

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
February 10, 2026

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting at 3:15 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, 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:

Roscoe D. Cooper, III, Chair, Fairfield District
Misty D. Roundtree, Vice-Chair, Three Chopt District
Daniel J. Schmitt, Brookland District
Jody K. Rogish, Tuckahoe District
Tyrone E. Nelson, Varina 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
Steven J. Yob, Deputy County Manager for Community Operations
Benjamin A. Sheppard, Director of Public Relations

Prior to the start of the Work Session, Mr. Vithoukas took a brief moment to recognize Julie Smith, Custodial Maintenance Worker IV. Julie has been employed by the County for more than 14 years. During Winter Storm Fern, when Henrico experienced severe inclement weather, Julie demonstrated remarkable dedication by walking over 12 miles to work to ensure she was present and able to fulfill her responsibilities.

Mr. Vithoukas announced that Julie exceeded expectations by maintaining her daily responsibilities while simultaneously taking on additional tasks to support multiple County agencies throughout the duration of the storm. This level of dedication is rare and speaks volumes about Julie's character, sense of responsibility, and loyalty, not only to her team, but to the County as a whole. He announced the Board of Supervisors allows for the County Manager to offer spot bonuses to employees who do exceptional work, and in this case, he was proud to present Julie with a spot bonus and thank her for her continued commitment and service to the County and our residents. Julie thanked the Manager and the Board and noted walking for her is a way of relaxing. She said coming to work and being around positive people makes her happy. With the GRTC bus transportation down due to the storm, she decided to walk. The Board thanked Julie for her service.

Virginia250 Update

John Zannino, Director of Recreation and Parks, thanked the Board for an opportunity to update them on Virginia250. He recognized Julian Charity, Assistant Director, who gave the

Board an overview of the events planned. Mr. Charity announced his excitement for the upcoming celebrations which the County will recognize over two days on July 3 and 4.

Mr. Charity reviewed the video packages that will be shared throughout the event. He requested the Board and the Manager to make videos sharing their thoughts what it means to be American citizens. Mr. Charity stated the event will kick-off on July 3 at Dorey Park with gates opening at 5:00 p.m. and lasting until 10:00 p.m. On Saturday, July 4 events will kick-off at Crump Park from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. He then shared a commercial promoting the events that will air over the next two weeks during the Olympics. The Board shared their enthusiasm regarding the events.

Drainage Projects

Terrell Hughes, Director of Public Works (DPW), recognized Michael Aust, Division Director for Design, who updated the Board on drainage projects. In 2024, DPW saw more drainage issues and began receiving many calls and complaints. DPW began adding projects to the list to address drainage issues but had no dedicated funding source for the projects. He reviewed how the County began allocating funding to help with the drainage concerns. He shared several updates on current projects and the several properties the County has acquired from residents who are in flood plain areas and had multiple flooding concerns.

Mr. Aust gave a look ahead at the projects they are currently tackling and why it is important to the County. Mr. Vithoukas explained the reason this effort came forward was thanks to a field trip our Deputy County Manager for Community Operations, Steve Yob, took to North Carolina to see how they were handling similar concerns. Since this opportunity, the County has begun acquiring properties with severe flooding concerns.

The Manager then requested Sheila Minor, Director of Finance, to give the Board a brief update on real estate assessments that are currently in the mail. Ms. Minor noted a 1.8% increase in residential home assessments, a 5% increase in apartment community assessments, a 2% increase in shopping centers assessments, and a 9% deduction in office assessments.

Winter Storm Update

Mr. Vithoukas asked Mr. Hughes to review the recent storm response. Mr. Hughes explained we have not seen a storm like this in almost 30 years. He explained the County's preparations leading up to the storm, as the forecast continued to drastically change. He then explained the timeline of events as the storm unfolded. He noted the types of equipment and personnel deployed to address County roads during the first two days of the storm before the remaining roads became covered in compacted ice. That ice coverage and persistently low temperatures severely limited the County's ability to clear the remaining roads.

Next, Mr. Sheppard explained Public Relations' main goal was to communicate as much as possible with our residents to keep them informed about the storm. He thanked the Board for re-sharing the posts on social media to get them out to more residents. Mr. Schmitt noted this was by far the best communication he has seen in eight years and appreciated the constant updates.

At the request of Mr. Schmitt, Mr. Yob explained that the County has 3,600 miles of roads to clear and maintain. Mr. Schmitt thanked Public Works and all the efforts they put into handling the storm. Mr. Hughes explained they had about 44% of the roads cleared on the first day after the storm.

Mrs. Roundtree asked about the review the County will undertake of storm response. The Manager noted the County is always looking for ways to improve and will conduct a debrief on improvements that can be made to the storm response.

Mr. Cooper expressed appreciation to Deputy County Manager Monica Smith-Callahan, who helped stranded seniors obtain food during the storm. Mrs. Smith-Callahan thanked 911 for their help in screening the calls to ensure the residents who were calling were definitely in need of help. The Board discussed concerns about the inability of residents to receive mail from the U.S. Postal Service. Staff indicated they would obtain contact information for the local post offices for future incidents.

On motion of Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Rogish, the Board approved going into a closed meeting at 4:57 p.m.:

Consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice concerning proposed legislation affecting the County, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(8) of the Code of Virginia.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

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

****Mrs. Roundtree and Mr. Nelson briefly exited the meeting prior to the vote to go into closed session and returned shortly after the closed session began.**

On motion of Mrs. Roundtree, seconded by Mr. Schmitt, and by unanimous vote, the Board approved going out of the closed meeting at 5:36 p.m.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

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

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

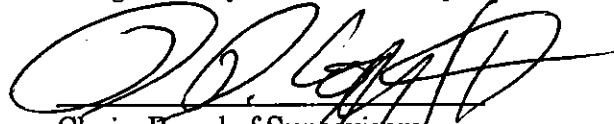
The vote of the Board was as follows:

Aye

Roscoe D. Cooper, III
Misty D. Roundtree
Daniel J. Schmitt
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Nay

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.



Chair, Board of Supervisors
Henrico County, Virginia