

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
January 24, 2017

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, 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  
Patricia S. O'Bannon, Vice Chairman, Tuckahoe District  
Thomas M. Branin, Three Chopt District  
Tyrone E. Nelson, Varina District  
Frank J. Thornton, Fairfield District

**Other Officials Present:**

John A. Vithoukas, County Manager  
Joseph P. Rapisarda, Jr., County Attorney  
Barry R. Lawrence, CMC, Assistant to the County Manager/Clerk to the Board  
Timothy A. Foster, Deputy County Manager for Community Operations  
W. Brandon Hinton, Deputy County Manager for Community Services  
Anthony J. Romanello, Deputy County Manager for Public Administration  
Randall R. Silber, Deputy County Manager for Community Development  
C. Michael Schnurman, Legislative Liaison  
Benjamin A. Sheppard, Assistant Director of Public Relations & Media Services

Mr. Glover called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

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

**Zika Virus Update**

Mr. Vithoukas recognized Dr. Susan Fischer Davis, Director of the Henrico Health Department, who narrated a slide presentation on this item along with Randy Buchanan, Environmental Programs Specialist for the Department of Public Works' Standing Water Initiative. Dr. Fischer Davis began the presentation by summarizing what we know about the Zika virus, for which there is no vaccine, and identifying countries and territories in the Americas where it has been transmitted. She then provided national statistics relating to reported cases of the Zika virus, pregnant women with laboratory evidence of infection, and pregnant women with the virus who have lost children or given birth to children with birth defects. Dr. Fischer Davis also offered statewide statistics in regards to confirmed and probable cases of the virus and local statistics pertaining to blood

specimens submitted to the Henrico Health Department for Zika virus testing. She responded to questions from Mr. Branin and Mrs. O'Bannon.

Mr. Buchanan showed a slide of the only insect present in Henrico County with the potential to transmit the Zika virus, the Asian tiger mosquito. He also explained slides pertaining to mosquito species elsewhere that can transmit the virus, demographic information documenting the relationship between trash violations and mosquito collection in Henrico County, and the structure of the Henrico Zika Working Group. Mr. Vithoukas thanked Dr. Fischer Davis and Mr. Buchanan for providing him with weekly Zika updates from the working group. In response to a concern expressed by Mrs. O'Bannon, Mr. Buchanan and Dr. Fischer Davis informed the Board of the County's ongoing efforts to monitor the West Nile Virus.

Dr. Fischer Davis resumed the presentation by reviewing some of the working group's goals and accomplishments as well as an organizational chart of Henrico's Zika unified command. She also reviewed the *Henrico Zika and Preparedness Response* incident action report published by her office and additional accomplishments of the working group. Mr. Buchanan showed the Board a County flier his department has been distributing while conducting complimentary mosquito inspections that contains facts about the Asian tiger mosquito. He also shared an example of the weekly situation report prepared by the Henrico Zika unified command.

Dr. Fischer Davis continued the presentation by highlighting further accomplishments of the working group, a logistics tabletop exercise conducted by the County's Zika Task Force, and educational materials and event examples relating to the County's Zika virus prevention efforts. She concluded her presentation by noting several upcoming activities relating to the working group, including applying for a National Association of Counties Achievement Award for the *Pick-a-Day to Fight-the-Bite* initiative, re-evaluating and re-establishing goals for 2017, and continuing with human and mosquito Zika virus surveillance. In response to questions from Mr. Thornton, Dr. Fischer Davis advised that consideration will be given to resuming public service announcements on the Zika virus when mosquito season returns and noted that all of the County's educational materials relating to Zika are translated into Spanish and Arabic.

The Board recessed for dinner at 6:05 p.m. and reconvened at 6:15 p.m.

### **General Assembly Session Update**

Mr. Vithoukas recognized Mr. Schnurman, who narrated a slide presentation on this item. Mr. Schnurman began his presentation by reviewing the calendars for both the 2017 General Assembly Session and the General Assembly's adoption of the state budget. He highlighted key budget amendments, including those pertaining to House Bill 599, Go Virginia, historic tax credits, and enterprise zones. Steve Yob, Director of Public Works, provided information on a budget amendment pertaining to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's Stormwater Local Assistance Fund.

Mr. Schnurman continued his presentation by offering a status report on legislation introduced during the 2017 Session relating to Airbnb and wireless infrastructure. There was discussion by Board members and Mr. Rapisarda regarding the purpose and ramifications of two wireless


infrastructure bills, House Bill (HB) 2196 and Senate Bill (SB) 1282. Mr. Schnurman next provided an update on five bills regarding local government conditional rezoning proffers. In response to questions from Mr. Glover, both Mr. Schnurman and Mr. Silber elaborated on the purpose and potential impact of one of these bills, HB 1797. Mr. Schnurman then discussed other pertinent bills concerning regional jails and nutrient allocations. Mr. Vithoukas assisted Mr. Schnurman in explaining the nutrient allocation legislation, HB 1619.

Mr. Thornton suggested the County needs to look at new legislative strategies to protect it from deleterious legislation introduced in the General Assembly. In response to a question from Mrs. O'Bannon, Mr. Schnurman clarified that the proponents of wireless legislation are unhappy with negotiations that the Virginia Association of Counties and Virginia Municipal League conducted last summer with wireless providers.

**Regular Meeting Agenda Items**

In the interest of time, Mr. Vithoukas did not provide a review of the regular meeting agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors  
Henrico County, Virginia