

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
December 3, 2024

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting at 3:45 p.m. on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, in the 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, Chair, Varina District (*arrived at 4:26 p.m.*)  
Daniel J. Schmitt, Vice-Chair, Brookland District  
Roscoe D. Cooper, III, Fairfield District  
Misty D. Roundtree, Three Chopt District  
Jody K. Rogish, Tuckahoe 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, Deputy County Manager/Chief of Staff  
Steven J. Yob, Deputy County Manager for Community Operations  
Ben A. Sheppard, Director of Public Relations

Mr. Vithoulikas announced Chair Nelson was running late but wanted to be present for the first responder recognition. He requested the agenda items be reorganized accordingly.

**High Speed Class – DMV Grant**

Mike Feinmel, Deputy County Manager for Public Safety, and Jackson Baynard, Chief for the Division of Fire, presented information regarding the High-Speed Class DMV Grant. Mr. Feinmel explained there has been a dramatic increase in defendants charged with high-speed driving and shared data showing the disturbing trend.

Chief Baynard reviewed a program Henrico is developing to give judges an alternative at sentencing. The program would consist of classes ranging from decision making, effects of trauma on the body/mind, legal consequences and effects on future employment, lessons learned from first responders, and lessons learned from medical providers. Chief Baynard detailed what the potential workshops would look like and will continue to work with partners in the community to develop curriculum for community outreach.

Mr. Feinmel discussed logistics of implementing the program and qualifications for participation.

Mr. Schmitt complimented the program. Ms. Roundtree questioned if there would be a cost to the participants. Mr. Feinmel replied there would not be. Ms. Roundtree asked if the program is similar to driving school that judges often offer drivers. Mr. Feinmel stated it will be at the judge's discretion if the judge allows a defendant to participate in the program. Ms.

Roundtree asked how they will keep track of how many participants have entered and completed the program. Mr. Feinmel explained the max participants they will accept is 12 and class will be once a month. Ms. Roundtree wanted to clarify if the law enforcement officer who wrote the ticket can veto the ruling for the defendant to participate in the program. Mr. Feinmel stated they cannot veto the ruling. Mr. Cooper expressed his appreciation for the program and feels it will be a great benefit for residents. Ms. Roundtree asked if this program will be available to juvenile defendants. Mr. Feinmel stated the discussion was had but did not feel juveniles and adults should be mixed into the same program.

Mr. Schmitt thanked Mr. Feinmel and Chief Baynard for their thoughtfulness in acting on this grant to implement the program.

### **CVTA Update**

Sean Davis, Chairman of the Hanover County Board of Supervisors and current Chair of Central Virginia Transportation Authority (CVTA), thanked the Manager and the Board for the opportunity to present the inaugural Frank J. Thornton award to the Board of Supervisors on behalf of CVTA.

Mr. Davis recognized Chet Parson, Executive Director of CVTA, who gave the Board a brief update. Mr. Parson explained the CVTA is comprised of the counties of Hanover, Goochland, Powhatan, Chesterfield, Henrico, New Kent, and Charles City, the Town of Ashland, and the City of Richmond.

Mr. Nelson thanked CVTA for all the great benefits and opportunities it has provided the County. He also thanked the leadership of Terrell Hughes, Director of Public Works, and Todd Eure, Assistant Director of Public Works, for all their efforts with CVTA.

The Manager thanked Mr. Davis and Hanover County for agreeing to assist the Division of Fire on Friday, December 6, for a memorial service. Mr. Davis offered his deepest condolences to the family and to the Division of Fire family.

### **Recognition of Henrico's Assistance with National Disaster Response – Public Safety Employees**

Mr. Vithoukas recognized the members of the Virginia Task Force 2 and Central Virginia Incident Management team and Jackson Baynard, Chief of the Division of Fire, who would give the Board an overview of the assistance offered. In total, Henrico deployed 22 individuals in response to Hurricane Helene, Hurricane Milton, and one wildfire. These deployments started on September 24 and ended on November 10. These deployments were some of the longest and more complex situations that our people have responded to. It is also important to recognize the support the families back at home provided as these folks were gone for an extended period of time.

Virginia Task Force 2, based in Virginia Beach, serves as one of the 28 Urban Search & Rescue Teams strategically placed across the United States. The Division of Fire is honored to have 11 personnel assigned to this team.

The most recent deployment of the team was one of historical and emotional significance. The three-week deployment covered the response for both Hurricane Helene and Hurricane

Milton. The participating jurisdictions of Virginia Task Force 2 came together to roster an 80-person Type-1 team and a 17-person Water Response Team. Operation areas included the Florida cities of Tampa Bay, Orlando, and Sarasota as well as Mitchell County, N.C. The team evaluated over 9,000 structures for damage, searched 40 miles of rivers for survivors, addressed 15 hazmat incidents, and assisted with the establishment of an emergency pharmacy. The operations for Mitchell County were particularly heartfelt for the responders. Task Force personnel interacted with citizens who lost everything but experienced the grace of human nature.

The Central Virginia MIT is one of four Type 3 Incident Management Teams in the State. These teams are available to deploy around the State and out of State on EMAC requests. There are 120 members on Central Virginia MIT, and Henrico makes up 33% of the team.

Chief Baynard detailed the Task Force for Southwest Virginia. Grayson County has over 400 square miles, and during the height of the storm access was cut off to half of the County. The County also lost power, phone lines, and cell service for the entire County. The mission for the Task Force was to help Grayson County develop a plan to deploy resources throughout the County and make access to areas that were inaccessible. During the damage assessment portion, it was determined that the damage in Damascus was so severe that a response needed to be established just for the Town of Damascus. The mission in Damascus was to assist with basic community lifelines for the town – food, water, sanitation, as well as overseeing the police and fire departments with mutual aid resources.

The mission of the Task Force sent to Buncombe County, N.C. was to work with FDNY's IMT and be responsible for community lifeline. Chief Baynard explained at various points Henrico staff was managing 850 resources. In Haywood County, N.C., the mission was to assist with transitioning from response phase to the recovery phase of the incident.

Chief Baynard continued explaining the Mission for Yancey County, N.C. was to oversee the running of a shelter which housed approximately 150 victims of Helene.

The assistance offered for the Connecticut wildfires was to assist the FDNY in planning section developing plans and tracking resources for all the wildfires that were occurring in the state.

The individuals that were deployed are:

- Bryan Miers
- Michele Cosel
- Christian Kidd
- Craig Collins
- Michael Roth
- Doug Pyne
- Amanda O'Neil
- Jasmine Walls
- Joe Farmer
- Jonathan Lowery
- Mark Cumashot
- Scott Kincaid
- Bruce Ivey

- Mike Basset
- DJ Jennings
- Jay Hudnall
- Mike Nolte
- Duke Cuneo
- JJ Leach

Chief Baynard thanked all the members of the Task Force and the Board and Manager for the recognition.

Ms. Roundtree thanked Chief Baynard for sharing all the details and showing true emotions for what was happening in each of the counties. She stated the Board is very proud to know our individuals lead with heart. Mr. Cooper echoed the comments of Ms. Roundtree and thanked each member for all the sacrifice and dedication they showed during this difficult time for each community. Mr. Rogish thanked all the members and know what a true effort this was for all the members. Mr. Nelson thanked each member for all they do for the County and for our residents and for communities during difficult times. Mr. Schmitt offered his thanks and noted this job is not easy and appreciates everything they do on a daily basis.

**Closed Meeting**

On motion of Ms. Roundtree, seconded by Mr. Rogish, the Board approved going into a closed meeting at 5:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

Consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice concerning potential regional utility agreements, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(8).

The vote of the Board was as follows:

<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Tyrone E. Nelson	
Daniel J. Schmitt	
Roscoe D. Cooper, III	
Jody K. Rogish	
Misty D. Roundtree	

On motion of Ms. Roundtree, seconded by Mr. Cooper, and by unanimous vote, the Board approved going out of the closed meeting at 5:28 p.m.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Tyrone E. Nelson	
Daniel J. Schmitt	
Roscoe D. Cooper, III	
Jody K. Rogish	
Misty D. Roundtree	

On motion of Mr. Schmitt, seconded by Mr. Rogish, and by unanimous vote, the Board approved the attached Certificate of Closed Meeting.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

Aye  
Tyrone E. Nelson  
Daniel J. Schmitt  
Roscoe D. Cooper, III  
Jody K. Rogish  
Misty D. Roundtree

Nay

Mr. Vithoukas briefly reviewed the agenda items for the 6:00 p.m. meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

  
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Chair, Board of Supervisors  
Henrico County, Virginia