

**COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
November 13, 2012**

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 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'Banion, 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  
Jane D. Crawley, Deputy County Manager for Community Services  
Randall R. Silber, Deputy County Manager for Community Development  
Eugene H. Walter, Director of Finance  
Tamra R. McKinney, Director of Public Relations & Media Services  
Gerald M. McKenna, Director of Libraries  
Ralph J. Emerson, Jr., Director of Planning  
Jon B. Tracy, Director of Real Property

Mr. Glover called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Mr. Hazelett noted that there was one item listed on the agenda, which would be discussed in closed meeting. At his request, the Board added a second item by waiver and agreed to move it to the front of the agenda.

**2012 General Election Debriefing**

Mr. Hazelett introduced this waiver item and recognized Mark Coakley, General Registrar, who read a prepared statement concerning the November 2012 General Election. Mr. Coakley pointed out that although many voters in Henrico County experienced long lines on Election Day, for which he apologized, all of the voting machines in the County were in use and long lines were commonly experienced by voters throughout the Commonwealth and the United States. He

acknowledged that responsibility for conducting the County's elections rests solely with the Electoral Board. Mr. Coakley further acknowledged that the Board of Supervisors has fully funded the County's Office of Voter Registration and Elections and has been supportive of the office's requests. He noted that only 24 of the 594 online Election Day complaints received by the Virginia State Board of Elections occurred in the County. Mr. Coakley distributed to the Board a spiral-bound booklet containing detailed official election results for Henrico as well as the location and incident type of the online complaints received by the Virginia State Board of Elections. He also distributed a color-coded map depicting the total number of presidential votes received by each candidate in each of the County's precincts.

Following his prepared statement, Mr. Coakley responded to questions and comments from the Board pertaining to the types and magnitude of complaints received from County voters, factors contributing to the long lines experienced by many County voters, the numbers of absentee and provisional ballots that were cast locally, power outages that occurred at the Math and Science Center and Glen Lea precincts, parking problems at the Glenside precinct, the closing times for individual County precincts, and the County's voter turnout. He expressed particular concern about the long wait some elderly voters experienced due to problems with curbside voting at certain precincts. Mr. Coakley offered several suggestions that may help reduce lines in the future for national elections where there is an especially heavy turnout, such as splitting precincts that have larger numbers of voters and increasing the number of electronic poll books at precincts. Other measures to address this problem, such as no-excuse early voting, would require changes to the Code of Virginia. Mr. Coakley advised that Henrico County voters were not subject to intimidation at the polls by national vote-monitoring organizations such as True the Vote.

Mr. Kaechele remarked that Mr. Coakley and his staff had compiled an impressive volume of information for the Board on very short notice. Mr. Thornton complimented Mr. Hazelett for working with Mr. Coakley to establish high expectations for local voting procedures and to help ensure that the elections were conducted on a professional level. Mr. Hazelett commented that he was very pleased with how Mr. Coakley and his staff handled the election and how they responded to problems and concerns that were brought to their attention.

The Board recessed for dinner at 6:08 p.m. and reconvened at 6:18 p.m.

On motion by Mr. Thornton, seconded by Mrs. O'Bannon, the Board approved going into a Closed Meeting at 6:19 p.m. for Discussion and Consideration of the Acquisition of Real Property in the Fairfield District for Public Library Uses, Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as Amended.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Richard W. Glover	
David A. Kaechele	
Tyrone E. Nelson	
Patricia S. O'Bannon	
Frank J. Thornton	

On motion of Mr. Thomton, seconded by Mrs. O'Bannon, the Board approved going out of the Closed Meeting at 6:55 p.m.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Richard W. Glover	
David A. Kaechele	
Tyrone E. Nelson	
Patricia S. O'Bannon	
Frank J. Thomton	


On motion of Mr. Kaechele, seconded Mr. Thomton, the Board approved the attached Certificate of Closed Meeting.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Richard W. Glover	
David A. Kaechele	
Tyrone E. Nelson	
Patricia S. O'Bannon	
Frank J. Thornton	

Mr. Hazelett briefly reviewed the agenda for the Board's 7:00 p.m. meeting. He advised that Karen Hamilton, a citizen who resides in the Three Chopt District, had submitted comments that she planned to make during the public hearing on the Bacova, LLC zoning case and during the public comment period. Mr. Hazelett noted that the Board had previously received information from staff on the two non-zoning public hearing items.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors  
Henrico County, Virginia