

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
March 28, 2017

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting on Tuesday, March 28, 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, Chairman, Tuckahoe District  
Frank J. Thornton, Vice Chairman, Fairfield District  
Thomas M. Branin, Three Chopt District  
Harvey L. Hinson, Brookland District  
Tyrone E. Nelson, Varina 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  
Tanya B. Harding, CMC, Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant  
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  
Tamra R. McKinney, Director of Public Relations & Media Services

Mrs. O'Bannon called the meeting to order at 5:48 p.m.

Mr. Vithoukas reviewed the presentation item for the special meeting, noting it was an annual update provided to the Board. He announced that Cari Tretina, Management Specialist for the Manager's Office, had accepted a position with the Division of Fire as Director of Administration. Ms. Tretina addressed the Board and commented she was honored to have been given this opportunity. Tony McDowell, Fire Chief, pointed out Ms. Tretina was the unanimous choice of the interview panel. He said he was pleased Ms. Tretina will be staying with the Henrico County government family.

**Update on Virginia Transportation Funding**

Mr. Vithoukas recognized Todd Eure, Transportation Division Director for the Department of Public Works, who narrated a slide presentation titled *Transportation Funding Update*. Mr. Eure began by introducing the members of his capital projects team, Rick Schwartz and Danielle Bazemore. He identified the location and funding sources for 40 Department of Public Works capital projects currently in progress. The total cost of these projects is \$124 million. Mr. Eure responded

to questions from Mrs. O'Bannon regarding future plans for the Amtrak station on Staples Mill Road.

Mr. Eure continued his presentation by reviewing current transportation funding programs, a 25-year history of the County's maintenance and construction allocations, and a 30-year trend in the County's historical and projected Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) allocations. He responded to questions from Mrs. O'Bannon pertaining to the role of the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) in allocating RSTP and CMAQ funds. Mr. Eure then elaborated on RSTP and CMAQ program allocations for Fiscal Years (FY) 2018-2023 and projects recommended for funding by RRTPO during the current cycle.

The Board recessed for dinner at 6:09 p.m. and reconvened at 6:15 p.m.

Mr. Eure resumed his presentation by reviewing FY18 - FY23 statewide program allocations as well as Richmond District and Henrico County projects funded by SMART SCALE, the Commonwealth's data-driven prioritization process that is designed to fund transportation projects generating the greatest benefit for taxpayers. He discussed the benefits and disadvantages of the SMART SCALE program. Mr. Eure and Mr. Vitoulkas responded to questions from Mr. Branin concerning County projects submitted for SMART SCALE funding and potential strategies for getting more projects funded.

After showing an aerial view and three photographs of the Magellan Parkway/Scott Ridge Road project, Mr. Eure provided a six-year history of revenue sharing transportation funds received by the County, statewide allocations for FY18, and County projects funded in FY14 - FY17. He discussed the benefits and disadvantages of the revenue sharing program. Mr. Eure also explained current statewide and Richmond regional allocations under the State of Good Repair and Transportation Alternatives programs as well as a summary of County grant-funded projects for FY18.

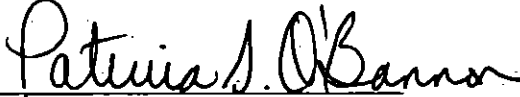
Mr. Vitoulkas informed the Board that Mr. Eure and Public Works Director Steve Yob have been working on a new lane reduction plan known as "road diet," whereby the number of travel lanes and/or effective width of the road is reduced in order to achieve systemic improvements. Mr. Eure expanded on this concept and showed two photographs of where road diets have been implemented in Henrico (Park Terrace Drive and Raintree Drive) and another photograph of a location in Fairfax County where a road diet was established. Mr. Eure noted the Department of Public Works is looking at locations throughout Henrico where road diets can be applied. Mr. Thornton and Mrs. O'Bannon voiced concerns relating to the safety of three-lane roads. Mr. Eure pointed out modern three-lane roads are being designed differently for lower speeds and traffic volumes. Mr. Hinson remarked that road diets can be initially confusing. Mr. Eure assured the Board that road diet standards are still being developed. Mr. Eure alluded to a road diet in Arlington County near the Pentagon City Mall and acknowledged the importance of educating motorists through proper signage and other means. There was discussion between Mr. Thornton and Mr. Eure regarding the relative safety of roundabouts versus signalized intersections. Mr. Thornton suggested the County needs to be more aggressive in educating citizens on the fact that traffic signals often increase the number of accidents at intersections.

## Regular Meeting Agenda Items

Mr. Vithoukas reviewed the agenda for the 7:00 p.m. meeting, noting it included five proclamations for presentation. He briefly explained the three resignation and appointment papers for boards and commissions and the one public hearing item on the agenda that would make three changes to the County's precinct and polling places. Mr. Rapisarda informed the Board that an ordinance will be coming forward for introduction at the Board's April 11 meeting to change temporarily the polling place for the Varina District's Eanes Precinct from Baker Elementary School to Varina High School. This change is necessary because Baker Elementary suffered extensive damage in a fire on March 19.

After Mr. Vithoukas referred to the six items on the general agenda, he responded to concerns raised by Mr. Branin pertaining to the ordinance introduction to increase water and sewer rates and connection fees. Mr. Branin expressed concern about the perception of the County lowering connection fees in 2016 and then raising them the following year. Mrs. O'Bannon commented on a study conducted in 2016 by the Department of Public Utilities recommending a reduction in the connection fees. Mr. Vithoukas assured the Board he will work with the Department of Public Utilities staff prior to the April 25 public hearing on the ordinance to see if there are other alternatives to an increase in connection fees.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors  
Henrico County, Virginia