COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL MEETING October 14, 2025

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting at 3:45 p.m. on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 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:

Daniel J. Schmitt, Chair, Brookland District Roscoe D. Cooper, III, Vice-Chair, Fairfield District Jody K. Rogish, Tuckahoe District Misty D. Roundtree, Three Chopt District Tyrone E. Nelson, Varina 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
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. Vithoulkas announced the first item recognizing Marvin L. Harris had been moved to the November 12 meeting.

Update on St. Luke Apartments

Mike Feinmel, Deputy County Manager for Public Safety, gave the Board an update on St. Luke Apartments. He reviewed the current structure and the current owners, noting in September of 2019, St. Luke Apartments, LLC and Henrico County entered into a MOU concerning the care of the apartments.

Mr. Feinmel explained staff are currently working on an addendum to the MOU for a possible transfer to Envolve Communities. Mr. Feinmel reviewed possible security upgrades and other improvements to the apartments, including new programs. Mr. Cooper voiced concerns about the apartments not having an off-duty officer at the site for security. There was further discussion between the Board and Mr. Feinmel, and he noted he will keep the Board updated on the status.

Review and Update of Cumberland County Agreement

Bentley Chan, Director of Public Utilities, provided an update on Cobbs Creek and a 2011 draft agreement with Cumberland County.

Mr. Chan reviewed the proposed agreement with Cumberland to allow them to withdraw up to seven million gallons per day of raw water from the Reservoir at rates to be reviewed annually. Mr. Vithoulkas clarified he has been in conversation with the Cumberland County administrator about the draft agreement. Mr. Cooper asked about the timeframe. Mr. Vithoulkas explained there is no set timeframe in mind. Mr. Chan clarified for Mr. Rogish the amount of water being withdrawn.

Animal Cruelty Register

Todd Alvis, Deputy Chief of Police for Field Operations, introduced the team who has been working on the proposed ordinance: Dylan McAuley with the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office; Captain Geoff Greene with the Animal Protection Unit; Sara Maynard, Assistant County Attorney; Shannon Taylor, Commonwealth's Attorney; and Chief English. Deputy Chief Alvis explained Henrico would be the first in the Commonwealth with an animal cruelty registry to publish the names of certain offenders on the County's website.

Mr. McAuley reviewed how the registry would work. Mr. Rogish questioned if Henrico will add individuals from other localities and if there will be a statewide or regional site. Ms. Maynard explained the way the Code works we can only add people from Henrico County to the registry. Mr. McAuley explained he has spoken with his counterparts in Richmond and Chesterfield, and they are all interested in having a registry but are waiting to see how Henrico does it.

Deputy Chief Alvis responded to concerns from Mrs. Roundtree regarding whether juvenile offenders would be listed, and he noted they would not. Mrs. Roundtree also questioned whether the Board could limit the registry to those convicted after the enactment of the ordinance. Mr. Newby confirmed the Board could approve that limit in its discretion, but staff proposed including all those convicted after July 1, 2024.

Federal Government Shutdown Impacts

Sheila Minor, Director of Finance, gave the Board an update on the impact of the federal government shutdown on the County. Ms. Minor reviewed the local programs that currently receive federal funding, including the National Food Insurance Program (NFIP) and USDA School Lunch and Breakfast. She explained state funds will sustain these programs in the short-term. Mrs. Roundtree questioned what happens to these programs if the shutdown lasts longer than October. Gretchen Brown, Director of the Department of Social Services, stated she spoke with the CFO for the State and feels they have enough in the reserve to cover the funding. Mrs. Roundtree also voiced concerns about special education funding. Ms. Minor explained they have funding through 2026.

The Board also voiced concerns about residents who are federal employees and whether the County has anything in place to assist. Mr. Vithoulkas explained during the last federal shutdown it was less than 1,000 employees total throughout the County and believes it is a small number of residents who are impacted. Mr. Cooper thanked staff for being ahead of the issues and making sure the County is in a good position. Mr. Vithoulkas informed the Board they will keep them informed and updated on any impact it may have.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Chair, Board of Supervisors Henrico County, Virginia