

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
June 12, 2018

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting on Tuesday, June 12, 2018, at 6:00 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
Thomas M. Branin, Three Chopt District
Courtney D. Lynch, Brookland District
Patricia S. O'Bannon, Tuckahoe District

Other Officials Present:

John A. Vithoukas, County Manager
Joseph P. Rapisarda, Jr., County Attorney
J. T. (Tom) Tokarz, Deputy 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
W. Brandon Hinton, Deputy County Manager for Administration
Douglas A. Middleton, Deputy County Manager for Public Safety
Anthony J. Romanello, Deputy County Manager for Community Services
Benjamin A. Sheppard, Assistant Director of Public Relations & Media Services

Mr. Thornton called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Central Virginia Waste Management Authority (CVWMA) Recycling Update

Mr. Vithoukas recognized Kim Hynes, Executive Director of the Central Virginia Waste Management Authority (CVWMA). Mrs. Hynes noted Henrico County's three citizen representatives on the CVWMA Board of Directors were in attendance – Chairman Allen Lane and members Marcia Kelley and Bob Whiteman.

Mrs. Hynes narrated the first part of a slide presentation titled *What's Going on with Recycling?* She began by identifying the recycling players in the region. These include CVWMA's regional program manager, Tidewater Fiber Corporation's (TFC's) Curbside Recycling Collector and Recycling Processor, and CVWMA's 13 member localities. Mrs. Hynes advised the Board that seven localities participate in TFC's curbside recycling contract, which runs through June 30, 2023. She explained to the Board how the Chinese government has disrupted the mixed paper recycling industry since increasing its contamination restrictions to a standard that is nearly impossible for post-consumer, single-stream mixed recovery facilities to meet. Mrs. Hynes shared a graph depicting the historical price for mixed paper and old corrugated cardboard and discussed why the recent drop in

price is different than in the past. In response to questions from Mr. Branin, Mrs. Hynes commented on the mixed paper recycling standard in the United States and recent trends in the plastics and aluminum recycling markets. She reviewed what the drop in price for mixed paper means for Central Virginia and its recycling vendors given that mixed paper makes up 36 percent of the region's curbside collection volume. Mrs. Hynes reported TFC has reached out for assistance to continue its curbside recycling program. In response, CVWMA approved on April 1 removing the \$20 per ton curbside rebate, which will have a \$700,000 impact on the region. CVWMA is also working with participating localities on a potential revision to its contract with TFC to keep the program going until more is known about future markets.

Jon Clary, Solid Waste Division Director for the County's Department of Public Utilities, narrated the second part of the presentation. He updated the Board on the County's curbside recycling program, which serves 86,000 homes and a few multi-family communities at a per household cost of \$1.91 per month. The program is paid for by the County's general fund. Mr. Clary noted that if the revised contract with TFC is finalized, the County's per household cost will increase to \$2.47 per month and will result in a Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 curbside recycling budget of \$2.55 million. If paper markets improve, the County could realize a more lucrative share of recycling revenues in the future.


Mrs. Hynes responded to questions from Mrs. O'Bannon and Mr. Branin pertaining to the recycling of newsprint versus advertising supplements. In response to concerns expressed by Mr. Thornton, Mrs. Hynes assured the Board that changes in global markets will be factored into CVWMA's next procurement for curbside recycling. Mr. Branin mentioned there has been increased demand for cardboard due to increases in online shopping and shipping. There was discussion by Mrs. O'Bannon and Mrs. Hynes relating to China's impact on the world recycling market. At Mr. Nelson's request, Mrs. Hynes updated the Board on the status of two recycling warehouses, one in Richmond and one in Henrico, where electronic equipment was being stockpiled. She noted the stockpiling problem was corrected at both facilities after new landlords acquired ownership of the properties. Mrs. Hynes and Mr. Vithoukas responded to questions from Mrs. O'Bannon regarding the cost of removing the curbside recycling rebate and how TFC will use the additional funds. Mr. Thornton suggested Henrico residents need to be apprised of what is happening with recycling markets given the County's longstanding commitment to offering recycling services. Mr. Vithoukas assured the Board that the County will not go back on this commitment but there will be a need for the Board to have additional discussions about the cost of these services and their impact on the budget. He pointed out Henrico and Ashland are the only localities participating in CVWMA's curbside recycling program that do not charge residents a fee for this service.

Regular Meeting Agenda Items

Mr. Vithoukas reviewed the agenda for the 7:00 p.m. meeting. He noted there would be one Manager's Comment recognizing a longtime employee of the Police Division. Mr. Vithoukas advised the Board that the resignation and appointment resolutions on the agenda were triggered by Varina District Planning Commissioner Eric Leabough's acceptance of the new Housing Advocate position in the County Manager's Office. He pointed out the first two land use-related items on the agenda were companion cases and would be heard together although they would require separate votes. Mr. Rapisarda explained the proposed ordinance reflecting the relocation of the Municipal Government and Law Library from the second floor of the courts building to Tuckahoe Library. Mr. Vithoukas informed the Board no one from

the public had signed up in advance to address the Board during the public comment period. He directed the Board's attention to a line item in the first general agenda item, a resolution to amend the operating and capital annual fiscal plans for FY 2019, which would allocate an additional \$3.2 million for education for teacher supports. Mr. Nelson remarked that this proposed change in the budget was brought forward in response to recommendations by the elected School Board. Mrs. O'Bannon announced she would be making a Supervisors' Comment during the 7:00 p.m. meeting relating to a Division of Fire initiative.

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


Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Henrico County, Virginia