

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
May 8, 2012

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting on Tuesday, May 8, 2012, at 5:30 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:

Richard W. Glover, Chairman, Brookland District
David A. Kaechele, Vice Chairman, Three Chopt District
Tyrone E. Nelson, Varina District
Patricia S. O'Bannon, Tuckahoe District
Frank J. Thornton, Fairfield 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/Administrative Assistant
George T. Drumwright, Jr., Deputy County Manager for Community Services
Timothy A. Foster, P.E., Deputy County Manager for Community Operations
Randall R. Silber, Deputy County Manager for Community Development
John A. Vithoukias, Deputy County Manager for Administration
C. Michael Schnueman, Jr., Legislative Liaison
Tamra R. McKinney, Director of Public Relations & Media Services

Mr. Glover called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College

Mr. Hazelett recognized Dr. Gary Rhodes, President of J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, who in turn introduced the following Henrico County representatives on the J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College Board who were present: James "Jim" Cuthbertson, Board Chair; Gerald "Buzz" Kilgore, Vice Chair; Audrey Swann; and Dr. Karsten Konerding. Dr. Rhodes recognized Mr. Cuthbertson, who noted the College's successful Associate's degree and certificate programs. Mr. Cuthbertson thanked the Board for funding student scholarships at the College and referred to a handout summarizing the College's impact on Henrico County. He provided several quick facts about Henrico residents attending the College and a brief overview of the College's recent workforce development and community relations efforts, including a new partnership with Henrico County Public Schools to create an Advanced Career Academy at J. R. Tucker High School where students can graduate with the equivalent of two years of college. Mr.

Cuthbertson also offered several statistics regarding Virginia's statewide community college system.

Mr. Cuthbertson recognized Mr. Kilgore, who thanked the Board of Supervisors for the opportunity to serve on the Community College Board and for supporting student scholarships at the College. Mr. Kilgore recognized Dr. Konerding, who thanked the Board for its continued support of the College's allied health programs and referred to a second handout listing the College's academic plans of study. Ms. Swann followed Dr. Konerding to the podium and joined him in thanking the Board of Supervisors for offering her the privilege to serve on the Community College Board. Noting that she was a retired educator, Ms. Swann commented on the College's leadership in the area of workforce development.

Dr. Rhodes returned to the podium and reflected on his ten years of service as the College's president. He noted that Mr. Nelson will be receiving Leadership Metro Richmond's Servant Leader Award at the organization's spring banquet. Dr. Rhodes advised that the College will be revisiting its study of a Varina campus and referred to his participation in the recent InterCity Visit to Boston, Massachusetts sponsored by the Greater Richmond Chamber. He commented on his partnership with Henrico County Public Schools and its Superintendent, Dr. Patrick Russo, and the new Advanced Career Academy at Tucker High School. Dr. Rhodes announced that a second career academy focusing on business will open at Highland Springs High School in the fall of 2013. He concluded the presentations by once again thanking the Board of Supervisors for its support.

Mr. Glover noted that the opportunities offered at the College are sometime overlooked but that the College nonetheless does an outstanding job of educating its students. Mrs. O'Bannon thanked the Community College Board for its report and Mr. Kaechele thanked its members for their time and commitment. In response to questions from Mr. Nelson, Dr. Rhodes elaborated on the composition of the Community College Board and the concept and advantages of the advanced career academies. Mr. Nelson pointed out that the academies will provide student participants with a tremendous jump on their higher education.

Dr. Rhodes alerted the Board that the College will be implementing intercollegiate athletic programs for the first time in the fall of 2012. The student activity fee will be raised by 50 cents a year to support the cost of the programs, which will initially focus on basketball or baseball. During the next several months, the College will explore joining a junior college athletics association and creating a school mascot.

In response to questions from Mr. Kaechele, Dr. Rhodes and Mr. Kilgore elaborated on scholarships and financial aid available to the College's students.

The Board recessed for dinner at 6:04 p.m. and reconvened at 6:20 p.m.

Mr. Hazelett reviewed the agenda for the 7:00 p.m. meeting, beginning with presentations. In response to questions from the Board, Mr. Hazelett elaborated on the regional fire training exercises that were conducted by the Division of Fire at the Genworth Financial, Inc. campus.


Mr. Hazelett next reviewed the appointments that were on the agenda. At Mr. Hazelett's request, Mr. Vithoukas explained the role of the Finance Board as trustee for funds designated by the County for Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB). He responded to questions from Mr. Glover and Mr. Kaechele regarding the County's contributions to the fund. He also responded to questions from Mr. Glover and Mr. Thornton pertaining to the Governor's budget amendments that would require members of the General Assembly to contribute five percent of their annual compensation to the Virginia Retirement System.

In reviewing items on the general agenda, Mr. Hazelett responded to a question from Mr. Glover concerning the type of field repairs that would be covered by the proposed construction contract for the Glen Allen softball complex. Mr. Hazelett reviewed the one comment that he would be making under the Manager's Comments section of the agenda, which would recognize two members of the County Attorney's Office staff. After Mr. Hazelett noted that Assistant County Attorney Marissa Mitchell was recently elected President of the Henrico Bar Association, Mr. Rapisarda advised the Board that she spends a lot of her time in the courtroom on social services cases.

Mr. Hazelett provided a brief overview of two items that will be scheduled for the Board's May 22, 2012 work session, the new Virginia Retirement System (VRS) Five and Five Contribution Mandate and the Line of Duty Act Fund. He advised that Mr. Vithoukas will also be presenting the VRS contribution mandate item to the County's Economic Development Authority and School Board. Mr. Hazelett responded to questions from Mr. Nelson relating to how County employees will be notified of the new contribution mandate, which will reduce their take home pay, and how other localities are addressing the mandate.

Mr. Hazelett confirmed for Mr. Nelson that no citizens had signed up in advance to speak during the public comment period at the 7:00 p.m. meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.


Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Henrico County, Virginia