

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
August 10, 2021

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, 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:**

Daniel J. Schmitt, Chairman, Brookland District  
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. Vithoukias, County Manager  
J. T. (Tom) Tokarz, County Attorney  
Tanya N. Brackett, CMC, Assistant to the County Manager/Clerk to the Board  
W. Brandon Hinton, Deputy County Manager for Administration  
Monica Smith-Callahan, Deputy County Manager for Community Affairs  
Anthony E. McDowell, Deputy County Manager for Public Safety  
Cari Tretina, Assistant to the County Manager/Chief of Staff  
Steven J. Yob, Deputy County Manager for Community Operations  
Benjamin A. Sheppard, Director of Public Relations

**Voter Absentee Mailings**

Mark Coakley, Registrar, briefed the Board about applications for absentee ballots being mailed to Henrico voters by nonprofit organizations. The mailings seek to increase voting by traditionally underrepresented populations. Mr. Coakley emphasized that these mailings are not coming from Henrico County.

**Advocate for the Aging Update**

Emily Hoyt, the new Advocate for the Aging in the Department of Fire, discussed her plans for outreach to County residents over 65. In addition to answering individual calls from senior citizens, she is hosting events, working with Public Relations to put information on the County's website and Facebook page, and asking the Department of Public Utilities to put educational information in County water bills. She is also working to establish a new Henrico Ambassador Program for Seniors to develop advocates for older residents.

**Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Connect RVA 2045 Update**

Sharon Smidler, Transportation Development Director in the Department of Public Works, discussed RRTPO Connect RVA 2045, the long-range transportation plan for the Richmond

region. The plan is updated every four years in accordance with federal and state requirements, and the draft update contains a list of proposed projects for the localities in the region. The public review period for the draft plan is August 16 – September 15, 2021, with adoption expected on October 4, 2021.

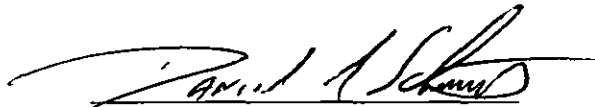
### **Residential Drainage**

Terrell Hughes, Director of Public Works, discussed his department's residential drainage efforts. The Board has budgeted \$500,000 for minor drainage improvements and \$750,000 for work on streams and lakes, including Talley's Pond, Hoehn's Lake, and the dam at Three Lakes Parks. The County has also completed stream restoration projects for stormwater control.

Mr. Hughes also mentioned two items on the evening's meeting agenda dealing with local resiliency projects which will focus on "nature-based projects" to reduce flood damage. "Nature-based projects" use environmental processes and natural systems rather than "structure-based" solutions that block, divert or retain flood waters.

Mr. Withoukaskas briefly reviewed the agenda items for the 7:00 p.m. meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.



Chairman, Board of Supervisors  
Henrico County, Virginia