

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
May 10, 2011

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 4:45 p.m. in the County Manager's Conference Room, Administration Building, Henrico County Government Center, Parham and Hungary Spring Roads, Henrico, Virginia.

Members of the Board Present:

Frank J. Thornton, Chairman, Fairfield District
Richard W. Glover, Vice Chairman, Brookland District
James B. Donati, Varina District
David A. Kaechele, Three Chopt District
Patricia S. O'Bannon, Tuckahoe 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, Deputy Clerk to the Board of Supervisors/Administrative Assistant
George T. Drumwright, Jr., Deputy County Manager for Community Services
Angela N. Harper, FAICP, Deputy County Manager for Special Services
Leon T. Johnson, Ph.D., 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
John A. Vithoukias, Director of Finance/Special Economic Advisor to the County Manager
C. Michael Schnurman, Jr., Legislative Liaison
Tamra R. McKinney, Director of Public Relations & Media Services

Mr. Thornton called the meeting to order at 4:50 p.m.

Mr. Hazelett briefly reviewed the two items listed on this special meeting agenda.

2011 Commemoration Advisory Commission Update

Mr. Hazelett recognized Ms. Harper, who in turn introduced the following Commission members who were present: Gail Atkins, Jack Berry, Jeanne McNeil, Sarah Pace, and Linda Robinson. Ms. Harper led a slide presentation that updated the Board on Commission activities. She began by reviewing the topics included in the update, highlighting the results of previously sponsored events and providing copies to the Board of a newly printed book titled *Lanemarks of Greater Richmond* that features a Henrico landmark on the cover and a one-page advertisement promoting the County's 400th anniversary. Twenty thousand copies of the book have been printed and

individual copies will be placed in the rooms of 40 high end hotels throughout the region, 21 of which are in Henrico. Ms. Harper thanked Mr. Berry and his staff from the Richmond Metropolitan Convention & Visitor's Bureau (RMCVB), especially Marketing Director Katherine O'Donnell, for working on this effort in cooperation with Jennifer Acker, the County's Assistant Director of Public Relations & Media Services. There was some discussion by Mr. Kaechele and Mr. Berry regarding distribution of the book.

Ms. Harper recognized Carol Simopoulos, Henrico County Public Schools (HCPS) Educational Specialist for Social Studies K-5, who reported on how HCPS has assisted the Commission through musical and art student support at several hosted events; the student planting of Sycamore seedlings on Arbor Day to commemorate the County's 400th birthday and the contributions of Virginia Estelle Randolph; and various promotional activities using the HCPS website, other media, and school banners, bookmarks, and posters.

Ms. Simopoulos recognized Ms. McNeil, the Commission's representative from the Association for the Preservation of Henrico Antiquities, who thanked the Board for its support of history projects during the 2011 commemoration and commented on the talent and dedication of Advisory Commission members. Ms. McNeil noted that she was standing in for Nelson Wikstrom, Chairman of the Commission's Economic Development Committee, who was unable to be present. Ms. McNeil reviewed the transportation exhibits and booths as well as other activities and entertainment that will be offered at the next scheduled hosted event, "Moving Henrico Forward: Air, Road, Rail and Water," which is being held on May 29, 2011 at the Virginia Aviation Museum under the sponsorship of the Committee and the Museum. She responded to questions from Mr. Kaechele and Mrs. O'Bannon regarding event logistics.

Ms. McNeil recognized Ms. Pace, the Commission's representative from the Henrico Historical Society, who reviewed a hosted event titled "Civil War Commemoration: Henrico County - Gateway to Richmond, 1861 - 1865." This three-day event will include a symposium at the Henrico Theatre on September 23, 2011; an invitation-only reception and ball at Tree Hill Farm on September 23, 2011; an encampment and exhibits at Tree Hill Farm on September 24, 2011; and tours and demonstrations with the National Park Service at Fort Harrison on September 25, 2011. September 26, 2011 is being held as a rain date for this event.

Ms. Pace recognized Karen Perkins, the County's Recreation Manager for History and Tourism and lead staff to the Commission. Ms. Perkins distributed a flyer titled *2011 Historical Bus Tours* and identified the sites that will serve as the focus for the following scheduled historical bus tours that the County will be offering in partnership with the Valentine Richmond History Center: June 11, 2011 - "Henrico's Civil War History"; August 20, 2011 - "Henrico's African-American Heritage"; and October 22, 2011 - "Overview of Henrico's History." Ms. Perkins also explained tour costs and logistics. She then reviewed the entertainment and activities that are planned or proposed for the "Old-Fashioned Fourth of July" event scheduled for July 4, 2011 at Meadow Farm and Crump Park. Ms. Perkins reviewed slides and distributed a flyer depicting 400th anniversary commemorative specialty items that are available at select Henrico County-hosted 400th anniversary events and at several County facilities. She responded to several questions from Mr. Kaechele pertaining to bus tour logistics. She and Mrs. O'Bannon responded to a question from Mr. Thornton concerning how the commemorative items are being marketed.

Ms. Perkins recognized Ms. Harper, who concluded the presentation by noting that RMCVB will be sponsoring "Henrico County's 400th Anniversary at The Diamond" during a Richmond Flying Squirrels game scheduled for August 20, 2011. A fireworks show will follow the game.

Mr. Thornton commented on the verve and leadership demonstrated by the Commission. He conveyed thanks from the Board to the Commission and its staff and volunteers for their magnetism, energy, and organizational skills and for taking an upscale and positive approach towards the Commemoration. Mr. Thornton also thanked Mr. Berry for RMCVB's invaluable participation. He further remarked that the Commission has done an admirable job and has represented the County well.

Ms. Harper showed the Board a 400th anniversary events calendar that is being sold by the Henrico Historical Society. In response to a question raised by Mr. Thornton relating to the Commission's plans for archiving information for future generations, Ms. Harper revealed a planned effort led by Mr. Hazelett to create a time capsule that will be buried at the Henrico County Government Center and opened in 2061. In response to an additional question posed by Mr. Thornton, Ms. Harper elaborated on the partnerships that the Commission has successfully established with other organizations and groups. Mr. Thornton suggested that organizations and groups visiting the County during 2011 be invited to participate in commemorative events. He commented that a lot of Henrico churches have begun looking at their own history and heritage as a result of the County's commemoration efforts and suggested that the Commission reach out to them as well. Ms. Harper concluded the discussions by noting that the County hopes to plan an event at the end of the year to thank instrumental participants in the 400th anniversary commemoration. She thanked the Board on behalf of the Commission and advised that the next Commission update to the Board will be scheduled for the Board's September 13, 2011 work session.

New State Mandates on Community Services Board

Mr. Hazelett referred to budget amendment language adopted by the House of Delegates as part of House Bill 1500 during the 2011 General Assembly Session that would have created within the Community Services Act for At-Risk Youth and Families a new target population of children eligible for Medicaid mental health services. This proposal, which would have shifted costs from the state to local governments, was ultimately replaced by language that requires an evaluation by a Community Services Board before intensive Medicaid funded child services can be authorized. After this brief introduction of the item, Mr. Hazelett recognized Mike O'Connor, Director of Mental Health and Developmental Services, who narrated a slide presentation titled *New Legislative Mandate on Henrico Area Mental Health and Developmental Services*. Mr. O'Connor provided the background to legislative action in the recent General Assembly session; provided statistics showing that children account for the largest growth in community mental health expenditures and highlighting the dramatic growth in costs for children's mental health services; explained the differing solutions offered by the McDonnell administration and the General Assembly; elaborated on the replacement language agreed to by the General Assembly; and documented the impact of this new legislative mandate on his agency, Henrico Area Mental Health and Developmental Services (MH/DS). He concluded his presentation by emphasizing that MH/DS will need to increase its staff by July 1, 2011 to meet the timeframes for evaluating

new clients, the cost of which will be covered by Medicaid, and that he anticipates the majority of complaints about the new procedure will come from private providers.

Following Mr. O'Connor's presentation, he and Mr. Hazelett responded to questions from the Board relating to the new "independent assessment" procedure and its impact on agency staffing. Mr. Hazelett advised that Mr. Drumwright and representatives of the Virginia Municipal League and Virginia Association of Counties will be meeting on May 11, 2011 with Bill Hazel, Virginia's Secretary of Health and Human Resources, to discuss how this new procedure will be implemented by local governments. He pointed out that this new state budget language impacts all Virginia local governments and advised that he will continue to update the Board on this matter.

The Board recessed for dinner at 5:51 p.m. and reconvened at 6:15 p.m.

Mr. Hazelett reviewed the agenda for the evening's regular meeting, noting that one of the four zoning cases scheduled for public hearing had been withdrawn by the applicant and that the applicant for a second case was requesting a deferral. In regards to one of the items listed on the general agenda, Mr. Hazelett advised that Mr. Thornton will be participating in a walkthrough of the Eastern Henrico Recreation Center on May 11, 2011.

Mr. Hazelett advised the Board of the recent passing of Bill Veeder, whose wife Jean works at Richmond International Raceway, and shared Mr. Veeder's obituary with the Board. Mr. Donati advised the Board of the recent passing of David Baldacci's mother.

Mr. Hazelett shared with the Board a *Washington Post* article that was brought to his attention by a member of his staff. The article profiles the unsuccessful efforts of a local businessman to place a large monument in Washington, D.C. and notes that the monument has been temporarily placed next to the Märkel headquarters in Innsbrook. He noted that staff is trying to assemble a packet of newspaper articles that highlight how other localities are changing the way they do business or addressing budgetary challenges.

Mr. Hazelett advised the Board that he would be recognizing the Department of Community Revitalization during Manager's Comments at the evening meeting for an award that the agency received for the *Homeowner's Enhancement Guide*. He confirmed that the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) has received the County's redistricting ordinance.

Mr. Thornton suggested that the Board consider a resolution recognizing the 20th anniversary of the CONNECT program, a community-based substance abuse prevention program operated by MH/DS that receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding from the County. Mr. Hazelett provided background information on this program at Mr. Donati's request. Mr. Glover suggested that in lieu of a resolution Mr. Thornton write a letter on behalf of the Board acknowledging the program's benefit to the community.

Mr. Hazelett advised that he had submitted an application to the National Association of Counties (NACo) County Courthouse Award program at the suggestion of Mrs. O'Bannon and on behalf of the Board for the County's "Changing the Way Henrico Does Business" initiative. In response to

a question from Mr. Thornton, Mr. Drumwright noted that NACo does not have sufficient documentation to determine whether the Henrico Board of Supervisors has the nation's longest serving incumbent elected body.

At Mr. Kaechele's request, Mr. Hazelett commented on a recent article that appeared in the Virginia Association of Counties' (VACo's) newsletter, *County Connections*, highlighting the benefits of the Commonwealth of Virginia's statewide fuel purchasing contract. Mr. Hazelett noted that the County has a better contract that was negotiated by the County's Director of General Services, Paul Proto, and in which a number of other Virginia localities participate. In response to a question from Mrs. O'Bannon, Mr. Hazelett updated the Board on the status of recruitment efforts for Mr. Proto's position and a possible reorganization of the Department of General Services in view of Mr. Proto's pending retirement. He explained that a number of County employees in addition to Mr. Proto have chosen June 17 as their retirement date to maximize their annual leave benefit. George Cauble, Director of Human Resources, briefly updated the Board on retirement trends within Henrico County government. There was discussion by the Board and Mr. Hazelett of the County's succession management program and how it is being used to ensure orderly transitions as retirements occur.

Mr. Hazelett and Mr. Drumwright responded to questions from Mr. Kaechele regarding the new "independent assessment" procedure that MH/MR has been mandated by the General Assembly to follow and that was discussed during Mr. O'Connor's presentation earlier in this meeting. Mr. Kaechele expressed particular concern in regards to how the new positions will be funded.

Mr. Thornton expressed concerns about a pothole on Brook Road in the vicinity of the Travelodge Richmond Hotel. Mr. Pinkerton agreed to look into the matter and there was some discussion of it by Mr. Hazelett and the Board.

At Mr. Hazelett's request, Mr. Vithoukas reviewed with the Board certain provisions of The Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2005 that makes it mandatory for federal, state, and local governments to withhold a three percent income tax on all payments of \$10,000 or more made to vendors for products and services. Mr. Vithoukas advised that the County will need to begin withholding this amount on all payments made after December 31, 2011. He noted that County staff has communicated its concerns with this law to its federal legislative delegation through Mr. Schnurman. There was extended discussion by the Board, Mr. Hazelett, and Mr. Vithoukas of the implications of this law for the County and its vendors. Mr. Hazelett advised that bills to repeal the law have been introduced in both the House of Representatives and the United States Senate.

Mrs. O'Bannon commented on her recent appointment by the Virginia Secretary of Natural Resources, Douglas Domenich, to serve on a Stakeholder Advisory Group to aid the Commonwealth of Virginia in developing pollution reduction goals that meet new federal Environmental Protection Act (EPA) requirements for the reduction of nitrogen, phosphorous, and sediment loads in to the Chesapeake Bay. Mr. Hazelett alluded to the potential costs to local governments of complying with these requirements.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Frank J. Thornton

Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Henrico County, Virginia