

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
January 6, 2021

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building, Henrico County Government Center, Parham and Hungary Spring Roads, Henrico, Virginia.

Members of the Board Present:

Thomas M. Branin, Chairman, Three Chopt District
Daniel J. Schmitt, Vice-Chairman, Brookland District
Tyrone E. Nelson, Varina District
Patricia S. O'Bannon, Tuckahoe District
Frank J. Thornton, Fairfield District

Members of the General Assembly Present via WebEx:

Jennifer L. McClellan, Senate of Virginia, 9th District
Siobhan S. Dunnavant, Senate of Virginia, 12th District
Delores L. McQuinn, House of Delegates, 70th District
Schuyler T. VanValkenburg, House of Delegates, 72nd District
Rodney T. Willett, House of Delegates, 73rd District
Lamont Bagby, House of Delegates, 74th District

Other Officials Present:

John A. Vithoukas, County Manager
J. T. (Tom) Tokarz, County Attorney
Tanya Brackett Harding, CMC, Assistant to the County Manager/Clerk to the Board
Monica Smith-Callahan, Deputy County Manager for Community Affairs
W. Brandon Hinton, Deputy County Manager for Administration
Anthony E. McDowell, Deputy County Manager for Public Safety
Cari Tretina, Assistant to the County Manager/Chief of Staff

Mr. Schmitt called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

Legislative Briefing with General Assembly Delegation

Michael Hallmark, lead developer for GreenCity, LLC, presented an overview of the plans for developing approximately 200 acres near the intersection of Interstate 95 and Parham Road with a 17,000-seat arena, and office, retail, and residential development. Board members and legislators expressed their excitement about the proposed plans. In response to questions and comments from legislators, Mr. Hallmark emphasized the intent to create an environmentally-sensitive "eco-district" that could attract new businesses to the area and serve as a model for future development.

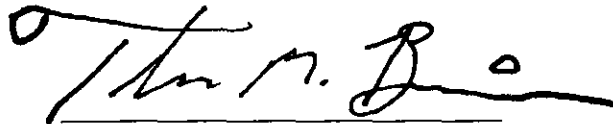
Proposed Recovery Residences and Detox Facility

Tony McDowell, Deputy County Administration for Public Safety, discussed two initiatives to address the opioid crisis. The first is formalizing a program in which Henrico County would offer approval of “recovery residences” that meet accreditation standards of the Virginia Association of Recovery Residences and certification by the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services. These residences would be available for referrals from courts and social services entities. The County currently has 22 state-certified residences with 219 beds. There is a need for training “house managers” and certification of residences. The County’s CHIRP program will permit individuals needing recovery services to apply for scholarships for \$30 per night up to a total of \$420 for 14 days.

The next initiative addresses the lack of access to detox beds. Last year, the jail performed more than 2,000 detoxes. The County is planning a new 17,000-square foot detox facility near the Henrico Eastern Government Center on Nine Mile Road. The location was selected because of easy access to services at the Eastern Government Center and the County’s Mental Health East Office. The medically-supervised facility would accept admissions 24 hours a day for stays up to 14 days. Patients would come from voluntary admissions, referrals from medical providers, jail release plans, police drop-offs as an alternative to arrest or emergency room admissions; and ambulance/EMS service transports.

With a facility budget of \$10 million, the plan is to begin facility construction in 2022 with recruitment and training of staff for operation in 2023. The County is looking for a partner to operate the facility. The County would provide service to residents of the County as well as residents of New Kent and Charles City County if there is bed capacity.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.



Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Henrico County, Virginia