



MEETING MINUTES

February 17, 2026

6:30 P.M.

Development Services Bldg., Room 107 a/b

* ABSENT FROM MEETING

** ATTENDED MEETING VIRTUALLY

Open Meeting

Chair Laurie Wilson opened the meeting at 6:32 PM.

Approval of Minutes-

The minutes from the January 20, 2026 meeting were approved [CT, CF; approved unanimously

Public Comment

None

Presentation

Homeless Services Division. Information provided by staff: Tony Turnage, Damien Quesada, Donald Richardson, Alexis Browne, and Jeanine Gravette.

POLICE PARTNERSHIP:

EAST Captain Carl X Carter

MID Captain Ruben Castilla

WEST Captain Neil L Miller

Outreach Services: All Services are on a voluntary basis.

Resources and Support Information: Assistance in calling Coordinated entry, county and community resources i.e. food pantries, shelter, and shelters.

Benefits/Entitlement Support: Direct individuals on where to go to apply for benefits such as food stamps, Medicaid, and social security.

Basic Needs items: When supplies allow, basic needs such as sleeping bags, basic hygiene, water, and food items.

Longer Term Support: assistance around applying for applying for county and community housing resources. Diversion support: return to family or friend in/out of county.

Outreach Data presented: 239 males, 98 Females, and 19 Veterans

Drop-in EAST: Ferlazzo Building 703-792-8734 Hrs 7:30am-11:30am serving individuals 18 years old and older, living in a place not meant for human habitation such as; cars, encampments, woods, abandon buildings, or outside.

Services provided, daily hot and cold breakfast 7am-8:30am. No drop-in services on Sunday.

Showers 7am-11:15

Access to computers and programs, shelter from the outside elements, Meeting places for outreach meeting, community services, and other providers. When available bag lunches.

Clients served: 281 males, 113 females, 7469 meals, 854 showers, 7 mail received, and 35 bible study.

Mobile Drop-in WEST: Manassas Presbyterian Church, this location is not a brick and mortar building operated by PWC staff. Staff have access to an RV parked on site.

Thursday only 3pm-6pm. serving individuals 18 years old and older, living in a place not meant for human habitation such as cars, encampments, woods, abandoned buildings, or outside. Each client receives a bag lunch, water or available beverage, hygiene kit.

Charging of mobile devices station (weather permitting).

WEST Drop-in data: 76 Males, 29 females, 4 housing counseling, 40 information & referrals, 109 Basic needs, 167 meals, 5 Crisis Shelter, 2 emergency shelter, 3 laundry products, 1 mental health support.

Panhandling Efforts: Performed by county outreach team

Engage people panhandling at local locations

Inquire about services needed for those panhandling

Provide information and referral to county and community services

Responding to emails sent by community members regarding panhandling location

Panhandling Data: Community outreach non homeless 22 clients/3 veteran reason for panhandling fixed income, housing (hotel/motel), unstable employment.

Outreach homeless 32 clients/2 veterans reason for panhandling fixed income, housing (hotel/motel), unstable employment.

Panhandling Inquire Flow → [contact made with homeless services 703 792 3939](#)

pwcpa@pwcgov.org via 311 → outreach team plan deployment of staff or determine dates and time to visit site → PWC STAFF FOLLOW UP → Manager/ Business owner, persons (panhandler), referral for services → OUTREACH ENGAGEMENT determine frequency of site visit and high traffic areas.

Panhandling Signage: Posting: signs will be posted starting in March, 3 to 4 in high traffic areas for 60 days

Signs are not permanent and will be rotated every 60 days

Outreach team will engage individuals 2 to 3 times a week

Homeless services staff are working on a metrics for the effectiveness of outreach engagement and PWC "Give Where It Counts" signage

Homeless Service Division Contact Info:

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Alexis Browne, Homeless Outreach Worker abrowne@pwcgov.org

Jeanine Gravette, Human Service Program Manager jgravette@pwcgov.org 703-792-7929

Action Items

None

Chairman's Time

Chairman Laurie Wilson asked to be notified in advance of upcoming special event months i.e., Child Abuse Prevention, Social Worker appreciation and Elder Abuse Awareness months.

Laurie Wilson stated a little more direction is needed as to announcing the Advisory Board during the meeting.

Laurie Wilson inquired about the upcoming All Staff event.

Director's Time

Deputy Director Holly Handy spoke in Director Phyllis Jennings-Holt's absence. Ms. Jennings-Holt was attending the BOCS meeting during this time.

- Ms. Handy presented information regarding CXO budget proposal that was being presented
- Ms. Handy shared information about the 2026 Father Daughter dance
- Ms. Handy shared information about the class and compensation raise for employees
- Ms. Handy mentioned the study being done regarding moving the CPS local intake lines from each locality to all coming through Richmond
- Ms. Handy shared that a new program through Homeless Services starting 2/18/26 at Ferlazzo in cafeteria. This will help keep the atrium clear and will run until March 31st.

Board Members' Time

None

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

MOTION made to adjourn the meeting [LW; LHT, unanimous]. Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

APPROVED: _____

Julia K. Blakely

Clerk to Board