

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
January 23, 2018

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting on Tuesday, January 23, 2018, 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:

Frank J. Thornton, Chairman, Fairfield District
Tyrone E. Nelson, Vice Chairman, Varina District
Courtney D. Lynch, Brookland District
Patricia S. O'Bannon, Tuckahoe District

Member of the Board Absent:

Thomas M. Branin, Three Chopt 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
Timothy A. Foster, Deputy County Manager for Community Operations
Douglas A. Middleton, Deputy County Manager for Public Safety
Anthony J. Romanello, Deputy County Manager for Administration
Randall R. Silber, Deputy County Manager for Community Development
Benjamin A. Sheppard, Assistant Director of Public Relations & Media Services

Mr. Thornton called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m.

Text-to-911 Initiative

Mr. Vithoukas brought forward this item, noting it is a new and exciting initiative that is connected to the County's hospital diversion plan. He recognized Police Chief Humberto Cardounel, who in turn recognized Maj. Pete MacRae, Assistant Chief of Police for Administrative Services. Major MacRae introduced Capt. Bryan Cook, Emergency Communications Manager Stephen Weis, and Lt. Col. Carl Mueller from the Police Division as well as Tim Hogge from the Department of Information Technology. He then narrated a slide presentation titled *Capital Region Text-to-911*.

Major MacRae began his presentation by explaining the text-to-911 initiative has involved a cooperative agreement among Chesterfield and Henrico Counties and the City of Richmond. It is being funded by a two-year, \$272,054 grant from the Virginia 9-1-1 Services Board. Major MacRae explained a detailed diagram of how emergency texts are processed by the Police Division's text control center and showed a statewide map highlighting Virginia

localities where text-to-911 deployment is available. Mrs. O'Bannon noted the Commonwealth and Virginia localities have been working on text-to-911 interoperability since the mass shootings at Virginia Tech in 2007. Major MacRae continued his presentation by reviewing the advantages and disadvantages of text-to-911 and offering a text-to-911 workload example from Fairfax County. Based on Fairfax County's experience, he estimated only 0.36 percent of Henrico County's E-911 calls will be generated by text messages. He advised the Board that Richmond went live with text-to-911 in early December and Henrico went live the third week of January.

In response to a question from Mr. Nelson, Major MacRae advised that after Chesterfield County goes live in the early spring the three local jurisdictions in the Richmond region with text-to-911 will launch a joint public awareness effort. He responded to questions from Mrs. O'Bannon regarding the processing of texts by emergency communications centers and how the costs of the initiative will be absorbed by the Department of Information Technology when the grant funding ends.

At the conclusion of Major MacRae's presentation, Mr. Vithoulkas recognized Fire Chief Tony McDowell and the Division of Fire's Deputy Coordinator for Emergency Management, Anna McRay. Chief McDowell discussed how 911 calls are affected by hospital diversions. He explained the term Code Red and how it triggers the way the Division of Fire transports patients. Mrs. McRay elaborated on how influenza season has affected hospital emergency rooms within the Richmond region. She noted the three hospitals in Henrico have been working with other hospitals in the region on a coordinated effort to address this concern. Mrs. McRay, Chief McDowell, and Mr. Vithoulkas responded to questions from Mrs. O'Bannon pertaining to concerns she has received from constituents about recent backups in hospital emergency rooms. Mrs. O'Bannon pointed out she has served on the Virginia Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee for the past 20 years.

The Board recessed for dinner at 5:48 p.m. and reconvened at 5:55 p.m.

Fairfield Area Library Update

Mr. Vithoulkas pointed out a Plan of Development (POD) for this item was on the 7:00 p.m. public hearing agenda for the Board's consideration. He recognized Leslie News, Principal Planner, who narrated a slide presentation on this item. Mrs. News began her presentation by noting a new, two-story library building will replace the existing Fairfield Area Library facility on a 10.2-acre site located at the southeastern corner of the intersection of North Laburnum Avenue and Watts Lane. The property is wooded and undisturbed, and there are no wetlands, floodplain, or resource protection areas to be impacted. Mrs. News identified other public facilities along this corridor and advised the Board this location provides the opportunity to develop the library and site as a gateway and reinforce the presence of the public buildings in the area. She explained the land use and zoning district classifications of surrounding properties and the relocation site and reminded the Board it approved a resolution on February 14, 2013, finding this site substantially in accord with the County's comprehensive plan. Mrs. News reviewed proffers associated with a previous rezoning case for the site affecting overall site development and road and sidewalk construction that will be addressed with this development. She also reviewed site plan details; site materials, lighting, and plantings; and the layout of the first and second floors of the new library facility.

Library Director Jerry McKenna and Assistant Director Barbara Weedman responded to questions from Mrs. O'Bannon relating to the location of rooms that can be reserved by the public and the Public Library's reservation policies.

Mrs. News continued her presentation by highlighting the exterior views of the facility from Watts Lane, the parking lot, and Laburnum Avenue. She concluded the presentation by updating the Board on the project schedule, noting the schedule has been developed with the goal of an expected opening on October 6, 2019. Construction is anticipated to begin in the summer of 2018. She pointed out the design process has been ongoing during the past year and community input has been a strong factor in fine tuning goals and objectives. Providing support functions for development of life skills has been a key focus, and Mr. Thornton has been involved throughout the process. Mrs. News responded to questions from Mr. Thornton and Mrs. O'Bannon concerning the project schedule. Mr. Thornton expressed excitement about this project and said it will add to the outstanding vista that the County refers to as the Laburnum Avenue gateway.

All Henrico Reads 2018

Mr. Vithoukias recognized Mr. McKenna and Ms. Weedman. Mr. McKenna explained 2018 will be the tenth year Henrico County Friends of the Library and Public Schools have co-sponsored the annual All Henrico Reads event. The featured book for this year's event is *The Distance Between Us*, which was written by award-winning author and motivational speaker Reyna Grande. Ms. Weedman distributed copies of the book to members of the Board and Mr. Vithoukias. Mr. McKenna provided biographical information on Ms. Grande and explained the book is a memoir of her difficult childhood, before and after she immigrated to the United States from Mexico. He announced the event will be held at Glen Allen High School at 7:00 p.m. on April 11.

On motion by Mrs. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Nelson, the Board approved going into a closed meeting at 6:13 p.m. for consultation with the County Attorney and outside counsel pertaining to actual litigation styled *In Re: Liquid Aluminum Sulfate Antitrust Litigation*, 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>	<u>Absent</u>
Frank J. Thornton Tyrone E. Nelson Courtney D. Lynch Patricia S. O'Bannon		Thomas M. Branin

On motion of Mrs. O'Bannon, seconded by Mrs. Lynch, the Board approved going out of the Closed Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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On motion of Mrs. O'Bannon, seconded by Mr. Nelson, the Board approved the attached Certificate of Closed Meeting.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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Mr. Vithoukias recognized Mr. Schnurman, who gave a brief update on the 2018 General Assembly Session. Mr. Schnurman noted the General Assembly convened on January 10, and there are several new members this year in Henrico County's legislative delegation. He provided a status report on the following legislation of interest that has been introduced during this session: House Bill (HB) 828/Senate Bill (SB) 268 – personal property taxation of computer equipment and peripherals used in data centers; SB 353 – conveyance of property in Henrico County at White Oak Technology Park; SB 399 – establishment of local or regional drug overdose fatality review teams; and HB 997, repeal of the Pretrial Services Act. Mr. Schnurman responded to a question from Mrs. O'Bannon regarding HB 997, which the County strongly opposes because it would likely increase local jail populations and costs.

Mr. Schnurman continued his update by offering a status report on HB 786 – court appeals for relief from local taxes, and HB 787 – appeals of real property taxes to boards of equalization. Mr. Vithoukias and Mr. Rapisarda responded to a question from Mrs. O'Bannon pertaining to the volume of cases in the County that will be affected by these bills. Mr. Schnurman concluded his update by advising the Board that legislation has been introduced during this session relating to the siting of wireless communications towers. In response to a question from Mrs. O'Bannon, Mr. Vithoukias commented that the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) has been largely ineffective in safeguarding local interests with respect to wireless tower legislation. He pointed out VACo represents smaller, rural counties as well as larger, more urban counties and the issues and concerns of Henrico do not always correspond with those of rural localities.

Regular Meeting Agenda Items

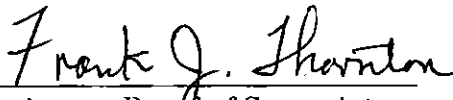
Mr. Vithoukias advised the Board that Mr. Branin would be absent from the 7:00 p.m. Board meeting as well as this special meeting because he had been called to the Dominican Republic as a consultant to help agencies rebuild the country in the aftermath of a devastating hurricane.

Mr. Vithoukask reviewed the agenda for the 7:00 p.m. meeting. He noted the agenda contained one proclamation, one resignation paper and one appointment paper, and six public hearings for rezoning cases and provisional use permits. Mr. Vithoukask pointed out there was a request from the applicant for deferral of two companion cases involving a conditional rezoning and a provisional use permit on a parcel located at the intersection of North Parham and Three Chopt Roads. Mrs. O'Bannon informed the Board that Mr. Branin had asked her to handle these cases in his absence. Mr. Rapisarda reminded the Board of the procedure for deferring land use cases. Mrs. O'Bannon remarked that these cases have been controversial and generated a lot of online discussion.

Mr. Vithoukask continued his review by mentioning the other public hearing item, which pertained to the approval of a POD for Fairfield Area Library. He briefly referred to the seven general agenda items.

At Mr. Nelson's request, Mr. Silber gave an update on the County's negotiations with the Capital Region Land Conservancy for the transfer of a 413-acre tract of land at Malvern Hill that will be acquired by the conservancy on February 1 from private owners. A resolution will be brought forward in June for the Board's consideration to authorize the County's acceptance of the property. Mr. Silber showed several slides depicting the site, which will adjoin 380 acres of property under the ownership of the National Park Service. He informed the Board that the property being transferred by the conservancy to the County will be supplemented by a transfer of property that was acquired by the Civil War Trust. It has taken the County several months to resolve an issue with the conservancy relating to a conservation easement that will be placed on the property. Mr. Vithoukask pointed out the County has been working on acquiring the Malvern Hill site for the past ten years. He cited the County's successful partnership with the conservancy and thanked Mr. Silber, Mr. Foster, Mr. Rapisarda, and the Real Property Department for their involvement with this incredible effort. Mr. Nelson remarked he is excited about the County's acquisition of Malvern Hill.

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



Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Henrico County, Virginia