

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
July 12, 2022

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, 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:

Patricia S. O'Bannon, Chairman, Tuckahoe District
Frank J. Thornton, Vice-Chairman, Fairfield District
Thomas M. Branin, Three Chopt District
Tyrone E. Nelson, Varina District
Daniel J. Schmitt, Brookland 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
W. Brandon Hinton, Deputy County Manager for Administration
Monica Smith-Callahan, Deputy County Manager for Community Affairs
Anthony E. McDowell, Deputy County Manager for Public Safety
Cari M. Tretina, Assistant to the County Manager/Chief of Staff
Benjamin A. Sheppard, Director of Public Relations

Mrs. O'Bannon announced that Mr. Branin was unable to physically attend the meeting in person due to a temporary medical condition. She noted the Board had arranged for Mr. Branin to be heard by all persons in the meeting room and that a quorum was present in the meeting room.

On motion of Mr. Thornton and seconded by Mr. Schmitt, the Board approved Mr. Branin's electronic participation, in accordance with the Board's electronic participation policy.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

Yes: O'Bannon, Thornton, Nelson, Schmitt

No: None

School's Security Update

Dr. Cashwell, School Superintendent gave the Board an update on safety measures for the upcoming school year, with added School Resource Officers (SROs), security cameras, access control systems, vestibule entryways, camera and buzz-in systems, enhanced visitor sign-in, emergency radios, monitored intrusion alarm systems, threat assessment teams, crisis response teams, the handle with care program, anonymous alert, and rapid notification systems.

Mr. Vithoulkas explained that at the July 26 Board meeting the Board will see a budget amendment recommendation of \$5 million for security improvements. He also highlighted the recommendation from the Police Chief to add 10 additional SROs to schools using funding for vacant positions in other departments and without increasing the budget. Major Kimberly Johnson with the Police Division explained the SRO program and specialized training standards for officers in the program.

Mr. Nelson wanted to ensure the SROs will be trained appropriately and that we are not adding SROs to schools that already have an adequate number of officers. Mr. Schmitt echoed Mr. Nelson's concerns and stated he was in support of the funding. Mr. Branin noted the same concerns as Mr. Nelson and wanted additional information on the training of SROs. Major Johnson confirmed the training of the SROs is 40 hours of basic SRO training and additional specialized training. Mr. Branin asked what the SRO officers do in the summer when school is not in session. Chief English stated most of the Officers participate in the PAL program or help with summer school.

Community Outreach to Name the Animal Adoption Center

Ben Sheppard, Director of Public Relations, updated the Board on the campaign to help name the Animal Adoption Center. There is a website that has been established: nametheshelter.com. Residents will have two weeks beginning in August to submit name suggestions for the adoption center with voting to begin in September for one week. Mr. Sheppard explained they have received several names already for the center, and it has sparked a lot of interest.

EDA Update & Closed Session

Anthony Romanello, Executive Director of the Economic Development Authority, gave the Board an update on the Authority's work. He praised the Board's actions in reducing tax rates and explained how revenues and private investment are up during that same time period. He shared several slides showing the returns from the Henrico's premier data center complex and the many investors that invested with the County in FY 22. Mr. Romanello gave an update on White Oak Technology Park and the expansion planned for the area. He shared a drone video highlighting growth in the park over the past year. He thanked his team and all the hard work and efforts they put forward.

On motion of Mr. Schmitt, seconded by Mr. Nelson, the Board approved a motion to go into a closed meeting Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) & (A)(5) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, for a briefing of the members of the Board and discussion concerning: (1) the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, including possible uses of the property, the value of the property, and process for acquisition of the property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the Board; (2) the expansion of an existing business in Henrico County, including possible new infrastructure and capital investments, where no previous announcement has been made of the business's interest in expanding its facilities; and (3) five prospective businesses, including the nature of the businesses, status of discussions, and possible new infrastructure and capital investments, where no previous announcement has been made of the businesses' interest in locating their facilities in Henrico County.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

Aye

Nay

Absent

Patricia S. O'Bannon
Frank J. Thornton
Thomas M. Branin
Tyrone E. Nelson
Daniel J. Schmitt

On motion of Mr. Schmitt, seconded by Mr. Thornton, the Board approved going out of the closed meeting at 6:22 p.m.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

Aye

Nay

Absent

Patricia S. O'Bannon
Frank J. Thornton
Thomas M. Branin
Tyrone E. Nelson
Daniel J. Schmitt

On motion of Mr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Nelson, the Board approved the attached Certificate of Closed Meeting.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

Aye

Nay

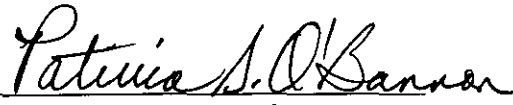
Absent

Patricia S. O'Bannon
Frank J. Thornton
Thomas M. Branin
Tyrone E. Nelson
Daniel J. Schmitt

General Meeting Agenda Overview

The County Manager briefly reviewed the agenda items for the 7:00 p.m. meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.


Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Henrico County, Virginia