

**Buckingham County
Planning Commission
Work Session
February 20, 2024**

At a work session of the Buckingham County Planning Commission held on Monday, February 20, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Peter Francisco Auditorium located in the Buckingham County Administration Complex, the following members were present: John Bickford, Chairman;; Pete Kapuscinski and Dennis Davis, Steve Dorrier, Joyce Gooden Also present were Cheryl T. “Nicci” Edmondston, Zoning Administrator and E.M. Wright, Jr., County Attorney. James D. Crews, III, Ashley Shumaker, Vice-Chairman; were absent

Re: Call to Order

Chairman Bickford called the meeting to order.

Re: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was given by Commissioner Dorrier. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Gooden.

Re: Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Bickford certified there was a quorum, five of eight members were present and the meeting could continue.

Re: Approval of Agenda

Bickford: Any changes to the agenda?

Edmondston: No sir no changes.

Bickford: Seeing none do I have a motion to approve?

Dorrier: So moved

Kap: Second.

Bickford: Have a motion second. Any discussion? Seeing none. That passes unanimously, Discussion topics brings us to the comprehensive plan. Todd, I'm turning the meeting over to you, sir.

Commissioner	Yay	Nay
Kapuscinski	X	
Crews	Absent	
Dorrier	X	
Bickford	X	
Shumaker	Absent	
Gooden	X	
Davis	X	

Commissioner Kapuscinski moved, Commissioner Shumaker seconded, and was carried by the Planning Commission Unanimously to approve the agenda with changes.

Fortune: All right. Good evening, everybody. And it's been a while since we last since we last met. So I know we have a lot to cover tonight. By the way, Lauren is participating remotely because she needed to stay in cover the office this evening. there was no way she was going to get here before six. With me is Tyler Henderson. He's our new regional planner. He helped us out with, especially with a survey Summary Report, which we'll get into later that I have four documents that you should have in your possession to review that we made changes to draft section two and draft section three. We also have draft section four to present and this draft survey Summary Report. And just to remind everybody, these are draft documents. If you see typos do point them out. But just keep in mind that we will correct all those when before we go with the final document. Going into section two, hopefully you've everyone's had a chance to look at the changes we've made. I will direct your attention to page 15 where we added a paragraph under education regarding a private school. And then on page 25, we added verbiage under commuting patterns to elaborate on the data that we used. So I want to give you a chance to look over that and see if anyone had any questions. Also, we might did make some tweaks to the tables on page 29. So we'll give you a chance to look at that and see if anybody has any questions, comments or concerns.

Gooden: Is this the same document that was sent out Nikki? Is this the same document that was sent out?

Edmondston: This is what was posted last week for the planning commission.

Gooden: Okay, yes. All right. I just want to be sure. It wasn't a new document. Page 15?

Fortune: Yeah, so your changes we have highlighted a page sorry, page 15. And page I believe it was 25 and then 29. Anybody have anything on a that section? Okay, all right, very good. In that case we'll move on Address section three, which has quite a few revisions and I'll kind of go over these real briefly

and give you a chance to look at this starting page 37 That last bullet point at the bottom we added verbiage about the Heartland Regional Industrial Park the counties that participate are participating in a revenue share agreement. So we did leave that blurb in there then on page 39 We added a paragraph about to Centra CNG Buckingham and let me know if I'm going too fast I'm just kind of going over the changes and give you a chance to look at them

Dorrier: page 39 for Buckingham County what change did you make?

Fortune: You're in the section on your health care? Yeah there on page 39 A little more than halfway down edit of the paragraph about the new clinic then on page 40 We have a couple of changes under museums. We had a paragraph about the Adams Museum and under religious facilities paragraph about the Virginia Nazarene Camp and Retreat Center and then that second paragraph under water sewer service and sewer service you'll notice that we struck a bit of language there.

Kapuscinski: Why?

Fortune: Reason for my recollection is we were asked to strike that. Then on page 41, we did make a correction on the convenience center number five, the Buckingham County doing recycling center. I did want to make a comment. I know that the Commission did ask us to take legends as some of the maps basically went back and was working on the maps and I was overruled on taking the legends out altogether. So what I tried to do is clean the legends up and make them clearer and more legible. The map for on page 42 is a good example basically as took out all the description in the legend because the description you have on page 41 That just listed the center names. Nobody has anything I did want to comment briefly on the map five on page 44. I did. I had some back and forth with county staff with Cody Davis and Lyn Hill and Charles Kirby and we reached consensus that what you see on map five are the known draw hydrant locations in Buckingham County. I did make an effort to label a couple of the side routes to give you a little more context is where some of these are located.

Kapuscinski: And I did mention to you when I was talking about was actually in Cumberland so I appreciate that too.

Fortune: Page 48 You'll notice we inserted a map this is courtesy of Thomas Jefferson planning district commission Firefly this is their and I believe I mentioned this back in the verbiage if I'm not mistake yet, on page 45. I mentioned body standards Virginia telecommunications initiative and this is basically have a map showing the projects in Buckingham County and also have an explanation for what rise is. For us that's an initiative abroad access to underserved homes and businesses throughout the area. Starting on page 49 We have a bit to cover here page nine. I tried to find shapefiles to create that map in GIS and have not had any luck so I got a consultant we worked with who's done this before to just give

us a static map to dump and showing utility coverage areas for Buckingham County that's there for your reference. Then starting at the bottom of page 49, we offered we added rather, additional verbiage about the Buckingham County Youth League. Then on page 50, we did add verbiage under James River State Park about the dark sky designation with some description of what that means. So I'll give you a chance to peruse that. Then at the bottom of page 50 Just a wording change at events and or festivals and community events and just keep in mind that list is not meant to be all inclusive. But if you go to page 51 Again some wording changes in some some grammatical corrections if you will.

Gooden: Which page are we on?

Fortune: 52

Gooden: Yeah. I do not see Carter G Woodson, birth site on here. I see Carter G Woodson educated but I don't see his birth site and on page 50. They had the one room school which is that the historic village and Carter G Woodson's birth site is there Ellis acres Buckingham training school.

Fortune: that was an omission will add that.

Gooden: And I will say speak of him within the text about being the father of black history. But we don't mention the birth site.

Fortune: Will definitely make an addition to the map. If nothing else the next changes we have are on page Excuse me 58. And we added under watersheds, we added some verbiage about how the Virginia Cooperative Extension defines a sub watershed and then we had some under flood zones we added verbiage for definitions for base flood elevation. I believe map 13 A one where you would have previously asked us to take out the legend, but credit from wrong and I was overruled on that. So I tried to make the legend bigger and easier to read. And then map 15 on page 61 is an addition.

Kapuscinski: The only comment I would make on this is that, you know, and I respect the fact that we have this legend here. If you look at the map, and then you look at the legend, either some of these things are not in the map, or the maps not that clear. And I just don't know what to think about that.

Bickford: You're referring to the wetland type pete?

Fortune: So the legend came from the US Fish and Wildlife Service its entirely possible that there are some things in the legend are not showing on the map. I was basically trying to, I was trying not to mess with their data. But if the commission feels strongly enough, I can go back. And I can I can tighten that

up. And if there is, in fact, some types that are not shown. Top two I'm pretty sure not going to show up on this map. I can I can remove those.

Kapuscinski: The thing, the reason I think it's a good map, I think I think it's very useful information is just that, I don't know. It's difficult for me to read the map. .

Bickford: If you can reduce the table type delete some, you may be able to increase the size of your map. But yeah, I agree with Pete I think, if you can just leave out was not relevant to Buckingham County, and then that way you won't have you're not looking at something and trying to find it on a map and it's not gonna be there.

Fortune: Okay. I will definitely work on cleaning that up. Next thing on page 64. I did take the soil map out.. I did try to find a link. I tried to find the soil survey online. Because the data I was able to get the data online. Each county has a soil survey, and they're all in hardcopy, and many of them are available both hardcopy and online. Buckingham is only available in hardcopy. So that's why you don't see a link to a website there. But I did went ahead, I took the map out and basically I just listed all of the soil types that are in that soil survey. And that's what you see differently there.

Gooden: I consulted a geologist, my sister, okay. She teaches and *inaudible* doing? So, but it was like, because I said, this doesn't look right to me. Why do we have this? So I did ask her about a couple of maps. I really don't need that kind of detail. So thank you very much.

Fortune: You're welcome. Map 16 on page 67 is another one where I tried to kind of make the legend a little bit bigger. If it's still hard to read, I can I can tweak the legend a little reformat and see if I get a little bit bigger. If the group would like, is

Kapuscinski: there some way you can take the legend out of the map and just put it down below?

Fortune: It's possible either I'd have to put the legend on a separate page or make the map a little smaller. But I think looking at it, I think I might be able to reformat how I have the legend set up and make that a little bit bigger for you.

Gooden: I got a question about the magnification that I'm looking for as well what's the magnification? Because I'm curious about how they're not going to be a lot of paper copies of this,

Fortune: I'd have to go back and look at that the scope, I think, is I've can't remember how many paper copies we're providing.

Gooden: so if you're on if you're on your computer, you can enlarge it up to a certain point. Yeah. But then some of the wording becomes, but if you're that detail, like I said, I can only thank my sister going into this. So you know, you can enlarge it on the screen. So I don't know about putting it on a different page.

Fortune: Okay. But yeah, like I said, I can, I can probably reformat the legend within the map, move some stuff around and probably make it a little bit bigger. But yet, you're right, you should be able to zoom in. I'll make a note of that. Map. 17 is a new map. This data comes from Virginia energy. That is the agency formerly known as the Virginia Department of Mines and minerals and energy. Think I got that, right. So that's where that data came from. I'll give you a chance to peruse that map.

Kapuscinski: With regard to the rank by priority for reclamation, where did that data come from?

Fortune: That all that came that was also sent to me by Virginia energy. They referred me to a report from the orphan land Advisory Committee, which basically ranks the site they have they have they have a committee that ranks sites based on an evaluation. Now, I don't have a lot of information on how the sites are evaluated. But that's where the rankings come from.

Kapuscinski: Can you reference that in there?

Fortune: I do you have it on page 66? If you'd like? Would you like me to put it on page? 68 Also.

Kapuscinski: It'd be a little clearer where that where that data came from.

Fortune: Yeah, we can put a little verbiage in there. I can move, I can move the arrow on the scale bar around and put, put a paragraph down at the bottom of that map. And then page 69 till the end, you notice we added some verbiage about housing density, is telling how the it's categorized for this particular set of data, the wildland urban interface. And I did try to create different maps zooming in on the different corners of the county. I don't know how well it really turned out, but it's there for you to review.

Kapuscinski: So, Mr. Chairman, again, if we if we were to use this, this data, and I go to these quarters, what what am I? I mean, it says basically, urban interface risk index, are we saying if the forest burns, the houses are gonna burn? Is that the idea?

Fortune: It's say that's where houses are at their most risk of burning forest fire, okay.

Kapuscinski: Might be interesting to find out where all the fire houses are with regard to this overlay.

Fortune: I could plot the fire stations on these maps. I mean, it's manually plotting and but the locations will be there.

Kapuscinski: I think it'd be good. It'd be it makes the data extremely interesting. I think. I mean, Mr. Chairman, that'd be my view.

Bickford: if you can overlay it on this one happened probably make good sense to have them when people read me can see where ours you see what your risk is and what your closest fire house.

Fortune: Yeah, I can add those. I can add them just to the main map, or I can add them to all of them. Depending on what the commission wants.

Kapuscinski: By quarter by the quarter maps, yeah.

Fortune: All right. So that's what we have for draft section three. Any other questions, comments or concerns about what you've seen so far? Now draft section for transportation. I'm going to apologize. We, I think, had a couple of errors in this when I initially sent it to the group. I know you did. I think you did get a chance to look at it, but the group has not formally reviewed it yet. Most of the data See in here, basically, I was given the data from v dot and then plotted it onto these maps you see. I don't know how much how much time you've had to review this. It's not a huge section, we just keep in mind that the code of Virginia does stipulate that the transportation element is subject to review by vdot. We will just go through this page by page and just kind of give you a brief overview of what we got here. Okay, so start off on page 66. And again, keep in mind this is draft if we have some page numbers off, we will definitely go back and correct those. In fact, I believe we do have some page numbers off, we'll need to renumber the pages on section four. So but for now, we will we'll just go with what's here page 66 is basically your main roads pass through Buckingham County and I tried to keep this to the US highways in the state primary routes with a brief description of where each one runs. Map 19 to the next page basically it's just an accompanying map to show those roads. Going on under rail service. I could have just done a map of Buckingham County with the rail line that goes from Dillwyn to Brems, but I thought you might like to see the entire Buckingham branch network and where it runs and it was just it was really easy to just pull that from the Buckingham Branch website. Next section are airports basically just talking about the nearest commercial airports tried to get the ones that I knew about and of course Lynchburg, Charlottesville, Richmond, Dulles, Reagan, Raleigh Durham there are four smaller airports in planning district 14 which are listed there. And last time we did the comp plan according to my notes, there were a number of private runways and grass strips in the county. So I hope that statement is still accurate. Down at the bottom of page 68. I know there's one runway around I ride my bike up there. It's 76 I don't know if it's still in use or not. But there is an airstrip up there but anyway. Going to page nine

talk about highway functional classification plan and listening to different types of road classifications. In the map on page 70 accompanies that you'll notice it actually your point about the earlier map, you notice there are no principal arterioles in Buckingham County, so that's not in the legend. So probably need to make that consistent.

Kapuscinski: I do have a question though. I'm looking at the minor arterial 15 and it stops before you get into that Prince Edward?

Fortune: That I think that's a data issue with v dot I need to get up with our folks who gave me that data. See if we can clean that up. I noticed that to your right. And I'm not quite sure what happened there. Then the next page is your total roadway miles again that data is from VDOT. Now if you see anything that looks wrong, please pointed out I will go back to v dot and let them know and have them recheck the data. Just because they're providing the data doesn't mean we can't question something that looks like it might be off. Further down on page 71. We list the projects that are currently listed on the six year Improvement Program. And on page 72, we have a paragraph about just a brief blurb about what we got from the citizens surveys as far as transportation is concerned. And the next paragraph the 20 45 regional long range transportation plan I just decided not to include a map there because the way the plan laid the maps out is kind of hard to get everything together on a clean map. So I basically just included a site for people if you have the electronic version of the plan, you can click on the link it'll take you to the site. Then starting at the bottom of page 72 talking about V trans which is long ride long range statewide multimodal modal plan and on page 22 Again, this is from v dot these are identified needs through the V trans process. If nobody has any questions, I'll move on to Maps 23 24 Average annual daily traffic volumes, the first map is from 2019. And the second is projected, what v dot does they take the current volumes and have a look at it projected growth patterns to try and project what they think the traffic volumes will be going forward. And these projections will map 24 from 2045. I think there was a question about the data for these maps, I went back to v dot and we did make a change based on what v dot came back with a began. If you think something looks off, we'll definitely revisit this with v dot.

Kapuscinski: Just a couple of quick ones. Mr. Chairman, these various colors. They're basically the same colors that were in the other map. I mean, is that is that the idea?

Fortune: Well, yeah, the map is the excuse me the point of the colors, which is to delineate the road segments that help the reader determine which the watch count goes with which road segment? Okay.

Kapuscinski: Yeah, so there, they have no relationship to the minor major.

Fortune: No.

Kapuscinski: All right. So if I'm looking at 15 and I'm looking at a segment that looks like it goes between 636 and Farmville, and you're looking at 500, roughly 500 Is that right? 500 cars per day. I live off 15 I gotta tell you, I don't I don't know how they came up with 500 cars a day. I mean, it's that is a busy road. I guess what I'm saying is I don't understand these numbers. Some of them look really low and I'm looking at 60 where you got 387 and 260 I mean, I drive 60 I gotta tell you that's another road I cannot believe there's only 360 vehicles a day going through Sprouse corner and 60

Fortune: what I'm gonna do is I'm going to circle these and I'm going to get up with my contact Vidal tell him that these numbers look low. See what they can do.

Kapuscinski: Chairman you know those roads.

Bickford: It does seem low

Fortune: what the 2019 the current v dot, actually they do. They're not doing it every day, but they will go out and have traffic counts. And then what they'll do is they'll take data from certain period, and then estimate an ad and average annual traffic counts. So these numbers you see here are what they've determined to be annual daily traffic, on average.

Kapuscinski: So they're looking at maybe days when there's absolutely nothing going on. And then they I get that. But I gotta tell you, I mean, I drive those roads. Those are just really low numbers.

Bick: If you would just check with him.

Fortune: Yeah, absolutely. Yeah. And then the next page is projected out to 2045.

Kapuscinski: you might want to ask a question. If you're gonna go from 300 cars a day between Farmville and Northern Virginia or Northern Buckingham, on 15, to what 5500 cars, what in the world is going on between Farmville in northern Buckingham that's going to make all that difference? I mean, maybe we ought to move.

Fortune: Definitely see your point, we'll definitely revisit those and see what we can do there. But the next two pages are level of service current and then projected. And the level of service definitions are again, based on the data that v dot has compiled. In the definitions are on page 74, ranging from a which is free flow traffic to E, which is unstable. I included E on the legend. Don't believe any roads actually fall under category E. But so again, that goes back to what we discussed earlier. If that's the case, if you want, I can take that out of the legend. That's the group's call.

Kapuscinski: My view, Mr. Chairman, if it's not on the map, get it out of the ledger.

Fortune: And the maps 27 and 28 are volume to capacity ratio. And again, this is v dot making calculations based on the data they've collected. And the volume to capacity ratio basically relates to traffic flow, anything 0.85 or below means the capacity for the roadways adequate for the traffic that it's handling anything more than 1.0 means that traffic flow is becoming unstable. But I'll give you a chance to peruse that

Kapuscinski: Does this sort of depend on whether or not the data that we asked for earlier is correct?

Fortune: It could. Again, we can revisit all that with v dot and be sure that the data is accurate.

Kapuscinski: Thank you.

Fortune: And going on, figures 32 32 A map 29 Your crash data figure 32 Unfortunately, that's the only three categories they had for us which will I guess is really only an issue in the first category property damage only or non serious injury but those are your numbers. And the map that what I tried to do with the map is the the circles I tried to make bigger for fatal injuries to highlight those and then smaller going down the line. But I'll give you a chance to peruse that.

Dorrier: Have a question. Fatal injuries over 2023 seems like it's low. I don't know.

Fortune: Being the only 42 between 2015 and 2023

Dorrier: Okay, serious injuries 240. Fatal you only have 48. I mean, it may be but it just it's a lot of fatalities

Kapuscinski: 2023 wasn't that when the Amish buggy got hit was that in 2022 to 23? I mean, there were three or four fatalities and that one alone.

Fortune: But I'll make a note to check that data. Then starting page a three, just a brief blurb about public transportation. I'm assuming blackstone area bus still has a line that serves Buckingham and Cumberland according to their website, they still okay. Then we get into the CRC regional bicycle plan, the map on page 30, on page 80. Format 30 really is just made to give you an overall view of the entire region. You'll notice on the next page map 30 A, we did one just for Buckingham County. And those letters you see the B, the D, the x and the V those are actual routes that are identified in the Commonwealth regional councils bike plan, that's what those numbers denote.

Gooden: Map 29. Site indicating fatal injuries. It only indicates that there was a fatality at that site. It does not indicate the number of fatalities...

Fortune: Absolutely That's correct. The map is only meant to indicate where those happened.

Kapuscinski: So let me that that's an interesting question. Does that mean that there was only one accident but you don't know how many fatalities there were? If I look at the figure 32.

Fortune: Figure or the map?

Kapuscinski: No, look at figure 32. This. So it says as an example in 2023. We had one fatality, one fatal. We had a fatal injury accident. It could be 1 accident. And it could be 10 people is that?

Fortune: No, that's correct.

Kapuscinski: Yeah. So that thank you. So then then there could have been more fatalities. Okay.

Fortune: Yeah, I'm sorry. You're correct. That is correct. That's that's the number of crashes. That's not number...

Kapuscinski: Okay. Thank you.

Fortune: But I wonder if maybe I want to put the clarification on the head or maybe saying number of crashes.

Kapuscinski: Is it important for any of us to know the number of fatalities? I mean, I don't know. I don't think so. But I mean, I don't know.

Fortune: I'll defer to the group on that. I would have to see if I could find the data for that.

Kapuscinski: I wouldn't need that. I don't know. Mr. Chairman. I don't know what you think.

Bickford: I don't think it's necessary either. The obvious thing is you have more accidents on the major thoroughfares because this word most traffic is. Common Sense.

Fortune: Right with page 86 And 87 we talk about the trails of course we're not talking about just Buckingham County we're talking about the surrounding areas so it's a little more information than you

might otherwise have. And at the bottom we also have a brief blurb about the survey responses on where people think pedestrian bike paths are needed it's then we got the map on page 31 Just showing where trails are in around the county

Kapuscinski: just a question these this d b x b there on the previous pages legend?

Fortune: They are of course that legend unfortunately is not readable right? So what I could possibly do if I could find room for it on the the map for Buckingham County is try to find a place to put those on here. if I can just find the keys only find a place I need to move some stuff around but I might be able to do that. I'll see what I can do with that anybody have any questions about the verbiage on the trails or map 31? If not the last 3 4 5 6 7 pages are just information that's provided this comes from v dot this is just programs that V dot makes available to fund transportation improvements in their programs that the county may at some point be interested in pursuing just some verbiage about each one. So if no one has anything else we'll make those changes draft sections three and four. And the last thing we want to go over tonight is the citizen so this is a draft citizen survey Summary Report. And you'll you'll notice we kind of tweaked this since you last had a chance to look at it.

Bickford: That was the very beginning

Fortune: Okay. Oh, and actually, Tyler was very helpful in getting this, this revised. Did you want to talk to the group taller about what you did here? I'll leave this up here for you for your reference.

Tyler Henderson: Commonwealth Regional Council put out a survey for the citizens of Buckingham County asking different types of questions about the current status about questions about themselves and questions about what they viewed for the future. So I was able to take the results that we got from that survey and then break it into these different sections. As for the summary report for the survey, and you'll see there are five different sections, the first one being just demographics and a community profile. So kind of getting an understanding of who the people were, that took the survey. And also, it's a representative sample of who lives in Buckingham County. And there are some questions about their perceptions of different aspects of living in Buckingham County currently. And then there's a section asking them to think about the future for Buckingham County and what they would like to see. And also, they, the citizens or the participants of the survey, were able to provide their preferences for how development and growth should occur in the county moving forward. So on the first page, just an executive summary, kind of highlighting some of the most notable findings, general idea of what exists in each section. Any questions about the summary? alright, so moving to page five is just a quick kind of introduction, what I just went over just explaining how we collected the surveys and the methods and

where they were distributed. And then breaks down how the results are kind of organized into the different sections.

Davis: Chairman, I got one question. I'll show you what you said the majority of the people you survey were 50 years and older. Does that reflect the county's population majority or young people didn't want to participate?

Henderson: I think we could look at the census report to see how the percentage the age breakdown compares to what's in the census. But from what I remember, and that's in the comprehensive plan, as well, it's pretty fairly accurate and representative of the population.

Davis: I know I was looking further down reading through it, and I saw that the population in the county was 55% Male. We need to input some women.

Henderson: Yeah, yeah, I don't think it was a perfectly balanced sample representative. But in general, it's pretty close. I think. The first figure just shows kind of the district representation on how many people from each district filled out the survey then yeah, like, like you mentioned, most of the people were older in the sample. Um, the next figure kind of breaks down the age representation. And then another interesting thing that I thought was that most of the people that fill out the survey had been living in Buckingham County for over 20 years. We asked about a number of people in the household so you can kind of see most of the people fall in the range of one to five to six.

Dorrier: One seems strange

Henderson: That many people are living by themselves.

Davis: But with the older people doing a survey, you know, like a lot of widowers

Bickford: Make sense I guess.

Henderson: Most of the sample owned single family homes. Now moving to page nine, the first table just shows out of the people in the sample that did move from out of Buckingham where they moved from Charlottesville being the most common place in state and Maryland being the most common place out of state. Figure seven, it does show the employment status so even though the sample was relatively older, most people were still working. And most people were or at least reported working in Buckingham County. And then the next table just shows where the people who said that they've worked out of the county, where do they work. And then the next figure, I think is definitely interesting

considering how many people work in the county how few spend most of their money in the county, with most people saying they only spend one to 25% of their money in Buckingham.

Kapuscinski: There isn't anywhere to shop.

Henderson: Right. And that is one of the most common, you know, requests from the community we'll get to later is kind of a, there seems to be a desire for more commercial availability. So that's basically the end of the demographic section. And it's just all the questions kind of broken down. So you can see it visually. Any questions on that section? All right. So the next section is just all the questions combined are compiled that were asking questions, the citizens about their Buckingham County and in this current state. So just kind of go through the different tables and figures. And table three shows Buckingham County's public ratings, so the average rating for these different components of Buckingham County, and it's in order, so with fire protection, scoring the highest and tourism scoring the lowest, and this was on a one to four scale. So that's written in the paragraph before it but I can put that information somewhere closer to the table. And so, citizens were asked to list their three favorite things, or three best things about living in Buckingham, and these are the top 10 responses. Rural Life, peace and quiet in the small town feel being the top three. In terms of other best things people mentioned it's on the table, and how many people mentioned those things. And then the next figure shows people's responses to the question asking why they might leave Buckingham County or what might make them want to leave lack of jobs and lack of business being the top reasons and inadequate medical care and being right there with it. And then there were some other reasons mentioned by multiple people.

Kapuscinski: Urban Sprawl.

Henderson: It said this is as if this were to occur, it would make someone leave. So this is like thinking about in the future. If that were to occur, people said that they would want to leave.

Bickford: They are really looking at future.

Kapuscinski: Contrast that to this reason for staying, which is appropriate community governance. I wonder if the most of the supervisors were in on that one.

Henderson: It did seem like there were multiple passionate groups in the sample. It seemed like there are multiple passionate groups in the sample. The next figure 12 Is the citizen view of rescue squad response times and most people think it is fair. They had options from poor up to excellent, with fair being the second highest, second lowest, besides poor. And then figure 13 goes over citizen's opinion on cell towers with most people thinking that there needs to be more. And then we asked them, where did they think that more cell coverage or more towers were needed? And then these are the top 10 areas that

were requested by the citizens on route 15 and route 20 being the top answer and all over the county being one of the most popular answers as well, but it seems like mostly on the major highways.

Kapuscinski: So this answered sort of my question was Chairman seems to me I was wondering, you know, it'd be an interesting demo. A graphic finds out who really thought they needed more seems to me by this, this table six is pretty pervasive, all the districts

Henderson: Yeah, I was thinking, Todd, I don't know how much work it would be, but seems like this could be an opportunity for a map. The next table goes over, we asked citizens, what ways they would like for the roads to be improved. And there were a lot of suggestions given for this question. But was able to identify certain categories that most of the responses fit into, and then kind of quantify how many people made those types of suggestions. And then the full I believe the full list of suggestions is in an appendix at the end of the report, so if you want to go in and see actually all the different comments people made, it's in the appendix.

Gooden: Going back to the cell towers, I'm looking at the areas there's already a map in there with the locations of the cells, right? That you could see where the response is. All drop, I know exactly where it's gonna drop on 15 What space that it usually drops then we could be at a little better because when I went through the comments about the cell phone service from route 20, from Scottsville to Charlottesville 20 is just forget trying to talk but you had the hills and and it also will vary with the server, you know, whoever your provider is and I really agree with the one person who said they wish they had bag phone back you know I loved my bag phone, but it was it was somebody that would compare and figure out that we would help us to plan where the towers need to go.

Henderson: I think it would be helpful to visualize it somehow in comparison with existing here's

Gooden: That may be an opportunity for a mat if we get that that answer to where the actual cell towers are right then you could really do some planning.

Henderson: Yep, so went over the main read suggestions, and those are in the appendix after the summary. The next section goes over kind of the future outlook for Buckingham County from the citizens perspective with the first question, just asking the citizens to prioritize different aspects of the county and what would improve their quality of life these are in rank order so health care being the number one thing that would improve the quality of life

Kapuscinski: Oh, these are scored one to eight.

Henderson: Yep, ranked from one to eight, one being the highest priority. Then the next one is slightly different asking about the importance of different issues for future growth and development. I can make this clear to what the scale was. But that's the rank order for what the citizens provided for what's most important for this us moving forward for future growth and development. And then figure 14 shows the breakdown of the desired changes to Buckingham County and the future.

Gooden: Table eight average score I guess I'm confusing the two tables, eight and nine, because one is one through eight on one side. And then it seems to be the reverse order the score on the other side.

Henderson: Yeah, on the on the first table, they were ranking these eight specific priorities from one to eight. And each one got a certain number for each participant. And then on the bottom one, their rating each of those issues on how important it is for the future growth and development of the county with a higher score being more important.

Gooden: We need to put that.

Henderson: I need to make that more clear.

Gooden: And make that clear in a little narrative to begin with. Thank you.

Henderson: Then, so table 10 Just shows kind of the figure 14 with some sample comments and the actual breakdown of how many people suggested each type of change. I can make the more clear on each table what the range was that they were scoring it from and what each side of the arrangement questions on that section? And then the next section where preferences for development and growth and have a little written summary. And this next figure probably is the most complicated one out of all of them. So basically, it's the breakdown of different types of growth by area with no growth being an option as well. And stacked bars are the responses for growth in that area by different types of growth. And then the area and the yellow behind is the responses for no growth in that area. So you can kind of see the contrast at dillwyn spouses corner, a lot more votes for different types of growth, mostly business and commercial. In comparison to yoga Ville, where there is about as much there were about as many responses for no growth as all the different types of grows together. And this is an order from overall total amount of growth descending from left to right. But overall, business and commercial seem to be the most desired future growth and development sector. So that's what that next figure shows just regardless of area. How people voted for future growth and development and Buckingham.

Kapuscinski: Quick question the numbers on the side and figure 16 what are what are those numbers representing?

Henderson: Should be the total number of responses for that category, but it does look high. We only had I think it's 409 about 500 people. Oh you but it's actually so it's tallied across all the areas So if someone voted for growth and Dillwyn Sprouses corner in us 15 South corridor it's the total number of votes for growth so a person could vote have more than one vote for growth and then different areas. Yeah, but it is also interesting that no growth scored higher than either industrial or residential. In the next figure shows citizens responses to their idea for how future industrial developments should unfold in Buckingham County with most people seeing manufacturing being the major industry, with different types of manufacturing, between wood packaging and trade and rail then underneath that distribution centers and food and beverage processing centers. In Table 11, this shows some other industrial development suggestions that had multiple comments. Figure 18 is similar to figure 17, except for it's for commercial development, rather than industrial development. With restaurants being the number one, option, retail, and healthcare social assistance being behind it. In this, these categories that are existing are just based off of citizen responses. So we didn't give them the options of you know, physicians and dentists or health care and social assistance or this is just what people provided as their responses to future commercial development. And figure 19 Is the prospective for future residential development as people voting or responding for single family homes and affordable housing, and housing for senior and elderly. Any questions on any of the figures or tables from that section or any of the information?

Davis: Comments are kind of comical.

Henderson: Yeah. Some of the comments that were you know, individual comments without any else kind of representing that perspective, were left out of the actual summary report. But I would say some of those were comical as well.

Kapuscinski: I don't know what we're going to get back into the economic development thing. But those last few pages, I think it'd be really interesting for that group. I mean, I think somehow we had to carve that out in the next meeting. Bring that to these people. I think. I think that's very good stuff.

Henderson: Then the last section is just focused on some special issues facing the community. With the first one asking citizens about their opinion on solar in the county and the yes column is the stacked responses from both yes and yes with conditions in comparison to no or unsure no opinion and then underneath figure 20 In the table are the suggested conditions from the people who said yes with that category. Figure 21 is the same type of chart with the yeses stacked together. But you can see in this one that no was more common response, then yes or yes with conditions stacked. And the table below shows the conditions for those that responded yes with conditions. Figure 22 are the same type of chart as well. But for reminding abandoned mines it's notable this one, there was a larger portion of people that were unsure. And I'm a little bit I think it might be due to the wording of the question a little bit. Maybe

people aren't sure what reclamation or reminding abandoned mines, the process looks like. That one was about even split between yes and no. It will show the conditions as well. And then for whether or not the county needs to add trails. Most people said no. That's another one. And I'm a little questioning about the wording of the question and whether the need is a strong way to put it I think when asking the citizens perspective. But below that is table showing where citizens reported wanting paths. And then it just goes into the appendix. Questions? I can definitely make it clear, though, for the ranges on those certain numbers for the average scores.

Fortune: All right, if nobody has anything else, I guess we need to then set our next meeting. And for the next meeting of I will, we'll make the talent we'll get the changes to the survey summary report and get those to you got some homework as far as the transportation section, clean some stuff up and check some numbers. And with draft section three, a few things that need to be cleaned up. So we have that and it's really up to the group. Because once we get through these sections, the next thing we need to get into is the land use. So the question becomes, do we want to try and at least get started on land use and march or do we want to get these sections cleaned up before we before we move forward?

Kapuscinski: Chairman, how long will it take to get the thing cleaned up?

Fortune: We're going to bring these changes back to you on March 5, if the group has no no additional changes, we're pretty much ready to get into the land use section after that. And what I'm envisioning for land use is probably bringing a big copy of the county's current land use map and just asking you what you want to see what you want to change and then marking it up and then taking it back and we can get accordingly.

Gooden: I would just prefer to finish what we're doing. Finish this section then start on another project rather than having two loose projects.

Bickford: Well, what Todd is saying and be review of the sections 2-4 What we've gone over tonight with the changes and if we can schedule some time we'll start into the land use but that would be the first priority would be to make sure we got this straight so we can move those sections onto supervisor. I would say we'll see how much time we have left if we review everything and if we got some we'll start into at least a process of land use and that would be March Nicci?

Fortune: We have nothing else for the group. So unless anybody has anything else I think we're done.

Bickford: Any commissioners have anything? Okay. Thank you, Todd. I appreciate it.

Kapuscinski: Thank you. Thank you that survey was extremely interesting. Yes.

Bickford: And we do appreciate the red line changes because they do make it a lot easier to realize what's been altered. okay, thank you. Commission matters of concern in the commissioners have anything to be voiced.

Dorrier: Mr. Chairman, all that we go through with the planning commission, with Todd and his division to do a comprehensive plan. I would like to challenge the commission and the county. And I know it'll be another five years, but we need to do a better job of having 400 and some people here to talk to, or getting the surveys back with versus we should have 4000. And I think we need to do a better job getting the information out to the to the public for the for the next comprehensive plan. You know, I just think we could do a better job. I don't know.

Gooden: What's the usual percentage response?

inaudible

Dorrier: What if you had 4000?

Kapuscinski: What's the significance of 400 and almost 500 people? I mean, it there should be a statistical significance on it. You people figure that out.

inaudible

Kapuscinski: Yeah, what I'm interested in statistically, is if you say, Okay, I got 400 It's what you were getting at if you got 400 or 500 responses out of a possible 15,000 That represents a specific significance. I mean, statistically, you should be able to say, Well, that does represent 80% of the county, what that represents. So I mean, if you could tell us with the statistical significance, and you probably know that because you've done other ones, somebody should be able to tell us the significance of those 500 responses, you know, what is the good accurate representation of the county

inaudible

Dorrier: It just seems like it's so low but maybe it didn't to you but it seems to me.

Bickford: I can echo this is my third time on the comprehensive plan. And as this most responses ever had, and it's been several different approaches done to but I think in the future and this may be where we could do a little bit more preparing our advertising is through the internet. I think it's where you you're

going to probably get your greatest increase you think So Todd has probably your open your best opportunity? So that's probably where we can look at.

inaudible

Dorrier: Didn't want to blow you out of the water, but I just thought we could do better than 400 people and now you've answered my question that maybe it's okay. So thank you.

Bickford: Okay, any other comments do have a motion to adjourn.

Kapuscinski: So moved.

Dorrier: Second.

Bickford: Motion and Second. Any discussion? All in favor, raise your right hand. We are adjourned.

Commissioner	Yay	Nay
Kapuscinski	X	
Crews	Absent	
Dorrier	X	
Bickford	X	
Shumaker	Absent	
Gooden	X	
Davis	X	

Commissioner Kapuscinski moved, Commissioner Dorrier seconded, and was carried by the Planning Commission to adjourn the meeting.

Attest:

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