

**County of Henrico, Virginia
Board of Supervisors
Special Meeting
February 24, 2026**

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting at 4:15 p.m. on Tuesday, February 24, 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. Vithoukias, 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 Knockemus, Assistant Director of Public Relations

Department of Planning Trends Update

Joe Emerson, Director of Planning, gave the Board an update on the development trends staff have observed this past year. Mr. Emerson shared several graphs showing the rezoning cases and provisional use permits by fiscal year, and also the location of approved rezoning cases for fiscal year 2025. He explained that large projects including Arcadia and the expansion of White Oak Technology Park have resulted in higher acreages recorded for greenfield rezonings. Mr. Emerson shared more slides showing residential approvals across the County. Mr. Emerson explained that year to date, we have seen a 6% increase, while there is a decrease in Hanover and Chesterfield.

Mr. Nelson requested a report on the tax base for the County by district. Mr. Newby offered to pull the report together. Mr. Schmitt asked for clarification on the number of hotel rooms because the number presented was different from what Richmond Region Tourism reported. Mr. Emerson explained the number Richmond Region Tourism is reporting including proposed rooms which will be coming on board. Mr. Rogish questioned how buildable lots are identified.

Mr. Emerson responded to a request from Mr. Cooper to provide information about what development might look like for our senior communities in coming years. Mr. Emerson noted he would get this information. Mr. Cooper also wants to ensure homebuyers are not buying homes and then renting them out. Mr. Cooper emphasized the importance of homeownership and communities that are walkable and affordable and suggested we look at what other localities are doing and make sure Henrico is pursuing best practices in these areas.

Prior to the final presentation, Mr. Cooper noted there were three students present at the meeting who are participating in Student Government Day on March 4: Michale Lancaster, who will be shadowing Mr. Cooper and is currently a 12th grader at Henrico High attending Old Dominion University in the fall; Isha Singh, who will be shadowing Mrs. Roundtree, is a senior at Deep Run High School and will be attending VCU in the fall majoring in medicine; and Simone Spasojevich, who will be shadowing Mr. Rogish, is a senior at J. R. Tucker High School and will be attending American University in the fall.

Long-Term Care Facility Overview

Douglas Clevert, Deputy Fire Chief for the Division of Fire, recognized Dr. Jeffrey Ferguson, *Medical Director for the Division*, and Captain Michele Greep with the CARE Team. Dr. Ferguson explained that the County continues to respond to long-term care facilities for low acuity calls for service that could be more appropriately handled by the facilities. Most of the calls are due to staff shortages at the facilities. The calls are for medication changes, minor procedures, and non-emergent lab abnormalities that do not require emergency response by EMS. He noted this problem is bad for patients, in addition to unduly straining EMS resources.

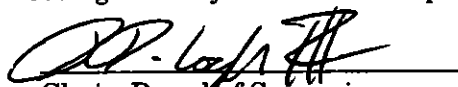
Captain Greep explained that, as the LTC Liaison Outreach Coordinator, her role is to meet and greet with the administrators and directors of the nursing homes, offer in-service education training for the staff, and offer non-emergent medical transport alternatives. The challenge is the constant turnover with staff in these facilities and having to repeat meetings for new hires. There are currently no consequences for misuse of 911.

Captain Greep explained that Governor Youngkin established a Nursing Home Oversight Committee with 24 members. They had four meetings, and their focus was on poor care, inspector vacancy, and delayed complaint investigations. The Committee submitted their final report and recommendations on January 20.

Mr. Vithoukas clarified the presentation was to show the Board the problem we are currently seeing and the impact it is having on our first responders. Mr. Vithoukas explained he was looking for feedback on the presentation. Mrs. Roundtree asked if this was causing the County to lose staff to other localities. Dr. Ferguson stated this is definitely having an impact on our turnover rates. Mr. Rogish asked for clarification on the request from staff. Chief Clevert explained they wanted better accountability for these facilities and to offer training to the staff to handle basic care. Mr. Schmitt asked whether nursing homes could be held accountable for low acuity calls. Mr. Vithoukas requested the Board give staff time to look at options.

The Board recessed at 5:34 p.m. and reconvened at 5:45 p.m. Terrell Hughes, Director of Public Works, gave the Board an update on pothole repairs throughout the County. He noted they have made some repairs to VDOT roads due to the response and encouraged the Board to let the community know how they can respond to pothole repairs throughout the County.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.


Chair, Board of Supervisors
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