

PRESENT: Ann L. Heidig, Livingston District
Emmitt B. Marshall, Berkeley District
Timothy J. McLaughlin, Chancellor District
Benjamin T. Pitts, Battlefield District
David Ross, Courtland District
Gary F. Skinner, Lee Hill District
Paul D. Trampe, Salem District

STAFF PRESENT: C. Douglas Barnes, County Administrator
Mark L. Cole, Deputy County Administrator
James R. Benkahla, Deputy County Attorney
Aimee R. Mann, Deputy Clerk

Mr. Trampe called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Marshall gave the invocation and Mr. McLaughlin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Mr. Marshall and passed unanimously, the Board approved the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Minutes of the March 19 and March 26, 2013 Board of Supervisors Meetings;
2. Use of Insurance Reimbursements;
3. Rappahannock Area Health District Carryover Request;
4. Proclamation National County Government Month;
5. Approval of Task Order #5 to Instrumentation & Control systems Engineering, Inc. for Motts Run Water Treatment Plant High Service Pump Station Upgrade, County Pump #4;
6. Approval of Task Order #6 to Instrumentation & Control Systems Engineering, Inc for Motts Run Water Treatment Plant High Service Pump Station Upgrade, County Pump #1;
7. Approval of the 2013 Tow Advisory Board;
8. PPTA Comprehensive Agreement – Spotsylvania County Infrastructure, LLC – Approval of Change Order #3;
9. Approve Modifications to Fire and EMS Commission Bylaws and Authorize Public Hearing to Modify Chapter 9 of County Code;
10. Request to Submit a Grant Application for the Bridges Grant Program for July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014;
11. Termination of Freedom Church Lease;
12. Proclamation Declaring April 2013 as Child Abuse Awareness Month
13. Real Estate Tax Refund – Edmund V Koenig;
14. Proclamation Making April 21, 2013 Power Talk 21 Day (Mothers Against Drunk Driving);
15. Proclamation of April 2013 as Donate Life Month;

VOTE:

Ayes: 7 Ms. Heidig, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Pitts,
Mr. Ross, Mr. Skinner and Mr. Trampe
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0

WORK SESSION

**Adoption of FY 2014 Budget, CY 2013 Tax Rates, CIP 2014 – 2018 and PPTRA
Percentage**

The County Administrator submitted his FY 2014 Recommended Budget on February 26, 2013 and the School Board presented their FY 2014 Budget on March 19, 2013. Since that time staff has made several presentations and a public hearing was held to hear public comments concerning the FY 2014 Budget, CY 2013 Tax Rates and the FY 2014 - FY 2018 Capital Improvement Plan.

Mr. Skinner said he could not support the budget at this tax rate. Mr. Pitts said the budget did not address the needs of the County or the priorities of the Board. On a motion by Mr. Marshall and passed 5 to 2 with Mr. Pitts and Mr. Skinner opposed, the Board adopted a resolution as follows:

VOTE:

Ayes: 5 Ms. Heidig, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. Ross and Mr. Trampe
Nays: 2
Absent: 0 Mr. Pitts and Mr. Skinner
Abstain: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-39

***A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE TAX RATES FOR CALENDAR YEAR
2013***

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors to set the tax rates for Calendar Year 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has received comments on the recommended tax rates from citizens of Spotsylvania County at a duly advertised public hearing; and

RESOLVED by the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors this 9th day of April 2013, That the following tax rates for Calendar Year 2013 be, and are hereby, approved, as set forth below; and, be it

CALENDAR YEAR 2013 COUNTY TAX RATES

Real Estate.....\$0.88 per \$100 of assessed valuation

*Personal Property.....\$6.37 per \$100 of assessed valuation,
assessed at 50% of fair market value*

*Business Furniture & Fixtures.....\$5.95 per \$100 of assessed valuation,
assessed at no greater than 50% of fair market value*

Mobile Homes.....\$0.88 per \$100 of assessed valuation

Machinery and Tools..... \$2.50 per \$100 of assessed valuation

Heavy Duty Equipment.....\$2.00 per \$100 of assessed valuation

*Massaponax Special Service District
Special Tax.....\$0.12 per \$100 of assessed valuation*

*Harrison Crossing Special Service District
Special Tax.....\$0.25 per \$100 of assessed valuation*

*Lee Hill East Special Service District
Special Tax.....\$0.25 per \$100 of assessed valuation*

*Lee Hill West Special Service District
Special Tax.....\$0.75 per \$100 of assessed valuation*

Special Tax Rates for Energy Efficient Buildings:

*Sec 21-3.1(a), first \$300,000
of assessed value.....\$0.53 per \$100 of assessed valuation*

*Sec 21-3.1(a), above \$300,000
of assessed value.....\$0.88 per \$100 of assessed valuation*

Sec 21-3.1(b).....\$0.00 per \$100 of assessed valuation

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the County Administrator is authorized to take all necessary actions to give this resolution effect.

On a motion by Mr. Ross and passed 6 to 1 with Mr. Pitts opposed, the Board adopted the resolution as follows:

VOTE:

Ayes:	6	Ms. Heidig, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Ross, Mr. Skinner and Mr. Trampe
Nays:	1	Mr. Pitts
Absent:	0	
Abstain:	0	

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-40

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2014 BUDGET

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors to approve and control the County's fiscal plan for FY 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has received and reviewed the County Administrator's Recommended Budget for FY 2014, including fiscal policies; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has received comments on the recommended budget from citizens of Spotsylvania County at a duly advertised public hearing; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Supervisors that departments and agencies shall adhere to the budgeted funds in accordance with departmental budgets presented by the County Administrator and amended by the Board of Supervisors; and

RESOLVED by the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors this 9th day of April 2013, That the following budgets be, and are hereby, approved effective July 1, 2013, as set forth below; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, that local tax supported expenditures of the School Division's overall budget of \$261,143,589 shall not exceed \$114,830,339 of local funds and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Board does hereby approve the FY 2014 PRTC subsidy of \$85,200, and the FY 2014 VRE subsidy of \$1,313,600, and does hereby authorize the payment of these subsidies during FY 2014 from the County's motor fuels tax revenue account, and be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, that all financial activities, purchases, travel, personnel actions, etc., shall be in accordance with the fiscal policies and procedures established by the Board of Supervisors and administered by the County Administrator.

FISCAL YEAR 2014 COUNTY BUDGETS

1. Total County Budget for Fiscal Year 2014 in the amount of \$438,977,993 to include the following funds:

<i>a. General Operating Fund</i>	<i>\$106,886,654</i>
<i>b. Capital Projects Fund</i>	<i>\$13,473,585</i>
<i>c. Economic Development Opportunities Fund</i>	<i>\$748,467</i>
<i>d. Code Compliance Fund</i>	<i>\$3,088,259</i>
<i>e. Transportation Fund</i>	<i>\$8,091,602</i>
<i>f. School Operating Fund:</i>	
<i> Instruction</i>	<i>\$168,927,902</i>
<i> Administration, Attendance and Health</i>	<i>\$9,026,302</i>
<i> Pupil Transportation</i>	<i>\$16,538,219</i>
<i> Operation and Maintenance</i>	<i>\$20,904,807</i>
<i> Debt and Fund Transfers</i>	<i>\$25,622,391</i>
<i> Technology</i>	<i>\$7,246,460</i>
<i> Contingency Reserves</i>	<i><u>\$0</u></i>
	<i>\$248,266,081</i>
<i>g. School Food Service Fund:</i>	
<i> School Food Services and Other Noninstructional Operations</i>	<i>\$10,044,365</i>
<i>h. School Capital Projects Fund:</i>	
<i> Facilities</i>	<i>\$377,608</i>
<i>i. Utilities Operating Fund</i>	<i>\$29,980,372</i>
<i>j. Utilities Capital Projects Fund</i>	<i>\$18,021,000</i>

2. *Joint Fleet Maintenance Fund for Fiscal Year 2014 in the amount of \$2,455,535*

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the County Administrator is authorized to take all necessary actions to give this resolution effect.

On a motion by Ms. Heidig and passed unanimously, the Board adopted the resolution as follows:

VOTE:

Ayes:	7	Ms. Heidig, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Pitts, Mr. Ross, Mr. Skinner and Mr. Trampe
Nays:	0	
Absent:	0	
Abstain:	0	

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-41

***A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2014 – FY 2018
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN***

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors to approve and control the County's fiscal plans; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has received and reviewed the County Administrator's Recommended Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for FY 2014 – FY 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has received comments on the recommended CIP from citizens of Spotsylvania County at a duly advertised public hearing; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Supervisors that project managers shall adhere to the budgeted funds in accordance with project budgets presented by the County Administrator and amended by the Board of Supervisors; and

RESOLVED, that the following five-year capital plan is, and is hereby, approved effective July 1, 2013, as set forth below.

FY 2014 – FY 2018 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

3. *Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2014 – FY 2018 in the following amounts:*

a.	<i>General Capital Projects</i>	\$65,970,397
b.	<i>Transportation Capital Projects</i>	\$19,826,467
c.	<i>Utilities Capital Projects</i>	\$75,122,000
d.	<i>School Capital Projects</i>	\$60,069,245

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the County Administrator is authorized to take all necessary actions to give this resolution effect.

On a motion by Mr. Trampe and passed unanimously, the Board adopted the resolution as follows:

VOTE:

Ayes:	7	Ms. Heidig, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Pitts, Mr. Ross, Mr. Skinner and Mr. Trampe
Nays:	0	
Absent:	0	
Abstain:	0	

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-42

A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 21-38 OF THE CODE OF SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA TO SET THE PERCENTAGE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF AT THE LEVEL NECESSARY TO EXHAUST PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT FUNDS FOR 2013

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2005, and for tax years beginning in 2006, the Board adopted as Section 21-38 of the Code of Spotsylvania County, Virginia, the provisions of Item 503.E of Chapter 951 of the 2005 Appropriations Act of the General Assembly providing for computation of personal property tax relief as a specific dollar amount to be offset against the total taxes that would otherwise be due for personal property, and the reporting of such specific dollar relief amount on the tax bill; and

WHEREAS, the Board is required as part of its annual budget process, to adopt a resolution setting the percentage of tax relief at the level that is anticipated to exhaust Personal Property Tax Relief Act (PPTRA) funds provided to the County by the Commonwealth of Virginia for each tax year, and

WHEREAS, the ordinance requires that personal property tax bills set forth on their face the specific dollar amount of relief credited with respect to each qualifying vehicle, together with an explanation of the manner in which relief is allocated.

WHEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Spotsylvania County, Virginia, that pursuant to Section 21-38 of the Code of the County of Spotsylvania, that the percentage of tax relief that is anticipated to exhaust PPTRA relief funds provided to the County by the Commonwealth shall be set for tax year 2013 as follows:

- 1. For personal use vehicles valued at \$1,000.00 or less, the percentage of relief shall be set at one hundred percent (100%)*
- 2. For vehicles valued at more than \$1,000.00, the percentage of relief shall be set at forty-two percent (42%) for up to and including the first \$20,000.00 of value; and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer shall insure that 2013 personal property tax bills set forth on their face the specific dollar amount of relief credited with respect to each qualifying vehicle, together with an explanation of the manner in which relief is allocated.

VDOT REPORT

Mr. Ross asked for an update on the signalization on Route 3 and Chancellor Road.

Ms. Heidig discussed guardrails along roadsides hampering the ability of farmers to move farm equipment, specifically on Route 522.

Mr. Skinner said the surface was breaking up at the entrance of Lees Hill South and asked that VDOT look into repairing it.

Mr. Marshall reported potholes on Route 605. He also said the trees were too low on the right past Marye Road.

Mr. McLaughlin asked if the clean up on Route 3 from Andora Drive to the Orange County border has been scheduled.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Mr. Marshall announced that after serving 34 years, he would not be seeking re-election.

Mr. McLaughlin said as this budget ends and the new cycle starts, the CBRC needed to get started immediately and felt they should be given more authority. He also spoke about the merging of departments with the schools and Mr. Barnes said that would be a good topic for the quarterly meeting.

Mr. Pitts announced that after serving 14 years, he would not be seeking re-election.

Mr. Skinner said he wanted to hear from the CBRC and requested they be scheduled to speak to the Board at the first meeting in May. He also announced that he did plan to seek re-election.

CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Skinner and passed unanimously, the Board adopted a resolution to adjourn into closed meeting as follows:

VOTE:

Ayes:	7	Ms. Heidig, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Pitts, Mr. Ross, Mr. Skinner and Mr. Trampe
Nays:	0	
Absent:	0	
Abstain:	0	

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-43

To Adjourn into Closed Meeting

WHEREAS, the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors desires to adjourn into Closed Meeting for consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel; specifically, legal consultation and advice related to a property damage claim which has been presented to the County; and

WHEREAS, the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors desires to adjourn into Closed Meeting for consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members pertaining to actual litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigation posture of the Board; specifically, matters related to conduct of litigation in Bryner, et al. v. County of Spotsylvania, et al.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Va. Code Ann. § 2.2-3711(A)(7), such discussions may occur in Closed Meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize discussion of the aforesated matters.

RETURN TO OPEN MEETING AND CERTIFICATION

On a roll call vote, the Board returned to open meeting and adopted the following resolution:

VOTE:

Ayes:	7	Ms. Heidig, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Pitts, Mr. Ross, Mr. Skinner and Mr. Trampe
Nays:	0	
Absent:	0	
Abstain:	0	

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-44

Return to Open Meeting

WHEREAS, the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 (D) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Board of Supervisors that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors hereby returns to open session and certifies, by roll call vote, that to the best of each member's knowledge only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of the Freedom of Information Act and identified in the motion to go into Closed Meeting were heard, discussed or considered in the Closed Meeting.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None

The Board recessed at 6:15pm and reconvened at 6:30pm.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

SUP13-0003: Linda Morrison & Gary W. Gratopp (Eden Try)

Mr. Floyd presented. The Planning Commission recommended approval with conditions, 7-0. Staff recommended the Board adopt the resolution of approval for SUP13-0003 with the recommended conditions.

Mr. Ross said he wanted standardization with the permits such as special use, temporary permits, etc.

Applicant: He said he rents the venue and does not provide the services. He required everyone on the property to be licensed. He addressed traffic on River Road saying that 22 events had been held in the last 4 years and there had not been any traffic complications from those events. He spoke about the quality of screening on the property. He said there was no light pollution or problems with noise. In regards to the wine tastings, he said they were done with an offsite permit from a local winery.

Mr. Trampe declared the public hearing opened.

Andrew Mullins, Courtland District: He said the scale and scope of the project would impact traffic. He was concerned with the precedent that would be set in this area regarding big businesses. He said he was in favor of property rights but hoped that there could be a compromise regarding the frequency, scope, scale, alcohol and traffic.

James Allewelt, Courtland District: He spoke about spot zoning. He said the serving of alcohol was near certain to increase the accident rate on River Road as it was a highly overused road as an alternate route to Route 3.

Nancy Cole, Courtland District: She spoke about the dangerous S curve on River Road and its lack of fire hydrants noting these as public safety concerns. She questioned how they would accommodate bathrooms for 400 people. She urged the Board to vote to protect the safety of the citizens.

RK Taubert, Courtland District: He said River Road was a scenic byway and holds 4000 cars per day. It's a dangerous road and his biggest concern was drinking and driving saying the road was tough to navigate when sober.

Skip and Karen Stubbs, Courtland District: They spoke in favor saying they had assisted with events and never saw anyone leaving the wine tastings intoxicated.

JD and Janet Holm, Caroline County: They spoke in favor saying the facility was well run and that drinking was the choice of people. Eden Try would not be producing drunks.

Anthony C. Ayawa: He said lots of people have events in their home where they use alcohol and most accidents were young kids who were speeding. He said this venue had been there a long

time and he had experienced no issues. He said there was a nice caliber of people at the functions and when he passed by at 11:00 pm the lights were out and cars were gone. He also noted they kept it clean saying it was a nice addition. He said there was more noise created by his neighbors firing guns or riding ATVs then was produced at these events.

Mark Fishback: He said property rights should be preserved. He said on a Saturday night he could sit on his porch and listen to concerts from Celebrate Virginia but he hears nothing from this venue. He spoke about the prohibition of alcohol.

Mike Lavangnino, Courtland District: He said his motorcycle was louder than this venue. He asked what the recourse was if the conditions weren't followed. He spoke about concerns of runoff with the traffic on the dirt surface, the tax benefit to the County, fire safety and said there were already businesses on this road. He said if slowing down traffic was the concern then the County needed to do that.

Mr. Trampe declared the public hearing closed.

Applicant: He clarified that there was no bottling of wine on the property. He spoke about overflow traffic saying there was about a 40-50 car maximum because the Fredericksburg trolley brings in most guests. He said he was not aware of any overflow at any time. He said that although he understood the concerns from citizens, they were not asking for anything more than what they have already been doing since 2009.

Mr. Ross said he respected property rights but also respected safety. He clarified for the audience that if there was a violation in a special use permit then the permit could be taken away.

Mr. Ross said he would like to table this and have County staff get together with the citizens to research the limits that would be best for the safety of River Road. He said he would host a town hall meeting on May 9 at 7:30 pm to hash out a compromise.

On a motion by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Marshall and passed 6 to 0 with Ms. Heidig absent, the Board tabled SUP13-0003 until May 14, 2013.

VOTE:

Ayes:	6	Mr. Marshall, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Pitts, Mr. Ross, Mr. Skinner and Mr. Trampe
Nays:	0	
Absent:	1	Ms. Heidig
Abstain:	0	

CPA13-0001 Dominion Raceway Holdings, LLC

Mr. Hopewell presented. Staff recommended approval of the Comprehensive Plan Amendments.

Charlie Payne spoke on behalf of the applicant about having the ability to be flexible with your comprehensive plan.

Mr. Trampe declared the public hearing opened.

Jack McNutt: He said this was not about racing. He believed the developers were pushing this and asked if this was the best use of this property. He also asked what the effect on congestion was and the environmental impact. He spoke about the safety of the spectators and asked the Board to focus on long-term effects to the comp plan amendment and not so much on the tax benefit and so-called jobs.

Dorothy Miller: She questioned why the Raceway was locating in a prime location saying it should be put in an area of the County to only disturb the rabbits. She asked the Board to consider the complaints placed on the Old Dominion Speedway and to ask for police records from Prince William County before considering. She also asked that the Board check revenue from the speedway and tally property loss values.

Florence Jenkins: She said there was enough trash already in Thornburg as it is and all this Raceway was going to do was bring tail gate parties and beer purchasing at the corner 7-11. Her sister died behind the Raceway in Dover and nobody wanted her house due to its location.

Danny Pemberton, Spotsylvania Landowners Association: he spoke in favor of the comp plan amendment saying we need this to help commercial growth in Spotsylvania County and asked the Board to support it.

David DeJarnette: He recommended approval of the comprehensive plan amendment saying a natural noise created I95 already existed. He spoke about road courses saying a lot of out-of-town folks are ready to come and spend their money here in Spotsylvania County.

Richard Storm: He spoke about businesses being in favor of the track in Thornburg and said we have the chance to be part of something very big. He asked that the Board support the race track.

Mark Irving: He said he was passionate about racing but today was about the comp plan amendment. He spoke about changing land use, dropping the interchange, empty business park areas that do not have business in them right now, and the creation of jobs. He said the automotive industry learns a lot from racing.

Kevin McGrath: He spoke about telecommuting and empty office space in the community, the Raceway drawing in people and how people spend money. He urged the Board to put the land to use that is going to create job and money for all businesses.

Al Loy: He spoke in support of the Raceway and his affiliations in racing. He said he travels from Maine to Florida and the money that is left behind at each venue is unbelievable. He urged the Board to strike the iron while the fire is hot.

Wanda Cushman spoke representing the Board of Directors and 2400 taxpaying residents of Indian Acres. She said Thornburg is a sleeping giant and this is what will wake it up. She said they supported this project and encouraged the Board to support it also.

Vince Onorato: He spoke about using exit 118 in place of the Massaponax exit. He asked the Board not to make a make a bad situation even worse.

David Rohme: He spoke in support of the race track saying it was good for the people of Spotsylvania County.

Diane Keuchler: She said she worked on the comprehensive plan and that this area was for high tech office space and a race track is the last thing that should be considered. She said she did not want to have to spend the rest of her life listening to the noise. She said the Board had a responsibility for the well-being of the citizens, not to further the special interest groups. She asked the Board to respect the time and effort committed and the thousands of dollars invested to develop the vision of this area.

Tracy Perrin: She spoke in opposition questioning whether the noise study and other statistics were considered. She said she refused to give up her family home and asked the Board members how they would feel about this being built next to their home.

Dr. Matt Williamson: He said that Raceways don't make great neighbors. He spoke of the number of homes and schools in the area. He said the Thornburg interchange was already overburdened with traffic backing up daily. He felt adding more traffic to this area would be detrimental. He questioned if the Board had looked at the information mentioned by concerned citizens.

Matt Jordan: He said he despised the role of killjoy and this was the third time he had to take on this role. He spoke about the negative effects of this project including the noise. He said Board members had friends that were involved in the development of this who will do well, Mr. Britt will do well but the County will be on the hook. He said the money generated from the track will not take care of the interchange and urged the Board to look at the consequences, not just the fun. He felt this would hurt a wide area.

Joyce Ackerman: She spoke in opposition saying she had researched and submitted 5 aerial satellite views of 5 race tracks in Virginia and she spoke about the noise factor. She said businesses would not come and locate near a race track. She encouraged the Board to drive to Richmond and look around saying it's considered "the hood".

Keith Campbell: He spoke in support of the race track saying that Route 1 and the 606 interchange would be the biggest problem.

Gary Gore: He said he lives around the race track in Waynesburo, VA and that motorsports management was all he'd done and shared that many things shared tonight were not true. He said he was not a dirt bag and he wouldn't break into your house. He introduced a female resident of Spotsylvania who dragraces. He spoke about noise level studies that were generated saying they were using Sprint Cup cars. He said a lot of people wanted to come to this race track and asked them to stand in a show of support.

Jack Burrows: He spoke in favor of the race track and about noise regulations.

Bill Kail: He said he had been a race fan his whole life and that his brother lives by a race track and you can hardly hear it. He spoke about the interchange and vacant property. He said he was 100% behind this track.

Warren Cooper: He said he was a local business owner and what he learned about this was these people in this community and in the racing industry support each other, come together in good and bad times and that is what racing is about is family. He felt this project would bring a lot to the community saying everyone has been hurting with the economy since mid-2000. He said this project would bring much work to many businesses for years to come.

Kenny Gaumer: He said the track would be good here, that a lot of people talk about it when they come into the shop, and he hears about it when he travels out-of-State. He said the noise wasn't going to be what everyone expected.

Jimmy Pritt: He said he supports the Raceway and respectfully listened to the opposition. He said some of the things were not true and questioned how you would have a noise study for a track that didn't exist yet. He said he was not a criminal and a bunch of thugs weren't coming to the County, this was simply untrue and he did not appreciate those comments.

Hayne Dominick: He spoke about his history in motorsports saying he worked as general manager for 10 years at Dominion Speedway. He spoke about the difference in local track versus special events saying this would generate about 2500 visits at the Raceway per event.

Gene Kinch: He spoke in favor of the race track saying it not only had financial benefits but it offered something else to do with the family. He said that he had been racing since 1984 and there was a perception that they would race everyday but it would only be weekends and holidays.

Tom Martin: He said he was thankful for the opportunity to speak. He was a retired school teacher in the County who taught 31 years and had lived in the County for 35 years. He said he was in favor of changing this plan to commercial because it had been vacant the entire time he'd lived here. He felt this was a good opportunity for Spotsylvania County to display diversity.

Derek Hoak: He said he lives a mile as a crow flies from the school and spoke about the school being built. He was in favor of the Raceway.

Chester Peele: He said everything has been covered already but he showed his support of the race track. He said he was sick of seeing office buildings being built and then being empty.

Randy George: He spoke in favor of the track and talked about businesses that would benefit from it, the jobs that will be created, and the noise already generated by I95.

Ralph Knight: He spoke about racing being a great way of life and how he shared it with his family. He said he was in favor of the project.

Brian Blevins: He said he was a mechanic by trade and a minister and he did not see the Raceway as being a place full of thugs. He said it was a great place for families and great for neighboring communities. He felt this was a change for the good and nobody else was trying to use the land. He said this would support what we have here now and help us build further.

Wally Bell: He spoke in favor of the project saying he was not privy to plans but he liked what he saw so far. He spoke of his associations with racing and said it's not an easy business to negotiate, adding this could attract manufacturers to the area.

Edwin Pardue: He said VIR in Danville was the most similar to this proposal and changing this comp plan is just the first step. He assured the audience this project would make a great neighbor.

Chris Cobetto: He spoke about revenues and how they are generated, the caliber of racers, sponsorships and high profile decision makers. As for noise, he said at VIR you could be inside a building 1/8 mile away and the conversation would be easily had without a microphone.

Howard Kohl: He said he doesn't live near the race track and is not a racing fan. He said he felt bad for the citizens who are concerned but think they may be scaring themselves.

Bill Blevins: He said he lives in Thornburg, loves racing and fully supports this comp plan amendment. He spoke about the condition of the buildings in Thornburg and said something of this caliber could improve local businesses.

Richard Bowles: He said he was speaking as a business in the area and supported this establishment saying there was not high demand for office buildings. He said this exit would become more than a stop and go, and would incorporate all Spotsylvania has to offer. He said it would bring people to visit and spend money. He felt this would bring family fun and a huge boost to our economy.

Robert Edmonds, Jr: He spoke in favor of the project saying the real reason was the same reason for going to the moon in the 60s, we are human beings and we need more than something peaceful and quiet. He said this was the one chance to give them something they aren't going to get everywhere.

Otis Kay, Sr.: He said he was not in support of changing the comp plan and asked the Board to consider all the pros and cons. He asked what if it fails, would the land be sold. Could the

Board then change it back to a business center as it's now zoned. He questioned if future generations would be interested in racing saying technology is changing. He urged the Board to consider future generations, the noise and traffic.

Dorothy Spencer: She spoke in favor of free enterprise saying the race track brings excitement but as a resident she sees cons to this proposal. She said the costs disturbed her as a taxpayer, with 2500 people coming in and out of the community this would bring costs such as public safety and a tax burden on the citizens. She asked if an ordinance would be passed to regulate the noise.

Sean Gibbs: He said as a business owner he did not want the interchange moved as it would kill every single business on Mudd Tavern Road. He felt this project is an economic magnet, saying he owned Extreme Heating and Air and he found neighbors were concerned until their kids came to him for jobs. He encouraged everyone to give it time, there would be an adjustment period.

Melinda Norman: She said she had lots of questions for Mr. Britt. Why are they moving? She encouraged the Board to keep the vision of the comp plan saying their decision would change the entire County, not just Thornburg. She questioned why residents from other counties were here speaking to tell Spotsylvania what is best for Spotsylvania.

Carl Tolson: He spoke in favor of the comp plan amendment saying he was a member of the original comp plan committee. He said he wasn't sure what else you could use that land for. He felt this attraction, tourism and manufacturing was good for the County and did not feel this would hurt home values and could increase them.

Mary Lou Collier: She said she would like to hear about the potential EMS issues if the race track is approved, saying they were already might thin. She asked what is the involvement of the County EMS and Fire regarding this project saying citizens needed to be guaranteed who has priority, a resident call for 911 or this facility. She asked that they work out EMS and Fire procedures first because they impact all citizens.

Bobby Able: He said that the comp plan was a recommendation and it needed to be changed. He said tech centers have changed, the need has changed. He felt the race track was a good option for this County. He said he was a firm believer that house values will go up as the economy goes up and this will attract business.

Bunny Burkette: She said she had been racing for 48 years and she knows how much revenue she can bring to the area. She said living in Sterling that that the aircraft made more noise than the race cars and they wouldn't be racing 24 hours a day. She said the Raceway would provide a venue for young people to go, a place to race their cars. She asked the Board to approve this project.

Mr. Trampe declared the public hearing closed.

Charlie Payne spoke on behalf of the applicant saying what an honor it was to be from this area and have Bunny Burkette as a representative. He said that they had a heard from a variety of

different people on the topic and had Mr. Britt share his vision for the track and speak about the benefits.

Mr. Skinner noted that he had a conflict of interest but that he was able to vote for the record.

On a motion by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin and passed 6 to 0 with Ms. Heidig absent, the Board adopted the resolution as follows:

VOTE:

Ayes:	6	Mr. Marshall, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Pitts, Mr. Ross, Mr. Skinner and Mr. Trampe
Nays:	0	
Absent:	1	Ms. Heidig
Abstain:	0	

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-45

***Approve – CPA13-0001: Comprehensive Plan Amendment – Dominion
Raceway Holdings LLC***

WHEREAS, the applicant requests to have three (3) parcels (63 ((5)) A, B & D), with a combined area of just under 160 acres within the Jackson Gateway Development District reclassified within the adopted Future Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan from Employment Center to Commercial Land Use. Additionally, they request that the Thoroughfare Map of the Transportation Element be revised to move the proposed future Thornburg Interchange for purposes of addressing the current commercial growth patterns in the current interchange area. This proposal is associated with the applicant's rezoning request (Case R13-0002) to rezone the property from Agricultural 2 (A-2) to Commercial 3 (C-3),

WHEREAS, staff has reviewed the subject application and recommends approval of the Comprehensive Plan Amendment, as stated in the Executive Summary and Staff Report dated April 9, 2013.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on this item on March 20, 2013, and a motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed comprehensive plan amendment with a vote of 6-1; and

WHEREAS, a Spotsylvania Board of Supervisors' public hearing, duly advertised in a local newspaper for a period of two weeks, was held on April 9, 2013, and interested citizens were heard; and

WHEREAS, general welfare and good zoning are served by approval of the application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Spotsylvania Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the requested Comprehensive Plan Amendment CPA13-0001.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Skinner asked if the Board would entertain the idea of a partnership with Stafford County and the City of Fredericksburg regarding a baseball team. Mr. Pitts requested more information from staff with the details. Mr. Trampe said he was in favor of preliminary discussions.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Pitts and passed 6 to 0 with Ms. Heidig absent, the Board adjourned its meeting at 10:10 pm.

VOTE:

Ayes:	6	Mr. Marshall, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Pitts, Mr. Ross, Mr. Skinner and Mr. Trampe
Nays:	0	
Absent:	1	Ms. Heidig
Abstain:	0	

C. Douglas Barnes
Clerk to the Board of Supervisors