

**County of Henrico, Virginia
Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
September 22, 2026**

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room, Administration Building, Henrico County Government Center, Parham and Hungary Spring Roads, Henrico County, 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. Vithoulikas, County Manager
Andrew R. Newby, County Attorney
Tanya N. Brackett, CMC, Assistant to the County Manager/Clerk to the Board
W. Brandon Hinton, Deputy County Manager for Administration
Steven J. Yob, Deputy County Manager for Community Operations
Ben Sheppard, Director of Communications

Steve Boots, Chaplain for the Henrico County Police Division, offered the invocation.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Rogish, the Board approved the minutes of the September 8, 2026, Regular and Special Meetings.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

Yes: Cooper, Roundtree, Schmitt, Rogish, Nelson

No: None

Recognition of News Media

There was no media present for the meeting.

Manager's Comments

Mr. Vithoulikas shared that September 15 - October 15, 2026, is recognized nationally as Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month, and Henrico County joins communities across the country in celebration. Here in Henrico County, we are grateful for the Hispanic and Latino residents, leaders, organizations, and families who help strengthen and enrich our community each day. Their traditions, perspectives, and contributions continue to make Henrico a more welcoming, vibrant, and connected place for all.

Mr. Vithoulkas recognized Yuriko Ota, owner and founder of Silk and Sol, LLC, and one of the alumni of My Henrico Academy.

Yuriko Ota thanked the Board for the opportunity to recognize Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month. This month celebrates the incredible diversity within Hispanic and Latino communities. She noted this recognition is deeply personal as a Peruvian, and her culture has shaped everything: her values, the passion for food and entrepreneurship, and her commitment to bringing people together. Through her business and cultural events like PeruFest RVA, she has seen how powerful it is when people can share their heritage and feel that their culture is genuinely welcomed. Ms. Ota shared how grateful she is to be a part of the Henrico community. My Henrico Academy was a transformative experience because it helped her understand the County more deeply, build meaningful relationships, and recognize how important it is for residents from every background to have a voice at the table. She thanked everyone for this moment to honor their stories and the many contributions of Hispanic and Latino communities.

Mr. Vithoulkas recognized Deputy Chief Scott Sutton of the Division of Fire, who oversees the Fire Marshal's Office. The Manager recapped the events that occurred on Saturday, July 4, when our Emergency Communications staff received the first call from an automatic alarm system at Darby House Apartments. Additional calls came in quickly, reporting that there was an active, heavy fire at the four-story-tall apartments, including on the roof.

Mr. Vithoulkas noted this was a historic fire unlike anything he had seen during his tenure with Henrico County. He noted he witnessed dozens of public safety employees doing what they do: risking their own lives to save the lives of others, providing selfless public service without hesitation.

Deputy Chief Sutton provided perspective on the role of the Fire Marshal's Office in investigating fires. He noted his personnel have returned to the property five separate times, including two visits that were essentially full-day operations. At one visit, they were able to recover the building's digital video recording system, and this has become a significant part of the investigation. To date, they have conducted 12 interviews. As the investigation progressed, investigators obtained a search warrant for a specific apartment, recovered and processed evidence, and obtained a separate court order for financial records. He thanked the Police Division for their work in helping with forensic examination of evidence, including fingerprinting and DNA processing.

Chief Sutton stated at Darby House Apartments, they are still in the final stages of additional interviews to complete before they are prepared to definitely state the cause of the fire. He noted their goal is not to provide the fastest answers, but their responsibility is to provide the most accurate answer that can be supported by the totality of the evidence. Not having an immediate answer does not mean an investigation is not progressing. In a complex case, it often means investigators are doing the work necessary before reaching a conclusion. He recognized the many families who have lost access to their homes and valuable items such as medication, important documents, and pets. During the past weeks, the Fire Marshal's Office has become the connection between the Fire Division and the people trying to recover from what has happened.

Chief Sutton then shared similar insights into the intense efforts of the Fire Marshal's Office in responding to and investigating the SwimRVA fire that occurred during the early morning

hours of July 7, 2026. He noted the time and commitment demonstrated by his staff to gather and review all of the evidence before making a determination on the cause of the fire.

He thanked the Manager and the Board for the opportunity to share.

Board of Supervisors' Comments

Mr. Schmitt wished Mrs. Glover a very Happy 90th Birthday and many more.

Mr. Nelson took a moment to highlight a new County initiative, "Rebuild Henrico," which is designed to focus reinvestment in community facilities, infrastructure, commercial corridors, and more. Earlier today, the initiative was launched at a press conference announcing the County's purchase of a pair of blighted commercial properties on Williamsburg Road-the Bowl America property and the All-Days Inn.

These properties had fallen into disuse and disrepair and had become infamous among surrounding residents and businesses. They were frequent trouble spots for Henrico Police and for County inspectors, with more than 700 calls for service. They were eyesores for the neighboring community and for our region as well. Mr. Nelson noted that Williamsburg Road has long been known as the "front door" to Richmond International Airport and Sandston.

Now, these properties will be razed, cleared, and marketed as prime opportunities for redevelopment. He stated it is his hope that other property owners and investors will see similar opportunities along the Williamsburg Road corridor and will work with the County to help position this area for the future. He noted he was grateful to have strong partners, like the Henrico EDA and Richmond International Airport, for the work that's ahead. He thanked his colleagues on the Board of Supervisors, the County Manager, and the EDA for recognizing the needs of this community and for taking action to address them. He also thanked Dr. Perry Miller of Richmond International Airport for his key partnership in this effort. He expressed his excitement about today's launch of "Rebuild Henrico," and he looks forward to having more conversations with our residents and business owners as we plan our next steps.

Agenda Item Presentations

Proclamation - Fire Prevention Week - October 4 - 10, 2026.

Mr. Schmitt presented a proclamation recognizing October 4 - 10, 2026, as Fire Prevention Week. Accepting the proclamation was Doug Clevert, Chief for the Division of Fire; joining him were Deputy Chief Scott Sutton and Assistant Chief Dan Cramer. Chief Clevert thanked the Manager and the Board for their continued support for all public safety not just Fire.

Proclamation - Active Aging Week - October 5 - 11, 2026.

Mr. Rogish presented a proclamation recognizing October 5 - 11, 2026, as Active Aging Week. Accepting the proclamation was Jelisa Turner, Director for Outreach & Community Engagement. Ms. Turner thanked the Board and the Manager for this recognition on behalf of Outreach &

Engagement and Recreation & Parks. She highlighted the many events they will be offering during the week and noted they will be celebrating 17 of our centenarians at the Springs Recreation Center.

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Public Hearing Item</u>
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204-26	Resolution - Amendments to FY 2026-27 Annual Fiscal Plan - September 2026.
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No one from the public spoke in opposition to this item.

On motion of Mr. Schmitt, seconded by Mr. Nelson, and by unanimous vote, the Board approved this item – see attached resolution.

Mr. Cooper recognized an Eagle Scout in the audience and invited him to the podium. Ollie Paige stated he was in attendance for his citizenship in the community merit badge.

Public Comments

Anthony Whitlock gave the Board information on the non-profit Resources for Independent Living, Inc. and requested the County support initiatives for individuals with disabilities.

Richard Gladfelter, a resident of the Brookland District, requested the Board create an ordinance regarding high hedges and bushes in neighborhoods.

Andrea Bade, a resident of the Brookland District, requested the County voice opposition regarding the NextEra and Dominion Energy merger.

Linda Steenrod, a resident of the Brookland District, thanked the Board for the sidewalks on Staples Mill Road.

Thomas Watson, a resident of the Tuckahoe District, spoke via Webex and requested the Board not allow Amazon to have drone deliveries and asked if the County can investigate adding plantings in the medians of Patterson Avenue.

Charles Sledge, a resident of the Varina District, requested the Board look into reducing the speed on Midview Road.

Meredith Kozera, Courtney Dare, and Jessica Harrison, residents of the Three Chopt District, voiced concerns about the proposed data centers in Goochland County and asked the County to help.

Aria Sears, a resident of the Varina District, voiced concerns about Flock cameras.

John Martin Owens, a resident of the Brookland District, requested the Board remove the debris from the stream in his neighborhood.

Jen Butler, a resident of the Three Chopt District, voiced concerns about the Dominion transmission line proposed near Tuckahoe Creek.

Agenda Item **General Agenda**

205-26 Resolution - Authorization to Submit Application - Virginia Stormwater Local Assistance Fund - Fairfield District.

On motion of Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Nelson, and by unanimous vote, the Board approved this item – see attached resolution.

206-26 Resolution - Acceptance of Road - Brookland District.

On motion of Mr. Schmitt, seconded by Mr. Rogish, and by unanimous vote, the Board approved this item – see attached resolution.

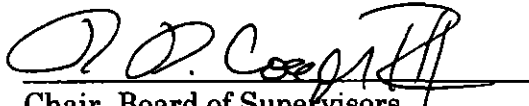
Mrs. Roundtree thanked Chief Deputy Sutton for his detailed reports on the two fires. She praised his presentation as showing due process and that the process could be trusted and relied upon. She noted her respect for the Fire Marshal's Office.

Mr. Rogish encouraged residents concerned about data centers to reach out to their state representatives and noted an upcoming meeting at Benedictine on October 4th from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. hosted by the supervisor for that area in Goochland County.

Mr. Schmitt recognized Mr. Whitlock, who had spoken earlier during Public Comments and noted they were stuck in an elevator for over 45 minutes together two weeks ago. He noted it was a pleasure to see him.

Mr. Nelson noted this is the first time in 15 years he has been on the Board that every member except for the Chair has made a comment at the end of the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.


Chair, Board of Supervisors
Henrico County, Virginia