes food pantry, which has a lot of volunteers, including his niece.</li> <li>• Reported that there would be a student senate meeting in Lane Auditorium on October 18.</li> <li>• Mentioned that the Architectural Review Board had received an award from the American Institute of Architects.</li> </ul>		
<p>7. From the Public: Matters on the Agenda but Not Listed for Public Hearing or on Matters Previously Considered by the Board or Matters that are Pending Before the Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Tom Loach</u>, White Hall District, expressed concern that the AC44 document states that there was no expansion of the growth area this year but that there would be in the future, which is in direct opposition of the 50-year goal to preserve rural Albemarle County.</li> <li>• <u>Neil Williamson</u>, Free Enterprise Forum, spoke towards the Comprehensive Plan and the restrictions limiting development and the redevelopment of development areas, the proposed legislative priority restricting housing providers through rent-control policies, and increased project timelines.</li> </ul>		
<p>8.1 Notice of Public Hearing on County Acquisition of Parcel ID # 056A2-04-00-000A3 in Parkside Village, Crozet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>AUTHORIZED</b> notice and <b>SCHEDULED</b> a public hearing on December 4.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Clerk:</u> Schedule on December 4 agenda, advertise in the Daily Progress and notify appropriate individuals.</p>	
<p>8.2 Resolution to Accept Road(s) in The Farms at Turkey Run Subdivision into the State Secondary System of Highways. (<i>Scottsville Magisterial</i></p>	<p><u>Clerk:</u> Forward copy of signed resolution to Community Development. (Attachment 1)</p>	

	<p><i>District)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ADOPTED</b> resolution.</li> </ul>	
8.3	<p>Voting Credentials for the 2024 VACo Annual Business Meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>DESIGNATED</b> Supervisor Jim Andrews as Voting Delegate and Supervisor Ned Gallaway as Alternate Delegate.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Clerk:</u> Forward Certified Voting Credentials Form to VACo.</p>
9.	<p>2025 Legislative Priorities and 2025 Legislative Positions and Policy Statements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By a vote of 6:0, <b>ADOPTED</b> the 2025 Legislative Priorities and 2025 Legislative Positions and Policy Statements.</li> </ul>	<p>County Attorney: Proceed as discussed. (Attachments 2 and 3)</p>
10.	<p><b>Presentation:</b> Economic Outlook Report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>RECEIVED.</b></li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Recess</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At 4:02 p.m., the Board recessed and reconvened at 4:16 p.m.</li> </ul>	
11.	<p><b>Work Session:</b> AC44 - Community Vision and Growth Management Policy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>HELD.</b></li> </ul>	
12.	<p>From the County Executive: Report on Matters Not Listed on the Agenda. <u>Jeff Richardson:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduced Quinn Lunsford, the newly appointed director of the Albemarle County Service Authority. Mr. Lunsford addressed the Board.</li> <li>• Presented the October 2024 “Progress Albemarle” report and acknowledged Abbey Stumpf for her work on the report.</li> </ul>	
13.	<p>From the Board: Committee Reports and Matters Not Listed on the Agenda. <u>Ned Gallaway:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commented that at the last TJPDC (Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission) cigarette sales tax board meeting, data was presented showing a 9% decline over FY23 sales although he noted that vaping is not considered in the data. He noted that for Albemarle County, 2.2 million packs were sold in FY24 and Augusta County sold 2.6 million and that Albemarle County’s net cigarette tax proceeds equaled \$824,485 for FY24.</li> </ul> <p><u>Jim Andrews:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mentioned that at the last Solid Waste Alternatives Advisory Committee meeting, members recognized from the climate action plan that composting is a viable type of recycling that serves the dual benefit of limiting food waste. They are considering a joint effort with the City to study how composting might be picked up from haulers, and possibly a future pilot program.</li> </ul>	
14.	<p>From the Public: Matters on the Agenda but Not Listed for Public Hearing or on Matters Previously Considered by the Board or Matters that are Pending Before the Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were none.</li> </ul>	
15.	<p>Closed Meeting.</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At 7:08 p.m., the Board went into Closed Meeting pursuant to section 2.2-3711(A) of the Code of Virginia:</li> <li>• under subsection (7), to consult with legal counsel and receive briefings by staff members pertaining to actual litigation concerning a contract claim, in the case styled S.L. Williamson Company, Inc. v. County of Albemarle, Virginia, where consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the County and the Board; and</li> <li>• under subsection (8) to consult with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring legal advice related to homestay requirements.</li> </ul>		
<p>16. Certify Closed Meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At 8:08 p.m., the Board reconvened into an open meeting and certified the closed meeting.</li> </ul>		
<p>17. Adjourn to November 6, 2024, 1:00 p.m., Lane Auditorium.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.</li> </ul>		

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Attachment 1 – Resolution to Accept Road(s) in The Farms at Turkey Run Subdivision into the State Secondary System of Highways.

Attachment 2 – 2025 Legislative Priorities

Attachment 3 – 2025 Legislative Positions and Policy Statements

The Board of County Supervisors of Albemarle County, Virginia, in regular meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024, adopted the following resolution:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the street(s) in **The Farms at Turkey Run**, as described on the attached Additions Form AM-4.3 dated **October 16, 2024**, fully incorporated herein by reference, is shown on plats recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Albemarle County, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Resident Engineer for the Virginia Department of Transportation has advised the Board that the street(s) meet the requirements established by the Subdivision Street Requirements of the Virginia Department of Transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albemarle Board of County Supervisors requests the Virginia Department of Transportation to add the street(s) in **The Farms at Turkey Run**, as described on the attached Additions Form AM-4.3 dated **October 16, 2024**, to the secondary system of state highways, pursuant to §33.2-705, Code of Virginia, and the Department's Subdivision Street Requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board guarantees a clear and unrestricted right- of-way, as described, exclusive of any necessary easements for cuts, fills and drainage as described on the recorded plats; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Resident Engineer for the Virginia Department of Transportation.

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## 2025 Legislative Priorities

### Virginia Code Amendments

- Expanded authority to use photo speed monitoring devices
- County taxing authority for school division capital projects
- Expand offenses subject to property forfeiture to community threats

### Budget Amendments

- State funding for Rivanna Futures project
- State funding for Biscuit Run Park– Monacan Indian Nation Tribute Park Connector Greenway ADA Trail project

### Legislative/Agency Study

- Study tools to mitigate rent increases caused by multifamily residential redevelopment

### Virginia Code Amendments

#### Expand the authority to use photo speed monitoring devices

**Proposed:** Amend [Virginia Code §§ 46.2-882](#) and [46.2-882.1](#) to enable the use of photo speed monitoring devices on segments of secondary roads where speeding has been identified as a problem.

**Elements:** The enabling authority would be implemented by ordinance and would apply only to segments of secondary roads having posted speeds of 35 miles per hour or higher which are selected based on speeding, crash, and fatality data supporting the need for additional enforcement against speeding. In addition, the selected road segments would be required to have signs posted informing drivers that such devices are being used to monitor speed.

**Rationale:** This initiative would give localities the option to use photo speed monitoring devices as an enforcement tool on designated segments of secondary roads where speeding is prevalent. Using such devices would promote public safety by providing broader enforcement of speed limits and safety of law enforcement officers, who might otherwise be required to make traffic stops on potentially dangerous road segments (e.g., segments without shoulders or with limited sight distance). Additionally, the use of technology where human intervention is unnecessary would allow law enforcement officers to do other critical police work.

**Prior History:** This priority was addressed during the 2024 General Assembly session in [HB 20 Photo speed monitoring devices; location](#) (Jones), which was continued to 2025.

### **Grant the County taxing authority for school division capital projects**

**Proposed:** Amend [Title 58.1, Subtitle I, Chapter 6 of the Code of Virginia](#) to make Albemarle County eligible to levy an additional 1% retail sales tax for the purpose of funding school division capital projects.

**Elements:** Either amend [Virginia Code § 58.1-602](#) to designate Albemarle County, in addition to other previously designated cities and counties, as a “qualifying locality” with such authority, or amend [Virginia Code § 58.1-605.1](#) to provide such authority to all cities and counties. In either case, the imposition of such a tax would require approval in a local referendum and would be subject to expiration no more than 20 years after the board’s initiation of the referendum.

**Rationale:** The County lacks a dedicated funding mechanism for school construction and renovation projects. Such projects are largely funded presently by existing tax revenues and proceeds of bond issues. Additional taxing authority would generate revenues dedicated solely to school division capital projects, providing further fiscal capacity and flexibility to the County.

**Prior History:** This priority was addressed during the 2024 General Assembly session in [HB 805 Sales and use tax, local; additional tax authorized in counties & cities to support schools](#) (Rasoul) and [SB 14 Sales and use tax, local; additional tax authorized in counties & cities to support schools](#) (McPike), both of which were vetoed.

### **Expand offenses subject to property forfeiture to include community threats**

**Proposed:** Amend [Virginia Code § 19.2-386.15](#) to subject property used in terrorism hoax incidents, bomb threats, or malicious activations of fire alarms to forfeiture.

**Elements:** This proposal would expand the offenses whose property is subject to forfeiture from the current terrorist acts to also include all offenses currently subject to limited cost recovery under Virginia Code § 15.2-1716.1.

**Rationale:** Forfeiture procedures are well-established. In addition, they allow seizure of all property that is connected to the criminal activity, far more than flat \$250 enabled under the existing cost-recovery statute. ..

### **Budget Amendments**

#### **Provide \$11.2M in state funding for Rivanna Futures project**

**Proposed:** Include funding in the state budget to advance site readiness and infrastructure investment for creating an intelligence and national security innovation accelerator adjacent to the U.S. Army’s Rivanna Station located in Albemarle County.

**Elements:** Albemarle County has purchased approximately 462 acres of land for \$58 million, to foster the development of the Intelligence and National Security Innovation and Acceleration Campus (INSIAC), which will have significance to the Commonwealth of Virginia and our nation. The County seeks an investment from the state to fund utility, infrastructure, and site work for phase 1, which has been estimated at \$11.2M to prepare 50 additional acres of light industrial and commercial office uses to extend and complement the existing intelligence missions.

**Rationale:** INSIAC will be a center for agencies, and academic and private sector partners, focused on intelligence and national security collaboration and innovation on a future expansion of the existing Rivanna Station footprint, as well as new private and academic sector office and research and development spaces in close proximity. This projected expansion of the mission is estimated to generate 873 new jobs with a median income of \$81,000, \$2.2 million in annual state tax revenue and \$135 million in total economic impact. Future phases will house more than 800,000 square feet of compatible private sector, non-profit, and education partners across more than 150 acres on Route 29 North, the keystone for extending the defense innovation ecosystem in Central Virginia.



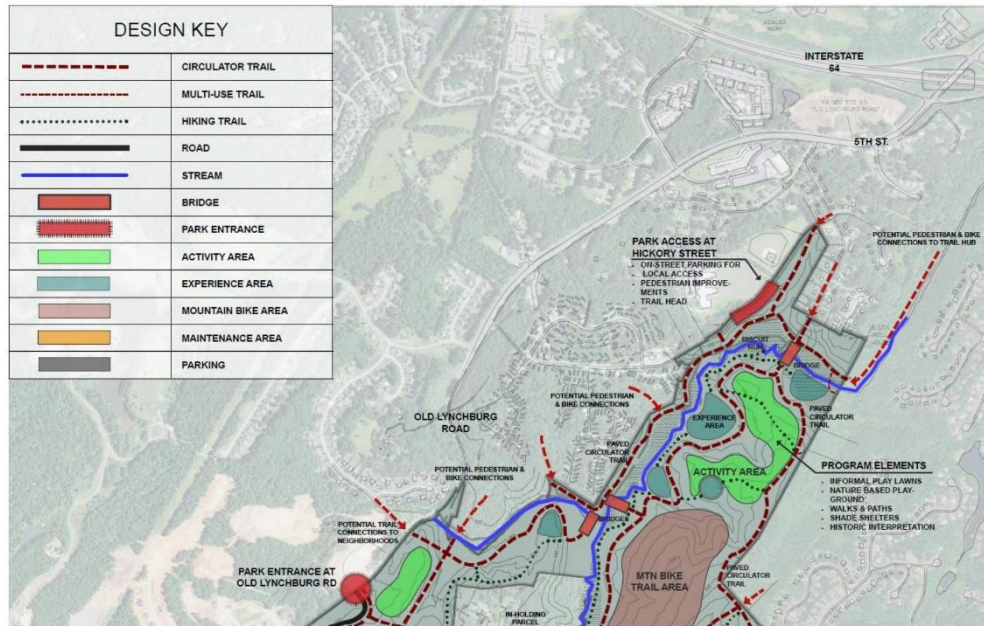


**Provide state funding for Biscuit Run Park – Monacan Indian Nation Tribute Park Connector Greenway ADA Trail project**

**Proposed:** Include \$1,368,000 in funding in the state budget to fund the following element of the state-owned and locally-developed Biscuit Run Park: a one-mile, ADA-accessible paved trail that connects the future Biscuit Run Park’s western entrance to the future Monacan Indian Nation Tribute Park, under development as part of the Southwood Mobile Home Park redevelopment project.

**Elements:** Biscuit Run Park is currently under construction by Albemarle County. The park land is owned by the Commonwealth of Virginia and leased to the County for a 99-year term. The Biscuit Run master plan includes a paved circulator trail that runs the perimeter of the 1,200-acre park. The County is expected to open Biscuit Run Park in Fall 2024 with the first phase of park access and the first section of trails, at an estimated cost of more than \$6 million. Other master plan elements, including the park circulator trail, will be developed over several years and based on local budget capacity. The County seeks an investment of \$1,368,000 to construct a one-mile segment (of the planned ADA-accessible, paved circulator trail) to connect the Southwood neighborhood’s future Monacan Indian Nation Tribute Park to Biscuit Run Park. The trail segment would require two small pedestrian bridges to cross streams in the area.

**Rationale:** The land comprising Biscuit Run Park was acquired by the Commonwealth of Virginia in 2009, initially for development—with no timeline—as a state park. In 2018, the state leased the land to the County for a 99-year term for development, use and occupancy as a County park. Phase 1A of the park is presently under construction and—upon completion—will contain approximately 1,200 acres and draw users from Central Virginia, the Shenandoah Valley and beyond. Planned facilities include, in part, a multi-use trail network including mountain biking and a greenway, and athletic fields. A capital contribution by the state will accelerate the completion and availability of park amenities at this regional recreational facility, fulfilling a need contemplated at the time of the state’s initial acquisition of the land.



**Legislative/Agency Study**

**Study tools to mitigate rent increases caused by multifamily residential redevelopment**

**Proposed:** Commission a - state-level study of potential rent protections for tenants following the redevelopment of multi-family housing.

**Rationale:** Because the complete redevelopment of multi-family housing is treated as “new construction,” where previous years’ rent is not considered as a baseline, traditional rent stabilization does not address complete redevelopment. Filling a current void of academic literature on the subject, a study could explore effective means of protecting tenants following a redevelopment while still affording landlords sufficient income to recoup project costs and profit.



## 2025 Legislative Positions and Policy Statements

### Agriculture

**Virginia Agricultural Best Management Practices Cost-Share Program:** Support state funding for the Virginia Agricultural Best Management Practices Cost-Share Program in the amount of \$100,000,000 per year.

### Broadband and the Internet

**Broadband Deployment:** Support legislation by the state and the federal government that would assist localities and provide financial incentives to localities and their communities in deploying universal, affordable access to broadband technology, particularly in unserved and underserved areas, while at the same time preserving local land use authority for siting telecommunications infrastructure. This includes supporting continued and increased funding for the Virginia Telecommunications Initiative (VATI). In addition, support legislation that would: (1) ensure that coverage maps used to determine underserved and unserved areas or census blocks are accurate; (2) amend the definition of “coverage” to mean that service actually exists in a census block or area and the service availability within that census block or area is substantial; and (3) ensure definition of unserved and/or underserved includes those lacking 100 Mbps download/20 Mbps upload speeds.

**Digital Equity:** Support statewide efforts for advancing digital equity.

**Net Neutrality:** Unless the Congress or the Federal Communications Commission restores net neutrality at the national level, support legislation that would prohibit internet service providers from slowing down or blocking access to websites, charging companies extra to deliver their services faster, and other acts that adversely affect consumers and discourage competition.

### Economic Development

**Site readiness:** The biennium budget should include robust funding for the Virginia Business Ready Site Program to continue to improve the Commonwealth’s position as a top state for business.

### Growth Management, Environmental Protection, Land Use, and Transportation

**Biosolids:** Support legislation enabling localities, as part of their zoning ordinances, to designate, and/or reasonably restrict the land application of biosolids to, specific areas within the locality based on criteria related to the public safety and welfare of its citizens and the environment. In addition, support legislation regarding the land application of biosolids that protects the environment, public health and safety.

**Environmental:** Support legislation prohibiting businesses from using disposable plastic bags and straws and to require bottle deposits, or enable localities to do so, with exceptions applicable to straws for hospitals and other care facilities. Oppose legislation that reduces local authority to regulate new natural gas infrastructure for development projects. Support sustainable material management (SMM) legislation, including extended producer responsibility (EPR) legislation, that improves recycling rates, reduces litter, and reduces the amount of material being sent to landfills.

**Erosion and Sediment Control Standards for Agriculture and Forestry Operations:** Support legislation that would establish minimum statewide erosion and sediment control standards for agriculture and forestry operations. These standards could include those within the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act’s regulations, which include: (1) for agriculture operations, soil and water quality conservation assessments evaluating the effectiveness of existing practices pertaining to soil erosion and sediment control, nutrient management, and management of pesticides, and, where necessary, resulting in plans outlining additional practices needed to

ensure that water quality protection is being accomplished; stream buffers are maintained; and best management practices for agricultural ditches are used; and (2) for forestry operations, requiring operations to be conducted using the appropriate best management practices as prescribed by Virginia's Forestry Best Management Practices for Water Quality, and requiring that a full 100-foot buffer be established in woody vegetation when the silvicultural activity ceases within the buffer area on the property and a new land use is proposed.

**Impact Fee Authority:** Support impact fee legislation that: (1) allows for effective implementation through simple locally based formulae and reasonable administrative requirements; and (2) does not cap or limit localities' impact fee updates.

**Local Authority Concerning Land Use Matters:** Oppose legislation that erodes local authority over land use matters, including permissibility of and standards applicable to data centers and utility-scale clean energy projects.

**Open-space Easements:** Support legislation that augments local efforts in natural resource protection through: (1) continued funding of the Virginia Land Conservation Foundation (VLCF) for locally established and funded Purchase of Development Rights programs (*e.g.*, the ACE Program in Albemarle County); (2) continued provision of matching funds to localities for their Purchase of Development Rights programs through the Office of Farmland Preservation; (3) retaining provisions in transient occupancy tax legislation so that funds can continue to be used to protect open-space and resources of historical, cultural, ecological, and scenic value that attract tourism; (4) increased incentives for citizens to create conservation and open-space easements; (5) fully allocating the Land Preservation Tax Credit transfer fee for the stewardship of protected land; and (6) restoring the individual cap on the use of the Land Preservation Tax Credit to \$50,000 per year.

**Proffers:** Support further changes to the current proffer system and, in particular, the proffer legislation approved in 2016 (Virginia Code § 15.2-2303.4) and amended in 2019, which limits the scope of impacts that may be addressed by proffers and establishes specific criteria as to when a proffer is deemed to be unreasonable. Support changes to provide more balanced and practical standards for determining whether a proffer is reasonable and restore a climate where localities and applicants can openly discuss rezoning applications and possible proffers.

**Scenic Protection and Tourist Enhancement:** Support enabling legislation for Albemarle County to provide for a scenic protection and tourist enhancement overlay district. The legislation would provide a method to ensure full consideration of visual resources and scenic areas when the county or state make land use decisions in designated areas.

**Skill Games:** Oppose legislation removing the ban on skill games, including "pre-reveal" games.

**Stop Extending the Sunset Provisions for Certain Development Approvals that Would Otherwise**

**Expire:** Allow expiration of the sunset provisions in Virginia Code § 15.2-2209.1. First established in 2009 when the General Assembly adopted Virginia Code § 15.2-2209.1 to extend the validity of certain land use approvals during the Great Recession, the General Assembly has repeatedly extended the sunset clauses for various land use approvals. Most recently, the General Assembly extended the validity of these approvals in Virginia Code § 15.2-2209.1:1 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The continued extension of these approvals results in the continued validity of non-vested and undeveloped but approved projects well beyond their otherwise applicable expiration date. Some projects protected by the extension of the sunset provisions were approved as much as 15 years ago. These projects may no longer be consistent with the locality's current planning policies or zoning or site development requirements.

**Stormwater Management:** Support state funding for the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF) in the amount of \$80,000,000 per year in Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026. Oppose any legislation that would impact the resource and funding needs of the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to fully administer,

enforce, and maintain the State Stormwater Management Act, the Erosion and Sediment Control Law, and the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act.

**Transportation Funding:** Support legislation to: (1) allow a Charlottesville-Albemarle Regional Transit Authority to establish a new dedicated funding source to support multi-modal transportation in the region; (2) establish stable and consistent state revenues for Virginia’s long-term transportation infrastructure needs including necessary funding to support both project construction, and appropriate staffing needs to administer programs; (3) direct funding efforts to expand transportation choices and engage in multimodal transportation planning; and (4) fund maintenance of rural road systems. Oppose any legislation or regulations that would require the transfer of responsibility to counties for constructing, maintaining, or operating new and existing secondary roads.

**Water Quality and Resources:** Support state funding for the following: (1) agriculture best management practices; (2) stormwater grant initiatives; and (3) wastewater treatment plant upgrades.

### **Health and Human Services**

**Abuse and Neglect:** Support legislation to expand the definition of “abuse and neglect” to include parents who are habitually under the influence of drugs or alcohol while being responsible for children.

**Administrative Appeals and Findings:** Support legislation to amend Virginia Code § 63.2-1526(A) to require that an administrative finding be controlled by a court’s civil or criminal finding if those matters involve the same conduct and the same victim and arise under the same operative facts. Support legislation to amend Virginia Code § 63.2-1526(C) to stay child protective services administrative appeals while abuse and neglect proceedings, findings, or both, are pending in juvenile and domestic relations district court or circuit court, or on appeal in any court.

**Child Care for Low Income Working Families:** Support legislation to provide additional funds to localities to assist low-income working families with childcare costs. Funding helps working-class parents pay for supervised day care facilities and supports efforts for families to become self-sufficient.

**Children’s Services Act (CSA):** Support: (1) a locality’s ability to use state funds to pay for mandated services provided directly by the locality, specifically for private day placements, where the same services could be offered in schools; (2) maintaining cost shares on a sum sufficient basis by both the state and localities; (3) enhanced state funding for local CSA administrative costs; (4) a cap on local expenditures in order to combat higher costs for serving mandated children; and (5) proactive efforts by the state to make residential facilities and service providers available, especially in rural areas. Oppose changing the funding mechanism to a per-pupil basis of state funding, which would shift the sum sufficient portion fully to localities.

**Community Services Boards:** Support increased state funding for Community Services Boards commensurate with the recommendations of the study entitled *CSB Behavioral Health Services* prepared by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) and dated December 12, 2022.

**Local Department of Social Services (LDSS):** Support increased state funding for LDSS to match all available federal funding to assist LDSS staffing needs in order to meet state mandated services and workloads.

**Mental Health Services:** Support expanded access to community-based behavioral/mental health services, including improved access to therapeutic services for adolescents, mobile crisis teams for community based behavioral health crises, and full staffing and operation of Crisis Intervention Team Assessment Centers (CITAC) as an alternative to Temporary Detention Orders (TDOs).

**Targeted Grants:** Support improving the state’s targeting of grants to businesses that pay higher wages by increasing the minimum wage requirements for eligible grant applicants.

**Workforce Development:** Support legislation addressing workforce pipelines and pathways of credentialed community-based behavioral/mental health service providers, given the retirement-eligibility of the present workforce.

### **Housing**

**Affordable Housing Funding:** Support legislation that would provide state funding to increase the supply of affordable housing, including increased funding for the Communities of Opportunity Tax Credit Program administered by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

**Locality Enforcement of Landlord-Tenant Act:** Enable localities to enforce violations of the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act.

**Locality Right of First Refusal:** Support a locality right of first refusal when affordable housing is sold or converted.

**Rent Stabilization:** Support a state study of rent stabilization/rent gouging protections.

**Supportive Housing:** Support legislation providing for the creation of permanent supportive housing and other supportive housing.

### **Local Government Administration and Finance**

**All-virtual Public Meetings:** Support legislation that would allow all local public bodies to hold all meetings virtually.

**Civil Penalties:** Support legislation that would allow for the establishment of a schedule of civil instead of criminal penalties for violations of local ordinances.

**Community College Capital Costs:** Support legislation for the state to fund 100% of public funding required for community college capital costs. Currently, localities are required to fund a portion of operating and capital costs.

**Composite Index:** Support legislation to amend the Composite Index Funding Formula by re-defining the local true value of real property component of the formula to include the land use taxation value of real property rather than the fair market assessed value for those properties that have qualified for and are being taxed under a land use value taxation program.

**Drones:** Support legislation enabling localities to have authority to regulate the use of unmanned aerial vehicles in their jurisdictions not preempted by federal law.

**Drug Court Funding:** Request full funding for the Drug Court Program, which provides effective treatment and intensive supervision to drug offenders through the circuit courts of several Virginia localities.

**Public Defender Funding:** Request that the state adequately fund compensation for public defenders in localities.

**Public Schools Funding:** Support legislation that increases state aid to public school divisions consistent with the findings of study entitled *Pandemic Impact on K-12 Public Education* prepared by JLARC and dated July 10, 2023.

**Regional Library Funding:** Request full funding of State Aid to the Jefferson Madison Regional Library and other regional libraries in the state system.

**Seat Belts:** Support legislation that would make the failure to use a seat belt a primary offense.

**State Mandates Funding:** Request full funding for state mandates in all areas of local government including, but not limited to, the Standards of Quality (SOQs) and other mandates imposed on local school divisions, positions approved by the Compensation Board, costs related to jails and juvenile detention centers and human services positions.

**Taxing Authority:** Support legislation to further enhance county taxing authority so that counties enjoy authority comparable to cities to address capital and operations needs and to reduce over-reliance on the real property tax as a revenue source.

**Virginia Retirement System:** Support continuing restoration of funds to the Virginia Retirement System to maintain the long-term solvency of the system without further devolving the funding responsibility to localities.

### **Public Safety**

**Demerit Points for Truck Violations:** Assign demerit points under the Uniform Demerit Point System for violations involving overweight or overlength trucks or unpermitted through trucks. (*Virginia Code* § 46.2-492)

**Emergency Management and Community Resilience:** Request expanded direct state support to localities for emergency management and community resilience, including expansion of the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (EMPG).

**Fire and Emergency Medical Services:** Support legislation that provides for additional state funding for local fire and emergency medical services to ensure adequate staffing levels consistent with high levels of public safety and health.

**Private Police Departments/Line of Duty Benefits:** Support legislation extending line of duty benefits to private police officers of private police departments recognized by the Commonwealth of Virginia.