

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
May 10, 2022

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting at 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 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
Daniel J. Schmitt, Brookland District
Tyrone E. Nelson, Varina District

Member of the Board Absent:

Thomas M. Branin, Three Chopt District

Other Officials Present:

John A. Vithoulkas, County Manager
Andrew R. Newby, County Attorney
Tanya N. Brackett, 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
Steven J. Yob, Deputy County Manager for Community Operations
Steven W. Knockemus, Assistant Director of Media Relations

Mr. Vithoulkas recognized Patrick W. Nalley, the new Director of Recreation and Parks. Patrick comes to the County from Recreation, Tourism, & Cultural Development in Amherst County, where he served as Director. Prior to that, he served as the Facility Manager/Aquatics at Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham, Oregon, and as the Parks and Recreation Director/Facility Manager/Aquatics Director at Woodmen Hills Metro District in Peyton, Colorado. He holds a Doctor of Public Administration degree from West Chester University, West Chester, Pennsylvania; a Master of Science degree in Sport Administration from Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, Arkansas; and a Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies in Geography and History degree from Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona. Mr. Vithoulkas also noted the promotions of Torrance Archie, Sr., John Zannino, and Marielle McFarland within the Division of Recreation and Parks. The Board members welcomed Patrick and stated they looked forward to working with him.

Henrico Explorers Program Update

Ronnie Martin, a Henrico Firefighter, shared an update with the Board about the Henrico Explorers program, including a brief video and presentation highlighting the program. She recognized two Explorers who were in attendance: Kenny Mosley and Anjali Mukunda. She

explained that participants do not have to be Henrico residents. Currently, the program has 15 participants with 10 of those participants being Henrico residents. Ten firefighters serve as advisors to the program, and two of those advisors went through the Explorers program: Joe Hunsaker and Julian Day. Firefighter Martin stated the goal is to prepare the Explorers for a successful career, regardless of where they go in the future. The Board members thanked Firefighter Martin and suggested working more with our Public Relations Department to get more information out about the program and ensure all our schools have the information to share with students.

Recognition of Henrico Volunteer Rescue Squad

Mr. Vithoulkas recognized a very special organization that has made a profound impact on the residents of Henrico County. The Henrico Volunteer Rescue Squad has offered no-cost, life-saving emergency medical service to County residents since 1951. In the early days, they used their personal vehicles and funding to transport patients, but they later grew to be one of the largest rescue squads in the Commonwealth.

The final chapter of this group's outstanding service has come to an end, and, as the Henrico Volunteer Rescue Squad was located in the Varina District, Mr. Nelson honored this incredible organization with a Proclamation Proclaiming the Henrico Volunteer Rescue Squad a Distinguished Community Service Medal Recipient. He presented the proclamation and the Distinguished Community Service Medal to the following individuals: Peggy Vorous, Linda Bowery, Jack Vorous, and Charles Wilson. Mr. Nelson offered his congratulations and sincere appreciation from the members of the Board and the residents of the County.

Finance Update

Sheila Minor, Director of Finance, updated the Board on the 2022 personal property tax bills and the County's efforts to provide relief to taxpayers with higher-than-expected vehicle assessments. She explained the General Assembly passed two bills this year allowing the County to provide new relief. Mrs. Minor stated the initiative was announced on May 6 to extend the due date for personal property taxes to August 5. In addition, the County intends to provide a credit of \$0.52 per \$100 of assessed value to all qualifying vehicles that will be applied to the second installment due December 5. The credit would lower the effective tax rate for qualifying vehicles from \$3.50 per \$100 of assessed value to \$2.98. She shared several examples of what the credit would look like for taxpayers when they receive their 2nd half of the personal property tax bill. Several Board members voiced concerns about wanting to make sure residents will understand the credit applied to the bill once they receive it. Mrs. Minor explained she is working with the Information Technology Department on how to make the bills as transparent as possible.

Next, Brandon Hinton, Deputy County Manager for Administration, gave the Board an update on the 2022 Bond Referendum. He reviewed the factors for a successful referendum and the reason the County has been successful in the past.

COVID in Henrico

Rob Rowley, Chief of Emergency Management & Workplace Safety, gave the Board an update on COVID-19 in the County. Rob stated the County is currently experiencing "low community spread," as defined by the CDC, but may see more COVID-19 testing centers in the community

as the spring progresses to address any increased transmission. Rob wanted to make sure the Board was aware of this in case they received questions from County residents.

General Meeting Agenda Overview

The County Manager briefly reviewed the agenda items for the 7:00 p.m. meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia S. Bannon". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Henrico County, Virginia