

**COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
December 13, 2016**

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 2016, 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:

Tyrone E. Nelson, Chairman, Varina District
Richard W. Glover, Vice Chairman, Brookland District
Thomas M. Branin, Three Chopt District
Patricia S. O'Bannon, Tuckahoe District
Frank J. Thornton, Fairfield District

Other Officials Present:

John A. Vithoukias, County Manager
Joseph P. Rapisarda, Jr., County Attorney
Lee Ann Anderson, Senior Assistant 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
W. Brandon Hinton, Deputy County Manager for Community Services
Douglas A. Middleton, Deputy County Manager for Public Safety
Anthony J. Romanello, Deputy County Manager for Public Administration
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 4:42 p.m.

Mr. Vithoukias briefly referred to the items on this special meeting agenda.

Division of Fire Robotics Response Program

Mr. Vithoukias recognized Tony McDowell, Fire Chief, who introduced Lt. Michael Roth from Fire Station 3 in Highland Springs as leading this program. Lieutenant Roth advised the Board that the County received a \$58,764 grant from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management to test a robotic drone. He began a slide presentation on the program by citing its primary focus, which is to improve safety in hazardous environments, increase efficiency during search and rescue missions, serve as a force multiplier for disaster management and damage assessments, and enhance aerial view situational awareness. He showed several slides offering a bird's-eye view from a drone that was used for these purposes. Lieutenant Roth also shared a video taken from a drone on the

east coast that was engaged for damage assessments and to mitigate disasters. The video can be live-streamed back to a command post and made into a three-dimensional model. Lieutenant Roth concluded his slide presentation by highlighting the program's hardware and software requirement requirements and year 1 budget, which will include \$41,664 in equipment, \$15,000 in training costs, and a \$2,100 aircraft warranty. He distributed to the Board a document summarizing the legal status of using unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) for public safety purposes. Attached to the document were copies of legislation adopted by the Virginia General Assembly in 2013 and 2015 relating to the use of such systems by public bodies.

Mr. Vithoukas and Chief McDowell pointed out a drone from James City County was previously deployed to track a fire at a marina in eastern Henrico where 13 boats, including the County's rescue vessel, were damaged. Lieutenant Roth displayed a model of a Phantom 2 drone owned by the Department of Public Relations & Media Services, which has the interchangeable capability of an infrared camera and is one of the options the Division of Fire is considering for purchase.

On motion by Mr. Branin, seconded by Mrs. O'Bannon, the Board approved going into a Closed Meeting at 5:00 p.m. for (1) Consultation with the County Attorney Pertaining to Actual Litigation Styled *Weymouth, et al. v. County of Henrico, Virginia* and Regarding Specific Legal Matters Requiring the Provision of Legal Advice Pertaining to Classification of Employees under the Fair Labor Standards Act; and (2) Consultation with Legal Counsel Pertaining to Actual Litigation Styled *McNeil v. Greenway*, Both Purposes Being Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as Amended.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
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. Branin, the Board approved going out of the Closed Meeting at 5:51 p.m.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
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 the attached Certificate of Closed Meeting.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Tyrone E. Nelson	
Richard W. Glover	
Thomas M. Branin	
Patricia S. O'Bannon	
Frank J. Thornton	

Regular Meeting Agenda Items

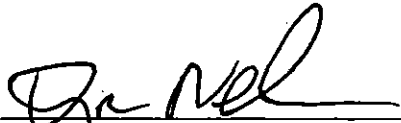
Mr. Vithoukas reviewed the agenda for the 7:00 p.m. regular meeting. He advised the Board he would be making three Manager's comments pertaining to a contribution by the Short Pump Civic Association for historic preservation research, the passing of Henrico County's first female deputy sheriff, and the 2016 Henrico Christmas Mother program. Mr. Vithoukas noted there was one appointment paper, for the Shops at White Oak Village Community Development Authority (CDA) Board, and pointed out the appointee would not complete his new four-year term because the CDA will be dissolved during the coming year. He advised the Board he would be requesting the addition of a resolution by unanimous consent recognizing the Highland Springs High School football team for winning their second consecutive state championship game.

Mr. Vithoukas reviewed the rezoning cases, noting there would be some community conversation during the public hearing on the request by Windsor Enterprises Corp. for R-2AC zoning for property adjoining the Estates at Grey Oak. He next briefly mentioned the other public hearing items on the agenda and asked Mr. Foster to elaborate on a resolution authorizing the conveyance of abandoned right-of-way along Woodman Road. Mr. Vithoukas then explained a suggested process for the Board to consider seven provisional use permits relating to public safety telecommunications towers along with companion resolutions on the general agenda finding the sites substantially in accord with the County's 2026 Comprehensive Plan. He advised the Board that Lt. Col. Carl Mueller, Assistant Chief of Police for Support Operations, would present a general overview of the regional radio communications system in which the County is participating prior to the items being called for the specific tower sites. In response to a question from Mr. Nelson, Mr. Rapisarda elaborated on the suggested process outlined by Mr. Vithoukas.

Continuing with a review of the general items, Mr. Vithoukas alerted the Board that Mr. Silber would be explaining Agenda Item No. 298-16 at the dais, which would authorize the Commonwealth's Development Opportunity Fund performance agreement with Dominion Packaging. He further alerted the Board that Mr. Romanello would be explaining two companion papers at the dais regarding an agreement between the County and Junior Achievement of Central Virginia for the organization's use of the third floor of the Libbie Mill Library. At Mr.

Vithoukas' request, Mr. Foster elaborated on Agenda Item No. 304-16 concerning authorization of the execution of a subdivision plat for the dedication of an improved County roadway between South Laburnum Avenue and Messer Road. Mr. Vithoukas advised the Board that he and Mr. Rapisarda would cover the final item listed on the general agenda, approval of the settlement of Weymouth, et al. v. County of Henrico, Virginia.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.



Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Henrico County, Virginia