

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
August 9, 2022

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 9, 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
Thomas M. Branin, Three Chopt District
Daniel J. Schmitt, Brookland District

Members of the Board Absent:

Frank J. Thornton, Fairfield 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
Monica Smith-Callahan, Deputy County Manager for Community Affairs
W. Brandon Hinton, Deputy County Manager for Administration
Cari M. Tretina, Chief of Staff
Steven J. Yob, Deputy County Manager for Community Operations
Benjamin A. Sheppard, Director of Public Relations

Mr. Vithoulkas introduced Athina Plaka, the new Administrative Assistant for the County Manager's Office.

Detox Center Operating Agreement

Tony McDowell, former Deputy County Manager for Public Safety, presented the Board with information regarding the new Detox Center operation agreement. In 2019, the County launched the Henrico Recovery Roundtable co-chaired by Mr. Nelson and Mr. Branin. In 2020, the Roundtable made several recommendations, including building a center for detox, stabilization, and treatment initiation.

Mr. McDowell explained how the center will fit into the overall recovery ecosystem. The Board appropriated a total of \$12 million for facility construction. The center will be located on 14 acres near the Eastern Government Center, approximately 20,000 square feet to allow 30 patients with six observations beds. The patients will be able to self-refer, be transported by Police or by EMS, referred by a clinic, or as a transition from jail or a local emergency room. All patients will receive a plan for ongoing treatment and support upon discharge.

Mr. McDowell recognized Joshua Bennett, with Moseley Architects, who was present in the audience to respond to any questions from the Board regarding the proposed Architect and Design contract. He also reviewed the proposed health care operator contract, noting the operator (Pinnacle) will perform all the operations of the facility.

Mr. Branin wanted to ensure Mental Health & Developmental Services was comfortable with the arrangements with Pinnacle. Laura Totty, Executive Director of Mental Health & Developmental Services, stated they were very pleased with the arrangements. Mr. Newby confirmed for the Board they were still working through the details regarding the contract and the term limits. The representatives from Pinnacle responded to questions from the Board regarding their experiences and where they had other locations. Mr. McDowell concluded his presentation noting the next steps in the process would be the completion of an operator agreement, with both papers coming to the Board in September.

Sports and Entertainment Authority

Andrew Newby, County Attorney, reviewed the steps necessary to create the Sports and Entertainment Authority of Henrico County, Virginia, as a public body and political subdivision. Mr. Newby reviewed the purposes and powers of the Authority. He stated the Board of the Authority will consist of seven members appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The initial members would include Kayla Coleman from the Economic Development Authority; Vaughan Crawley, Director of Internal Audit; Yvette George, Director of Human Resources; J. Oscar Knott, Purchasing Director; Marielle McFarland, Assistant Director of Recreation & Parks; Sheila Minor, Director of Finance; and Steven J. Yob, Deputy County Manager for Community Operations. The Board only had one concern about the initial Board that there was no attorney listed; Mr. Newby clarified he and Ryan Murphy from his office will be available to the Sports Authority Board to offer counsel at any time. He explained the first meeting upon approval will be September 21. He stated the initial Board's main goal would be to establish the bylaws, policies, meeting schedules, accounting, self-insurance, and initial projects and facilities.

At this point in the presentation, Mr. Newby recognized Dennis Bickmeier, Executive Director of the Sports Authority. Mr. Bickmeier thanked the Board and recognized his staff: Dawn Miller, Michael McCormack, and Jacque Frame. He also recognized Tom Yager, who is working in the office on a part-time basis and has an extensive background in working with NCAA/College Athletic teams. Finally, he recognized their intern, Brian, who is a rising senior at James Madison University. Mr. Bickmeier stated he is excited about the upcoming year and the economic impact that sports tourism will have on the County.

General Meeting Agenda Overview

Mr. Vithoulkas briefly reviewed the agenda items for the 7:00 p.m. meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.



Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Henrico County, Virginia