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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ISSUES STATEMENT REGARDING PURCHASE OF 30 JOHN MARSHALL STREET PROPERTY

WARRENTON, VIRGINIA--Over two years ago, the Board of Supervisors began discussing available properties within the Town of Warrenton for future County office space needs. One of the properties discussed was 30 John Marshall Street. Last Thursday, when the Board decided to purchase this property, it was never the Board's intent to displace the current tenant, the McShin Foundation. The County does not intend to demolish the current building at this time. Nor has the County identified a new use for the site. In addition, the County's budget does not include funding for the demolition or replacement of the current building.

Currently, the McShin Foundation holds a one-year lease on the property for an office counseling center. The lease expires in July of 2018. The County's purchase of the building will be subject to the lease, and the County will honor the lease. The County will meet with the McShin Foundation to discuss potential renewal of the lease on mutually agreeable terms after the Town of Warrenton makes its decision on a pending Special Use Permit application. The Town's decision will help guide discussions about whether the lease will encompass an office counseling center or a residential treatment facility. Eventually and inevitably, the County will need to use the property for office space, which was the original intent. When that time arrives, any lessor will be given notice well in advance to permit them to find another suitable location.

The County recognizes that addiction is a serious issue and that the establishment of counseling and treatment centers is important. The Board of Supervisors has instructed its Public Safety Committee members to collaborate with the Rappahannock Rapidan Community Services Board, law enforcement leaders, the PATH Foundation, the McShin Foundation, and other mental health providers to explore ways to address this issue.

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