COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL MEETING June 11, 2025

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special joint meeting with the Hanover Board of Supervisors at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at the Henrico County Sports & Events Center, 1 All Star Blvd., Glen Allen, Virginia 23059.

Members of the Board Present:

Daniel J. Schmitt, Chair, Brookland District Roscoe D. Cooper, III, Vice-Chair, Fairfield District Misty D. Roundtree, Three Chopt District Jody K. Rogish, Tuckahoe District Tyrone E. Nelson, Varina District

Members of the Hanover Board Present:

F. Michael Herzberg, IV, Chairman, Cold Harbor District Sean M. Davis, Vice Chairman, Henry District Faye O. Prichard, Ashland District Jeff S. Stoneman, Beaverdam District Danielle Grieshaber Floyd, Chickahominy District Ryan M. Hudson, Mechanicsville District Susan P. Dibble, South Anna District

Other Officials Present:

John A. Vithoulkas, County Manager John A. Budesky, County Administrator, Hanover County Andrew R. Newby, County Attorney Dennis Walter, County Attorney, Hanover County Tanya N. Brackett, CMC, Assistant to the County Manager/Clerk to the Board Lisa McGee, Clerk to the Board, Hanover County Bentley Chan, Director of Department of Public Utilities Matt Longshore, Director, Department of Public Utilities, Hanover County 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 Todd Kilduff, Deputy County Administrator, Hanover County Steven J. Yob, Deputy County Manager for Community Operations Benjamen A. Sheppard, Director of Public Relations Kristin Smith Dunlop, Director of Communications & Community Engagement, Hanover County

Mr. Schmitt welcomed everyone and the Hanover Board to the joint meeting.

Roscoe D. Cooper, III, Vice Chair of the Henrico County Board of Supervisors, delivered the invocation.

Mr. Schmitt welcomed members of the media who were present for the meeting.

Mr. Herzberg thanked the Board of Supervisors for hosting the meeting, and noted Hanover is looking forward to the presentations and discussion.

Mr. Vithoulkas reminded everyone of the strong history of regional collaboration. He expressed his personal thanks to the County Administrator for Hanover and noted the great working relationship they share.

Mr. Budesky thanked Mr. Vithoulkas for his kind words and looked forward to collaborating for a strong regional water system for local residents.

Mr. Budesky recognized Matt Longshore, Director of Public Utilities for Hanover, who gave a presentation on Hanover's public water system.

Next, Bentley Chan, Director of Public Utilities for Henrico, gave a presentation on Henrico's public water system.

Mr. Schmitt thanked the directors for the information. Mrs. Roundtree asked Mr. Chan for clarity on the water production capabilities in Henrico. Mr. Nelson questioned the terms of each agreement with the City.

Mr. Nelson noted Henrico will need to make some decisions on whether we will continue our contract with the City of Richmond and asked for clarification on whether we will be sharing water with Hanover. Mr. Chan noted, based on research and information in looking into a new Henrico water supply, Henrico would be able to supply Hanover with water.

Mr. Schmitt asked about the amount of water that Henrico would be able to distribute from west to east following the improvements presented by Mr. Chan. He also asked the cost and timeline for the project and whether it could serve the city, in addition to Hanover.

Mr. Davis provided information on the negotiation of the contract between Hanover and the City.

Mr. Hudson asked about the ability to switch between different water sources during a disruption.

Mr. Stoneman asked whether the long-range projections included anticipated demand from new data centers.

Mr. Schmitt asked about Henrico's current water use. There was further discussion from Mr. Schmitt regarding the capacities for west to east.

Mr. Budesky discussed the possibility of Hanover being supplied water by Henrico. The plan is to come back to both Boards with recommendations and long-term solutions and agreement, but feels the Boards are working together and moving swiftly.

Next, Chris Pomeroy, an attorney with the law firm of AquaLaw, gave a presentation on recent challenges in the City's provision of water and the response from the Virginia Department of Health. He also presented the reasons for regional collaboration, the various different opportunities for collaboration that are legally available, and examples of collaboration from around the Commonwealth.

Mr. Davis asked about the criteria for issuing a boil water advisory.

Mrs. Roundtree asked Mr. Pomeroy for any concerns or recommendations for forming a regional water authority.

Mr. Schmitt shared his vision for a resilient and redundant public water system for the region, particularly the ability of Henrico to distribute water from west to east.

Mr. Vithoulkas shared his intent to continue discussion with regional partners and bring back recommendations by the end of the year.

Mr. Budesky agreed and noted the urgency of addressing the issue of reliable public water service.

Mr. Davis stated his belief that regional oversight could help address the problems and noted the success of previous regional initiatives. He feels there is no need to reinvent the wheel but wants to make sure our partners in the City of Richmond know the importance of having a regional body and collaborating. Mr. Davis noted the second option would be to partner with Henrico County on getting water from Henrico to Hanover.

Mr. Hudson echoed Mr. Davis's comments because all his constituents are affected when there are issues with the City. He thanked staff and both boards and agreed this needs to be addressed sooner than later.

Ms. Dibble thanked everyone and agreed our relationships in the region are strong, especially with Henrico. She echoed Mr. Davis's comments and stated Hanover was very vulnerable in the water crisis.

Ms. Floyd noted her happiness to have the two Boards together to tackle the issue and believes we need an oversight commission.

Mr. Herzberg stated regional collaboration is important and we have seen the success in roads and in transportation of the Central Virginia Transportation Authority. He stated Hanover wants to see the City's plant successful and make sure the city has good clean water.

Mr. Rogish spoke in support of a regional oversight body and building Henrico's infrastructure to increase resiliency.

Mrs. Roundtree agreed the need for something sooner rather than later and wanted to make sure everyone knows we are united and there are mutual benefits to us all working together. She is fully in support of a regional authority and feels it gives us the widest range of tools to take action.

Mr. Nelson agreed that the region works well together and noted several regional collaborations that are working well and getting things done throughout the region. Mr. Nelson expressed concerns about the reliance of residents in the Varina district on water from the City. He stated we want the City's water treatment plant to be successful. Mr. Nelson shared in the long-term Henrico needs to do whatever we can to make sure our residents will never have to go through the loss of water again.

Mr. Cooper thanked everyone for the presentations and thanked Hanover for their willingness to meet. He expressed his support for offering regional assistance to the city and investing to ensure water can be reliably delivered to residents in the County.

Mr. Schmitt thanked everyone who put in the time to be here today. He noted the need to continue discussions with the other regional partners and keep the urgency on this issue.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Chair, Board of Supervisors Henrico County, Virginia 101-25 REZ-2024-102145 Three Chopt Schell Brothers: Request to conditionally rezone from A-1 Agricultural District to R-5AC General Residence District (Conditional) Parcel 739-770-1325 containing 9.01 acres located at the northeast intersection of Pouncey Tract Road (State Route 271) and Shady Grove Road. The applicant proposes a single-family residential development. The use will be controlled by zoning ordinance regulations and proffered conditions. The 2026 Comprehensive Plan recommends Urban Residential. Acting on a motion by Mr. Shippee, seconded by Mr. Mackey, the Planning Commission voted 5-0 (one absent) to recommend the Board of Supervisors grant the request because it would permit development of the land for residential use in an appropriate manner and continues a form of zoning consistent with the area. (Deferred from the June 10, 2025, meeting; Withdrawn by Applicant.)

176-25 REZ-2025-100474 Varina Godsey Properties Inc: Request to conditionally rezone from R-5AC General Residence District (Conditional) to RTHC Residential Townhouse District (Conditional) part of Parcel 836-713-7564 containing 15.65 acres located on the east line of Dry Bridge Road approximately 220' south of Old Williamsburg Road. The applicant proposes a townhouse development. The uses will be controlled by zoning ordinance regulations and proffered conditions. The 2026 Comprehensive Plan recommends Commercial Concentration and Urban Residential. The site is located in the Airport Safety Overlay District. Acting on a motion by Mr. Mackey, seconded by Mr. Winterhoff, the Planning Commission voted 5-0 (one abstention) to recommend the Board of Supervisors grant the request because it continues a form of zoning consistent with the area and the proffered conditions should minimize the potential impacts on surrounding land uses.