

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
February 14, 2017

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting on Tuesday, February 14, 2017, at 5:45 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:

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. Vithoulikas, County Manager
Joseph P. Rapisarda, Jr., County Attorney
Barry R. Lawrence, CMC, Assistant to the County Manager/Clerk to the Board
Tanya B. Harding, CMC, Deputy Clerk to the Board/Administrative Assistant
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
Tamra R. McKinney, Director of Public Relations & Media Services

Mrs. O'Bannon called the meeting to order at 5:47 p.m. She expressed the Board's feelings of loss with the recent passing of Richard W. Glover, Chairman of the Board and Brookland District Supervisor. Mrs. O'Bannon acknowledged the County would not be the same without Mr. Glover but provided assurances the Board was doing its best to move on during a stressful time and would continue to do things the Henrico way.

General Assembly Session Update

Mr. Vithoulikas reminded the Board that this year is a short session for the General Assembly and the legislators are scheduled to adjourn on February 24. He also reminded the Board that a General Assembly Session update was provided at the Board's previous special meeting on January 24.

Mr. Vithoulikas recognized Mr. Romanello, who narrated a slide presentation on this item. Mr. Romanello began by reviewing the Session calendar. He then reviewed several budget amendments, noting they were also covered in a letter that was sent to the Board on February 10.

Mr. Romanello reported that the budget bills adopted by the House and Senate and sent to a conference committee contained different amounts for teacher funding but were both similar to the Governor's original proposal. He further reported that neither the House nor the Senate budget bills would change the expedited phase-in of employer contribution rates for the Virginia Retirement System teacher plan; both the House and Senate budget bills would provide for a two percent salary increase for state-supported local employees effective August 1, 2017; and House Bill 599 funding, which provides aid to localities with police departments, would be reduced modestly for Henrico County in the House version of the budget while the Senate version contained no amendment to the current allocation.

Mr. Romanello next reviewed budget amendments pertaining to mental health funding. He informed the Board that the House budget bill would reduce the Governor's proposal for funding same-day access for screening and assessment services but the Senate budget bill made no changes to the Governor's proposal. Mr. Romanello advised that both the House and Senate budget bills would replace the general fund allocation in the Governor's proposal with federal dollars to fund opioid addiction treatment and overdose prevention. He further advised that both the House and Senate budget bills eliminated allocations in the Governor's proposed budget that would provide grants for mental health assessments in local and regional jails. Mr. Romanello and Mr. Vithoukaskas responded to questions from Mr. Branin regarding the status and sources of funding for mental health same-day access. They also responded to questions from Mrs. O'Bannon pertaining to the status of funding and accountability for expending funds for special needs children placed in private care facilities pursuant to the Children's Services Act.

In terms of other budget amendments, Mr. Romanello noted both the House and Senate budget bills would restore half of the reduction in funding for Go Virginia that was proposed by the Governor. The House budget bill would reduce Enterprise Zone funding beyond what was proposed by the Governor while the Senate budget bill would restore the reductions introduced by the Governor.

Mr. Romanello next reviewed the status of Senate Bill (SB) 1282, which would provide a uniform procedure for the way wireless communications infrastructure is approved by localities and installed in public rights-of-way. He pointed out that although the legislation had passed both the House and the Senate, the County no longer opposed it because only micro towers would be covered and a provision to force co-locations on county-owned property was removed.

Mr. Romanello advised the Board that SB 1313, which would limit the state's share of the costs of constructing, enlarging, or renovating any regional jail to 25 percent, had passed both the House and the Senate. In response to questions from Mrs. O'Bannon, Mr. Vithoukaskas informed the Board that the legislation is pertinent because the County may need to expand its regional jail facility in New Kent County. Although crime rates are down, the courts are sentencing those with opioid addiction to jail rather than treatment. Mr. Hinton updated the Board on a community summit sponsored by the County and its Heroin Task Force that will be held at Glen Allen High School on March 1. He noted more than 900 persons had registered for the summit, which will address the heroin/opioid epidemic and feature Federal Bureau of Investigation Director James Comey as its keynote speaker. Mr. Vithoukaskas pointed out the majority of inmates at Jail East in New Kent County are enrolled in an addiction treatment program known as Recovery in a Secure Environment (RISE) and Jail West on Parham Road recently started a similar program called Opiate Recovery

by Intensive Tracking (ORBIT) that has been very successful. Mr. Vithoukas assured Mrs. O'Bannon that his proposed budget for the next fiscal year will include funding for addiction treatment, which the Board will hear more about during the legislative budget reviews in March. He mentioned the Sheriff's Office budget already has a \$50,000 line item to support treatment initiatives.

Mr. Romanello concluded his presentation by reporting on the status of SB 1578, which would authorize localities to adopt an ordinance requiring the registration of persons offering properties for short-term rentals. The legislation would also authorize localities to impose fees and penalties on persons who violate the registry ordinance or who offer short-term rentals that have multiple violations of state or federal law. The bill has passed the Senate and is under consideration by the House Appropriations Committee.

Mr. Vithoukas advised the Board that staff will bring a final General Assembly update to the Board on February 28. He further advised there would be a moment of silence and slide show in memory of Mr. Glover at the 7:00 p.m. meeting on February 14 following the pledge of allegiance and preceding the invocation.

The Board recessed for dinner at 6:08 p.m. and reconvened at 6:19 p.m.

Regular Meeting Agenda Items

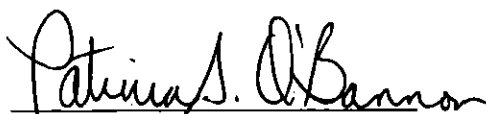
Mr. Vithoukas informed the Board he would be making Manager's Comments pertaining to Libbie Mill Library's LEED Silver certification from the U.S. Green Building Council and the Office of Management and Budget's Distinguished Budget Award from the Government Finance Officers Association. He explained the procedures for the election of chairman and vice chairman, noting the Board would first accept the resignation of Mrs. O'Bannon as vice chairman. Mr. Vithoukas pointed out Mr. Rapisarda would be conducting the election of chairman to fill the vacancy arising from Mr. Glover's passing. He then reviewed the three appointment resolutions on the agenda.

After moving into a review of the rezoning cases and provisional use permits, Mr. Vithoukas announced that the applicant for the two Brookland District cases, Agenda Items 49-17 and 50-17, was requesting they be deferred until March 14. He also noted two of the three Varina District items were companion cases and would be presented together although voted on separately. In response to questions from Mr. Nelson regarding the procedures for presenting and hearing these cases, Planning Director Joe Emerson confirmed he would recap concerns that were raised by citizens at a community meeting and explain what the applicant has committed to do to address the concerns.

After confirming with Mr. Lawrence that no one had signed up in advance to speak during the public comment period, Mr. Vithoukas began his review of the general agenda. He noted Agenda Item No. 56-17 introducing February amendments to the fiscal plan included funds for a new public safety boathouse at Osborne Park. A marina fire that occurred in December 2016 necessitated this funding. Gene Walter, Director of Finance, informed the Board it would see a budget appropriation in mid-April for the sale of bonds that would be authorized by Agenda Item

Nos. 57-17 and 58-18. In response to a question from Mrs. O'Bannon, Mr. Vithoukas reminded the Board it previously received a letter explaining Agenda Item No. 59-17, adoption of the County's 2017 Emergency Operations Plan. He also responded to a question from Mrs. O'Bannon in regards to Agenda Item No. 60-17, award of contract for renovations to the Information Technology Data Center. Mr. Vithoukas concluded his presentation by alerting the Board that Agenda Item No. 66-17, authorizing the County Attorney to petition the Circuit Court for a writ of election to fill the vacancy in the office of Brookland District Supervisor, did not specify a date for the election because this was still being discussed by the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.


Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Henrico County, Virginia