

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
March 23, 2010

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 4:45 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, Chairman, 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. Vithoukas, Director of Finance/Special Economic Advisor
C. Michael Schnurman, Jr., Legislative Liaison

Mrs. O'Bannon called the meeting to order at 4:52 p.m.

Mr. Hazelett briefly referred to the two items listed on the agenda for this special meeting.

Airport Connector Road

Mr. Hazelett introduced two representatives of Pocahontas 895 who were present, Project Manager Rich Prezioso and Communications and Community Relations Specialist Mary Ellin Arch. Ms. Arch and Mr. Prezioso narrated a slide presentation that provided an update on the Airport Connector Road in eastern Henrico County. Ms. Arch reviewed the benefits of this project, including its economic impact and innovative financing, and explained how the project will add value to the region's transportation network once completed in March 2011 by offering a direct link to Richmond International Airport via Airport Drive at Charles City Road. Mr.

Prezioso gave an overview of the project and an update on its progress, and then reviewed current work efforts, upcoming work, major milestones, and project accomplishments. He responded to several questions from the Board regarding the project and explained for Mr. Thornton how Pocahontas 895 has exceeded its goals in hiring minority contractors for the project. Mr. Thornton suggested that Mr. Prezioso and Ms. Arch make the public more aware of minority participation in the project.

Homeowner's Enhancement Guide

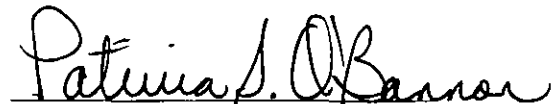
Mr. Hazelett recognized Mark Strickler, Director of Community Revitalization, who narrated a slide presentation on the *Homeowner's Enhancement Guide* for which the Board approved Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding in FY 2008-09 and which was subsequently developed by the Community Revitalization Team in Mr. Strickler's department with the assistance of a private design consultant. Mr. Strickler's presentation addressed the need for a revitalization tool, the guide's revitalization objectives, a contractor's survey used to obtain information for the guide, and organization and marketing of the guide. Mr. Strickler advised that the guide would go hand in hand with the residential investment tax abatement program approved by the Board in 2009.

Mr. Strickler responded to questions from the Board following his presentation. There was considerable discussion by the Board, Mr. Strickler, and Mr. Hazelett concerning the cost to print the guide and how it should be priced, marketed, and disseminated. Mrs. McKinney advised that she would like to feature the guide in a future program on the County's cable television station. After receiving favorable comments from the Board about the guide as well as suggestions for distributing it, Mr. Hazelett stated that staff will direct the contractor to finalize and print 50 copies of the guide as called for in the contract and then explore alternatives for getting the guide out to the public.

The Board recessed for dinner at 5:52 p.m. and reconvened at 6:15 p.m.

Mr. Hazelett reviewed the agenda for the evening's regular meeting, including three resolutions that would authorize the County to institute condemnation proceedings to acquire rights-of-way and easements for the North Gayton Road Extension Project. He explained a resolution on the agenda addressing receipt of the operating and capital budget estimates for FY 2010-11 and notice of public hearings on the budget and tax rates. Mr. Hazelett then briefed the Board on highlights of the proposed budget, which was balanced within existing tax rates, provided no reduction in services, and included no employee layoffs or furloughs although it would eliminate 101 vacant general government positions. He noted that staff was proposing a five percent increase in water and sewer utility rates and a reduction in the types of meals served by the employee cafeteria. With the assistance of Mr. Vithoukaskas, Mr. Hazelett responded to questions and comments by the Board concerning proposed reductions in the County's general government and education personnel complements and in other areas of the budget such as travel and tuition reimbursement as well as non-departmental funding. He also commented on the continued uncertainty of state revenue estimates and responded to questions pertaining to County programs, expenditures, and revenues.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.


Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Henrico County, Virginia