

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
March 14, 2023

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 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  
Patricia S. O'Bannon, Tuckahoe District  
Daniel J. Schmitt, Brookland District

**Other Officials Present:**

John A. Vithoulikas, County Manager  
Andrew R. Newby, County Attorney  
Tanya N. Brackett, CMC, Assistant to the County Manager/Clerk to the Board  
Michael Y. Feinmel, Deputy County Manager for Public Safety  
W. Brandon Hinton, Deputy County Manager for Administration  
Monica Smith-Callahan, Deputy County Manager for Community Affairs  
Cari M. 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

**Greater Richmond Transit Company Update**

Sheryl Adams, Chief Executive Officer for Greater Richmond Transit Company (GRTC), and Adrienne Torres, Chief of Staff, gave the Board an update on GRTC. Ms. Adams stated she has been with GRTC for over 24 years and is excited to give the Board an update. Ms. Torres reviewed the current funding contribution for GRTC and the top priorities for Henrico: the Route 1 corridor extension, the Pulse Extension, Pulse Extension West and parking needs, operator shortage, and shelters for the bus stops. Ms. Torres reviewed each of the concerns and priorities for the County and shared diagrams for each and aerial views. She updated the Board on Micro-Transit and explained that it is an on-demand public transportation service, using smaller vehicles with technology features like Uber/Lyft. They would offer a call-in option for riders without smartphones and all trips would be eligible for sharing. Mr. Branin asked if GRTC fares will remain free. Ms. Torres stated the fees will remain free through 2024. Mr. Schmitt congratulated both Ms. Torres and Ms. Adams on their new roles and noted it was well deserved. He stated the goal of the GRTC Board was to establish long term fiscal stability, income driven through ridership, and balancing long term leadership. He stated he knows for the County it is important to continue working on the shelters at each of the bus stops. Mr. Nelson noted the relationship with GRTC is very important for the County and is excited about the opportunity now that Henrico has seats at the table. Mr. Vithoulikas thanked Mr. Schmitt, Mr. Nelson, and Mr. Eure for their leadership on the GRTC Board.

## **Virginia 250 Update**

Dennis Bickmeier, Executive Director for Henrico Sports & Entertainment Authority, reminded the Board that the American Revolution 250 Commission (VA250) was established by the Virginia General Assembly in 2022 with the goal to promote shared stories and experiences and strengthen common bonds through programs, educational outreach, and signature events leading up to July 4, 2026.


Mr. Bickmeier stated we will be partnering with Richmond Region Tourism and the Virginia Tourism Corporation. He then turned over the presentation to Julian Charity with Recreation & Parks who reviewed the timeline of events leading up to the celebrations on July 4, 2026. Mr. Charity also shared County history that will be of tremendous interest to visitors to the County. Mr. Charity stated he was excited to be a part of the 250 Commission and looks forward to bringing back annual updates to the Board.

## **HOME ARP Plan Update**

Eric Leabough, Director of Community Revitalization, briefed the Board on HOME – ARP funds, noting there is a one-time allocation of \$3,216,865 in HUD Home American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding. The funds must assist specific populations who are homeless or at risk of homelessness within four specific qualifying populations. The allocations must be submitted by March 31. Mr. Leabough stated the greatest identified needs were for affordable housing and non-congregate shelter. He shared a slide showing the breakdown of the funds and how they would be used. Mr. Leabough reviewed his timeline with the Board noting he would submit his plan to HUD by March 31 and solicit proposals collectively with Chesterfield and/or Richmond. Responding to a question from Mrs. O'Bannon, Mr. Leabough stated some of the projects could take 2-3 years to be constructed so they want to identify the projects as quickly as possible. Mr. Thornton asked Mr. Leabough to define the concept of affordable housing, and Mr. Leabough explained that it is a spectrum but provided a rule of thumb based on median area income.

## **General Meeting Agenda Overview**

Mr. Vithoulkas and Mrs. Tretina 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.

  
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Chairman, Board of Supervisors  
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