

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
September 12, 2023

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 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:

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

Member of the Board Absent:

Frank J. Thornton, Chairman, Fairfield District

Other Officials Present:

John A. Vithoukas, 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, Deputy County Manager/Chief of Staff
Steven J. Yob, Deputy County Manager for Community Operations
Benjamin A. Sheppard, Director of Public Relations

Addiction Task Force Update

Mr. Vithoukas announced Mr. Thornton was under the weather and would not be at the special meeting this evening and Mr. Nelson would be chairing the meeting.

Mike Feinmel, Deputy County Manager for Public Safety, gave the Board an update on the Addiction Task Force. Mr. Feinmel reviewed the expenditure of the initial Opioid Abatement Authority (OAA) funds, such as (1) funding the First Tee for a recovery program to combine social interaction around golf with recovery connections, (2) funding two full-time peer recovery specialist positions with the Henrico Sheriff's Department to connect inmates with outside services, and (3) funding an Assistant Director - Substance Use Coordinator position within Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services.

Leslie Stephen, Assistant Director for Substance Abuse Disorder, Mental Health Outpatient, Court Services, Jail Services and Prevention Services for Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services, explained for the year moving forward they will expand community outreach, meet with partners, develop more abatement projects, conduct additional youth outreach, educate criminal justice system participants, and enhance treatment projects. She

shared a recent video on a young mother who is currently in recovery. In conclusion, Mrs. Stephen noted they will continue taking their mobile unit into low income housing areas and working with families who want the help.

Real Estate Tax Cap for Qualifying Seniors (RECAP)

Sheila Minor, Director of Finance, gave the Board an update on the new RECAP program that was introduced at a press conference at 11:00 a.m. in the Manager's Conference Room. RECAP was an idea brought forward by the Board during its budget hearing in March. Mrs. Minor explained RECAP will complement the existing REAP program by capping the real estate taxes assessed on qualifying residents who do not meet the more stringent requirements of REAP. Mr. Branin asked Mrs. Minor to make sure there is emphasis on excluding the primary residence from the net worth qualification from the RECAP program. Mrs. O'Bannon asked Mrs. Minor to explain why the County is required to assess real property at fair market value and not some lesser percentage. Mrs. Minor explained that the County is required by state law and the Constitution of Virginia to assess property at 100% fair market value, and that it is important for the County to meet this legal requirement to ensure full state funding of County schools.

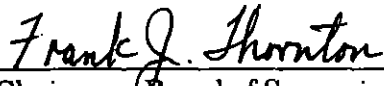
Mrs. Minor shared several slides showing how RECAP will help Henrico residents by highlighting how participants' tax liability would remain the same even when tax assessments rise in the community. In closing she noted the Finance Department will be participating in town hall meetings and press conferences, updating County websites, attending community meetings of the Board of Supervisors, and sending an insert with real estate tax bills to ensure the word gets out about RECAP. She thanked the Board for their support of the new program,

Mr. Vithoulkas then recognized Justin Crawford, Management and Budget Division Director, to review the September budget amendments on the evening agenda.

Henrico Sports & Events Center Operating Agreement with ASM Global

Brandon Hinton, Deputy County Manager for Administration, reviewed the new operating agreement with ASM Global for the operation of the Henrico Sports & Events Center. Specifically, Mr. Hinton reviewed the various expenses and revenue sources contemplated by the agreement. The agreement anticipates 10 staff members of ASM, led by a general manager. In response to a question, Mr. Hinton noted that County high school graduations will take priority over all events every year, but that ASM has the opportunity to program other events for the facility. Mr. Nelson asked about the current Sports and Entertainment Authority Board. The Manager stated the Board is currently made up of County employees, and the plan is to appoint new members to the Board in early 2024.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.



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