

**COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
April 26, 2016**

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 2016, 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:**

Tyrone E. Nelson, Chairman, Varina District  
Richard W. Glover, Vice Chairman, Brookland District  
Thomas M. Branin, Three Chopt District (arrived at 5:16 p.m.)  
Patricia S. O'Bannon, Tuckahoe District  
Frank J. Thornton, Fairfield District

**Other Officials Present:**

John A. Vithoukas, County Manager  
Joseph P. Rapisarda, Jr., County Attorney  
Joseph T. Tokarz, II, Deputy 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  
Joseph P. Casey, Ph.D., Deputy County Manager for Administration  
Jane D. Crawley, Deputy County Manager for Community Services  
W. Brandon Hinton, Assistant Deputy County Manager for Community Services  
Douglas A. Middleton, Deputy County Manager for Public Safety/Chief of Police  
Randall R. Silber, Deputy County Manager for Community Development  
Tamra R. McKinney, Director of Public Relations & Media Services

Mr. Nelson called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

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

**Housing Families First Update**

Mr. Vithoukas recognized Beth Vann-Turnbull, Executive Director of Housing Families First, who in turn introduced Towana Demery, the Meals on Wheels Field Operations Supervisor for FeedMore who was in the audience as a member of the Housing Families First Board of Directors. Ms. Vann-Turnbull reviewed her own professional experience, which includes 20 years in the non-profit arena and 18 months as Executive Director of Housing Families First, and then narrated a slide presentation on her agency. She began by stating the mission of Housing Families First, which is to provide families experiencing homelessness with the tools to achieve housing stability. During her presentation, Ms. Vann-Turnbull also reviewed the history of her

organization, which was formerly known as Hilliard House; the organization's two signature programs (the Hilliard House emergency shelter and Building Neighbors rapid re-housing program) as well as its finances and structure; the results of a recent fund-raising drive by the organization; and notable statistics pertaining to the organization's services. She pointed out Housing Families First is the only homeless shelter physically located in Henrico County and receives 28 percent of the funds for its total shelter budget from the County. Ms. Vann-Turnbull concluded her presentation by reporting on the results achieved by Housing Families First in 2015 and offering contact information for the organization.

Following her presentation, Ms. Vann-Turnbull responded to questions from Mr. Vithoulkas regarding the organization's discontinuation of transitional housing in 2012 and from Mr. Glover concerning the status of a homeless shelter previously located at St. Joseph's Villa. Mr. Nelson thanked Ms. Vann-Turnbull for all that the organization does in serving Henrico County and the greater Richmond region.

The Board recessed for dinner at 5:29 p.m. and reconvened at 5:43 p.m.

### **Zika Virus Update**

Mr. Vithoulkas recognized Dr. Susan Fischer Davis, Director of the Henrico Health Department, who referred to collaborative efforts that County agencies have undertaken to address concerns relating to the Zika virus, which have included five meetings since February. Dr. Fischer Davis in turn recognized three members of the County staff who have been a part of this team: Randy Buchanan, Environmental Program Specialist for the Department of Public Works' Standing Water Initiative; Lane Carr, a Senior Environmental Inspector with the department; and Mike Jennings, the department's Assistant Director. She then narrated the first portion of a slide presentation on the Zika virus disease.

Dr. Fischer Davis began the presentation by providing a Zika overview, noting that the Zika virus was first isolated in 1947 in Uganda and is spread primarily through the bite of an Aedes species mosquito infected with the virus. She also addressed travel-associated Zika, the local transmission of Zika, where the virus has been found globally, and the number of cases of Zika reported to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Dr. Fischer Davis noted there have been 11 confirmed and probable cases of Zika virus disease in Virginia, 3 from the central region. She explained for Mr. Branin how the CDC has been teaching other agencies to test for the virus before reviewing how Zika is transmitted, its symptoms, and how it is diagnosed and treated. There was discussion by Mr. Glover, Mrs. O'Bannon, and Dr. Fischer Davis regarding the history of Zika and the type of mosquito that carries the virus. Dr. Fischer Davis completed the first part of her presentation by explaining how Zika affects people and especially pregnant women.

Mr. Buchanan narrated the next portion of the presentation. He elaborated on how Zika is transmitted, identified steps Henrico residents can take to protect themselves and their property from mosquitos, and reviewed what the County's Multidisciplinary Zika Working Group is doing about the virus. Mr. Buchanan also showed the locations of Virginia jurisdictions and military installations having mosquito control capabilities, shared a copy of a Henrico utility bill insert

informing customers about Zika and how to control mosquitos, provided a blown-up photograph of an Asian tiger mosquito that is found in Henrico and capable of carrying the virus, and reviewed fliers prepared by the Department of Public Works highlighting the County's complimentary mosquito inspections.

Dr. Fischer Davis returned to the podium where she and Mr. Buchanan responded to questions from the Board regarding transmission of the virus, mosquito inspection and control strategies, and Zika virus symptoms. She concluded the presentation and discussions by sharing a slide listing local, state, national, and international resources for obtaining more facts about Zika.

On motion by Mrs. O'Bannon, seconded by Mr. Thornton, the Board approved going into a Closed Meeting at 6:23 p.m. for Consultation with the County Attorney Regarding Specific Legal Matters Requiring the Provision of Legal Advice Pertaining to Potential Amendments to the County's Zoning Ordinance, Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as Amended.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

Aye  
Tyrone E. Nelson  
Richard W. Glover  
Thomas M. Branin  
Patricia S. O'Bannon  
Frank J. Thornton

On motion of Mrs. O'Bannon, seconded by Mr. Glover, the Board approved going out of the Closed Meeting at 6:45 p.m.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

Aye  
Tyrone E. Nelson  
Richard W. Glover  
Thomas M. Branin  
Patricia S. O'Bannon  
Frank J. Thornton

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

The vote of the Board was as follows:

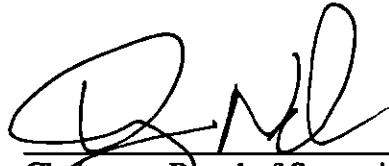
Aye  
Tyrone E. Nelson  
Richard W. Glover  
Thomas M. Branin  
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**Regular Meeting Agenda Items**

Mr. Vithoukas reviewed the agenda for the 7:00 p.m. regular meeting. He reviewed the presentation items after noting Mr. Thornton would be making a comment regarding the passing of former Henrico County football coach and teacher Al Rinaldi. Mr. Vithoukas advised the Board that a number of individuals were expected to attend the 7:00 p.m. meeting for the resolution commending Department of Public Works employee Elvin Cosby on the occasion of his 70<sup>th</sup>-year employment anniversary with the County. He briefly referred to the three public hearing items and two general agenda items.

After completing his review of the evening's agenda, Mr. Vithoukas reported on late-breaking news from the City of Richmond pertaining to Virginia Commonwealth University's and the City's investigation of property near the current site of The Diamond as a possible site for a new baseball facility. He confirmed for Mr. Nelson that Henrico County is not currently involved in this matter. At Mr. Vithoukas' request, Public Utilities Director Art Petrini provided an update on his department's dewatering of a transmission line in the Parham Road corridor in order to allow for the replacement of two non-functioning 24-inch valves.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

  
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Chairman, Board of Supervisors  
Henrico County, Virginia