

Memorandum

TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Dawn L. Marshall, Treasurer

SUBJECT: Check Register Publication Practices and Treasury Risk Exposure

DATE: June 2, 2026

Recommended Action:

Recommend prompt removal of the currently posted detailed check registers from public website access pending further review by the Treasurer, County Finance and County Attorney. Further recommend transitioning to a more aggregated and appropriately redacted expenditure reporting format that continues to provide transparency while reducing operational treasury, privacy, cybersecurity, and fraud risk exposure.

Background:

Recent treasury fraud concerns, evolving payment fraud risks, increased cybersecurity concerns, and the growing accessibility of artificial intelligence (AI) and automated data collection technologies prompted an evaluation of the County's current practice of posting detailed check register information online. Discussions with our banking representatives, Treasurer's Association resources, and legal counsel identified concerns regarding the amount of operational treasury and payment information currently being publicly displayed, including detailed warrant/check register information.

Additional concerns were identified regarding the distinction between summarized aggregate expenditure reporting and publication of the full detailed warrant register, including considerations related to Virginia Code §58.1-3131 concerning release of warrant and payment information, as well as the potential inclusion of sensitive citizen, payment, or operational information within the detailed register format.

Based upon these discussions and ongoing fraud mitigation efforts, a revised reporting format is recommended as a best practice approach that may better balance public transparency, operational security, privacy considerations, and treasury risk management.