

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
January 26, 2010

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. in the County Manager's Conference Room, Administration Building, Henrico County Government Center, Parham and Hungary Spring Roads, Henrico County, Virginia.

**Members of the Board Present:**

*Patricia S. O'Bannon, Tuckahoe District*  
*Frank J. Thornton, Vice Chairman, Fairfield District*  
*James B. Donati, Jr., Varina District*  
*Richard W. Glover, Brookland District*  
*David A. Kaechele, Three Chopt District*

**Other Officials Present:**

*Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E., County Manager*  
*Joseph P. Rapisarda, Jr., County Attorney*  
*Barry R. Lawrence, CMC, Assistant to the County Manager/Clerk to the Board*  
*Tanya B. Harding, Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk to the Board*  
*George T. Drumwright, Jr., Deputy County Manager for Community Services*  
*Angela N. Harper, Deputy County Manager for Special Services*  
*Leon T. Johnson, Deputy County Manager for Administration*  
*Robert K. Pinkerton, P.E., Deputy County Manager for Community Operations*  
*Randall R. Silber, Deputy County Manager for Community Development*  
*Tamra McKinney, Director of Public Relations & Media Services*  
*John A. Vithoukias, Director of Finance/Special Economic Advisor*

Mrs. O'Bannon called the meeting to order at 4:39 p.m.

Mr. Hazelett briefly reviewed the three items listed on the agenda.

**Virginia Commonwealth University Update**

Mr. Hazelett introduced Dr. Michael Rao, President of Virginia Commonwealth University, who provided an update on VCU. Dr. Rao referred to the two major components of a major university, education and research; commented on the strength of VCU's partnership with the County; noted VCU's economic and social impact on the community; and thanked the Board for the County's investment in VCU's School of Engineering. Dr. Rao addressed questions from the Board regarding the level of revenue generated by VCU athletic programs, his insights on the future of higher education in America, his vision for VCU, and VCU's major areas of research. He distributed a pocket-sized laminated card to the members of the Board

titled *VCU Key Facts 2010*, which provided data relating to the university's enrollment and capital construction, the VCU Health System (VCUHS), and the university's research and economic impact.

### **2011 Commemoration Advisory Commission Update**

Mr. Hazelett recognized Ms. Harper, who introduced the following members of the 2011 Advisory Commission who were present: Samuel G. Banks, African-American Committee Chair; John F. "Jack" Berry, Promotion Committee Chair; Linda G. Robinson, Henrico Shire Committee Chair; and Sarah W. Pace, History Firsts Committee Chair and Civil War Committee Chair. Ms. Harper also recognized Mrs. O'Bannon as Chair of the Commission and the following County employees who are serving as staff to the Commission: Karen K. Mier, Karen J. Perkins and Lenora W. White, Division of Recreation and Parks; Jennifer K. Acker, Department of Public Relations & Media Services; Michael A. Jennings, Department of Public Works; Eugene H. "Gene" Walter, Department of Finance; and Tanya B. Harding, County Manager's Office. Ms. Perkins distributed a handout listing tentative events that will be sponsored by *Henrico County Public Schools (HCPS) for the 2011 Commemoration*. Ms. Harper narrated a slide presentation, copies of which were also distributed to the Board by Ms. Perkins. Her presentation covered the following nine topics - visitors center proposal, calendar of events, commemoratives proposal, signage proposal, HCPS involvement, anniversary song, exhibits planned, budget request, and next update.

In response to questions and concerns raised by the Board, Ms. Harper agreed to check into a potential scheduling conflict between the Henrico Shire event and annual Agribusiness Council dinner, confirmed that the United States Colored Troops (USCT) will be represented in the Civil War event that will be held at Tree Hill Farm, clarified that the visitors center proposed for Dabbs House can continue beyond 2011 if it meets criteria established by the Virginia Tourism Corporation (VTC), agreed to pursue an extension of the 15-month time limit imposed by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for proposed "Welcome to Henrico" roadway signage, confirmed that there is \$100,000 in the County's FY 2010 budget to support the 2011 Commemoration, and advised that local government is now being taught in the County's public schools as part of the fifth grade curriculum. Ms. McKinney commented on how the 2011 Commemoration will be publicized, Mr. Perkins clarified how the 2010 Harvest Festival will be used to kick off the 2011 Commemoration, and Mr. Hazelett noted that Henrico County will be hosting the Virginia Municipal League Annual Conference in October 2011. The Board concurred with the Commission's recommendations pertaining to the 2010 and 2011 hosted events, voiced its support for the two-phase signage program recommended by the Commission on County and VDOT maintained roadways, and expressed appreciation to the Commission and staff for their work that has resulted in planned events and activities.

After considerable discussion, Mr. Glover and Mr. Donati recommended and Mr. Thornton agreed that more than two renditions of the Civil War commemorative posters should be printed. Mr. Glover also suggested that enough copies of the posters be printed so that they could be sold after 2011, that the posters contain wording stating they were produced for the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the County, and that Total Printing be considered as the printing vendor

for the posters given the special quality of the company's work. He further suggested that appointed members of the County's boards and commissions be used as volunteers for commemoration activities and events. As Chairman of the Commemoration Commission, Mrs. O'Bannon explained how the Commission is involving volunteers to help plan and execute activities and events and remarked that there will be additional opportunities to incorporate volunteers.

The Board recessed for dinner at 6:03 p.m. and reconvened at 6:16 p.m.

### **Potential Condemnation of Real Property for Right-of-Way and Easements – North Gayton Road Improvements Project**

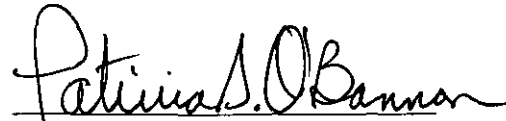
Mr. Hazelett recognized Jon Tracy, Director of Real Property, who narrated a slide presentation on this topic. Mr. Tracy identified two properties on Bacova Drive where the County needs to acquire right-of-way as well as slope and drainage easements for the construction of the North Gayton Road Improvements Project. He noted that the County has conducted an appraisal of the parcels and made a bona fide offer to the owners that was rejected. Mr. Tracy stated that staff's recommendation is to acquire the necessary right-of-way and easements through "quick take condemnation." With the assistance of Mr. Hazelett as well as Senior Assistant County Attorney J. Thomas Tokarz and Mr. Pinkerton, Mr. Tracy responded to questions from the Board concerning the quick take condemnation process, the number and type of properties affected by the North Gayton Road Improvements project, and the status of negotiation with the owners of other properties affected by the project. There was discussion regarding the impact of the project on the two properties proposed for condemnation and also discussion of land values in the vicinity of the project. Mr. Hazelett noted that the staff does not like to resort to condemnation and will continue to work with the property owners should the Board authorize condemnation of these properties. He confirmed that a public hearing on this matter had been scheduled for the evening's regular meeting agenda.

Mr. Hazelett reviewed the zoning cases and public hearing items listed on the evening's regular meeting agenda. There was some discussion by the Board and Mr. Hazelett pertaining to the renewal period for temporary provisional use permits. There was also discussion by the Board, Mr. Hazelett, and Mr. Rapisarda relating to the proposed ordinance to regulate noise. Mr. Glover suggested that noise in residential neighborhoods from trash and recycling collection be prohibited from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. rather than 12:00 midnight to 6:00 p.m. as provided for in the proposed ordinance. Mrs. O'Bannon noted that she has received complaints from constituents about music from ice cream trucks in residential neighborhoods.

Mr. Hazelett commented on the "caboose" state budget bill introduced in the General Assembly at the request of outgoing Governor Tim Kaine, which will effectively require Henrico and other localities to reduce their current year local budgets. Mr. Hazelett advised that staff will be bringing forward a resolution for introduction at the Board's first meeting in February to amend the County's FY 2009-10 budget and noted that this is the first time since May 26, 1993 that the Board will have to consider a budget reduction resolution. He distributed and reviewed a spreadsheet highlighting proposed net revenue and expenditure reductions totaling \$16.5 million and stated that the reductions can be made without any impact on services through the end of the

current fiscal year. He and Mr. Vithoukas responded to questions from the Board relating to the impact and timing of the proposed reductions, the status of state House Bill 599 funding, how Virginia Retirement Service (VRS) savings will be achieved on the schools side of the budget for the fourth quarter of the fiscal year, and whether staff will be factoring in meals tax revenues in developing the County's proposed FY 2011 budget.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia S. O'Bannon".

Chairman, Board of Supervisors  
Henrico County, Virginia