

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
September 13, 2011

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 5:00 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, Jr. Varina District  
David A. Kaechele, Three Chopt District  
Patricia S. O'Bannon, Tuckahoe District

**Other Officials Present:**

Randy R. Silber, Deputy County Manager for Community Development  
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/Administrative Assistant  
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  
John A. Vithoukias, Director of Finance/Special Economic Advisor to the County Manager  
Tamra R. McKinney, Director of Public Relations & Media Services

Mr. Thornton called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Mr. Silber announced that he was sitting in for Mr. Hazelett, who was on vacation. He briefly reviewed the two items listed on this special meeting agenda.

**2011 Commemoration Advisory Commission Update**

Mr. Silber recognized Ms. Harper, who was present despite recently having undergone extensive surgery. Ms. Harper in turn introduced the following 2011 Commission members who were present: Wayne Atkins, Samuel Banks, Jack Berry, Bill LaVecchia, Bob Michie, Sarah Pace, and Linda Robinson. She noted that Mrs. O'Bannon serves as Chairman of the Commission. Ms. Harper led a slide presentation that updated the Board on Commission activities. She began by reviewing the topics included in the update and highlighting the results of recently sponsored events and Henrico 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary website results.

Ms. Harper recognized Ms. Pace, Chair of the Civil War Committee, who revisited the hosted event scheduled for September 23 – 25, 2011 and titled “Civil War Henrico County – Gateway to Richmond, 1861 – 1865.” This three-day event will open with a public Civil War Lecture Symposium at Henrico Theatre and invitation-only Antebellum 1860 social at Tree Hill Farm on September 23. The event will continue on September 24 at Tree Hill Farm with a “Civil War Day: Encampments and Exhibits,” which will feature live music, children’s games and crafts, living history, battle demonstrations, the sale of commemorative Civil War posters, and a ceremony honoring those who fought on Henrico soil during the Civil War. The event will conclude on September 25 at Fort Harrison with special living history programs, demonstrations, and tours led by the National Park Service. Karen Perkins, Recreation Manager for History and Tourism, responded to a question from Mr. Donati regarding a book signing during the event by the author of *Fields of Honor*, Dr. Louis Manarin. Ms. Harper responded to a question from Mrs. O’Bannon pertaining to the participation of a German delegation from Saarpfalz-Kreis in the September 24 commemoration ceremony at Tree Hill Farm.

Ms. Harper informed the Board that the 15-member Saarpfalz-Kreis delegation will be visiting the United States from September 19 – 26, 2011, which will include dinner with the Board on September 25 in Henrico County at Hondo’s restaurant. She reviewed the delegation’s itinerary and noted that Corina Liddle from the Department of Building Construction and Inspections will be coordinating the delegation’s visit and serving as a translator. She responded to questions from the Board concerning the delegation’s scheduled dinner with the County’s Economic Development Authority and commemorative gifts that will be provided to the delegation from the County. Ms. Harper also advised the Board that living history re-enactor Mark Greenough will be portraying John Marshall, a notable Henricoan and our nation’s first Supreme Court Chief Justice, at the Douglas Freeman High School Leadership Center on September 21. This event will be sponsored by the Commission’s British Connections Subcommittee.

Ms. Harper recognized Carol Simopoulos, Henrico County Public Schools (HCPS) Educational Specialist for Social Studies K-5, who reported on activities occurring this fall in HCPS that are related to the commemoration of the County’s 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Ms. Simopoulos referred to an information packet placed at the Board members’ seats that included a final summary presented to the Commission of projects sponsored by HCPS, a curriculum guide addressing the study of Henrico County and used by HCPS fifth graders in a course titled *Henrico and the Land Around Us*, and a letter from Ms. Simopoulos to HCPS fifth grade social studies teachers asking them to consider allowing their classes to participate in the 2011-2012 Henrico County Historical Awareness Contest where students will have an opportunity to write about Henrico’s history. She revisited the Henrico Explorers Passport program and “Echoes of Henrico,” a song that was written and recorded in three different versions to commemorate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Mr. Donati thanked Ms. Simopoulos for spearheading the new social studies curriculum focusing on Henrico County, and Mrs. O’Bannon commented favorably on the commemorative song.

Ms. Harper continued the presentation by discussing slides highlighting several additional upcoming events, which include a reception scheduled for October 13, 2011 at The Valentine Richmond History Center to kick off a new photo display featuring Henrico County; the Henrico Harvest Festival scheduled for October 15, 2011 at Meadow Farm Museum/Crump Park; and an

additional bus tour scheduled to depart from Dabbs House Museum/Tourist Information Center on October 22, 2011 and offering “An Overview of Henrico History.”

Ms. Harper recognized Bob Michie, the Commission’s Henrico Education Foundation Board of Directors representative and Chairman of the Commission’s “Treasures from Your Attic” Committee, who shared information on the second “Hunt for Henrico History” event. Themed “A History Fair Extraordinaire,” this event is scheduled for November 5, 2011 at the new Henrico Eastern Recreation Center. He reviewed the event’s living timeline, exhibitors, activities for kids, and request for family heirlooms and historic treasures from citizens. Mr. Michie also commended the Public Library for developing a video depicting a Patrick Henry re-enactor. Mrs. O’Bannon noted that a lot of homeschooled children and their parents attended the previous “Hunt for Henrico History” event that was held in January 2011. They were disappointed to learn that the new social studies curriculum booklets on Henrico County are only available for public school students.

Ms. Harper continued the presentation by highlighting two additional local events with connections to the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration, the American Association for State and Local History Annual Meeting scheduled for September 14 – 17, 2011, and the Virginia Municipal League Annual Conference scheduled for October 2 – 4, 2011. She advised that the Commission will present its final report to the Board, along with legacy recommendations, at the Board’s December 13, 2011 work session. Ms. Harper concluded her presentation by reminding the Board of important event dates. She noted that the Board will be honored by the County’s Historic Preservation Advisory Committee at an awards ceremony on October 19, 2011.

Mr. Thornton thanked Ms. Harper, the members of the Commission, the Commission’s staff, and other community groups that have worked with the Commission since its inception for doing a stellar job in planning and coordinating the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary events and helping put the County on the map. He also acknowledged the Board’s vision in husbanding this effort. Mr. Michie expressed amazement at the dedication of the Commission and its staff and thanked Ms. Harper for her leadership. Mrs. O’Bannon thanked Mr. Berry for the significant financial resources and tremendous effort that his organization, the Richmond Metropolitan Convention & Visitor’s Bureau, has devoted to the County’s 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration.

On motion by Mrs. O’Bannon, seconded by Mr. Kaechele, the Board approved going into a Closed Meeting at 6:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

Discussion and Consideration of the Acquisition of Real Property in the Brookland and Varina Districts for Public Library, Recreation, and Park Uses, Pursuant Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as Amended.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

Aye  
Frank J. Thornton  
Richard W. Glover  
James B. Donati, Jr.  
David A. Kaechele  
Patricia S. O'Bannon

Nay

On motion of Mrs. O'Bannon, seconded by Mr. Kaechele, the Board approved going out of the Closed Meeting at 6:28 p.m.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

Aye  
Frank J. Thornton  
Richard W. Glover  
James B. Donati, Jr.  
David A. Kaechele  
Patricia S. O'Bannon

Nay

On motion of Mrs. O'Bannon, seconded Mr. Kaechele, the Board approved the attached Certificate of Closed Meeting.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

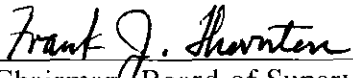
Aye  
Frank J. Thornton  
Richard W. Glover  
James B. Donati, Jr.  
David A. Kaechele  
Patricia S. O'Bannon

Nay

Mr. Silber reviewed the agenda for the evening's regular meeting. Mr. Lawrence confirmed for Mrs. O'Bannon that resignations from appointed members to the County's boards and commissions must be received in writing. Mr. Silber noted that one of the zoning cases listed on the public hearing agenda had been withdrawn by the applicant. There was extended discussion by the Board, Mr. Rapisarda, Mr. Silber, and Mr. Pinkerton regarding the appropriate procedure for conducting the public hearing on the proposed ordinance to regulate group homes and assisted living facilities. Mr. Silber responded to a question from Mrs. O'Bannon pertaining to the enforcement of unlawful activities in group homes. He mentioned that George Drumwright, Deputy County Manager for Community Services, had recently received a letter from the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Social Services listing contact officials/liasons for group homes located in the County. Mr. Vithoukas responded to a question from Mr. Kaechele concerning the amount of revenue the County expects to collect from a two dollar fee imposed on civil actions filed in the County courts. Mr. Silber announced that Mr. Thornton will abstain from voting on the budget amendment resolution because of a personal interest in one of the financial transactions. Mr. Thornton pointed out that he will

personally read a prepared statement explaining his abstention when the item is called on the agenda and that Mr. Glover will conduct the discussions of that agenda item. Mr. Vithoukas responded to several questions from Mrs. O'Bannon relating to the budget amendment resolution listed for introduction on the evening's general agenda. She asked whether the County is still using the previous Innsbrook library facility as a job training center, how federal funds awarded to the County for the Refugee Program will be used, and why the County is appropriating funds for pet trailers.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

  
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Chairman Board of Supervisors  
Henrico County, Virginia