

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
September 25, 2007

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a Special Meeting on Tuesday, September 25, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. in the County Manager's Conference Room, Administration Building, Henrico County Government Center, Parham and Hungary Spring Roads, Henrico County, Virginia. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. He announced that Mr. Donati would not be at either this meeting or the regular meeting because of a schedule conflict. Those present at the meeting were:

PRESENT

The Honorable David A. Kaechele, Vice-Chairman
The Honorable Richard W. Glover, Brookland District Supervisor
The Honorable Patricia S. O'Bannon, Tuckahoe District Supervisor
The Honorable Frank J. Thornton, Fairfield District Supervisor
Mr. Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E., County Manager
Mr. George T. Drumwright, Jr., Deputy County Manager for Community Services
Ms. Angela N. Harper, FAICP, Deputy County Manager for Special Services
Mr. Harvey L. Hinson, Deputy County Manager for Community Development
Mr. Leon T. Johnson, Deputy County Manager for Administration
Mr. Robert K. Pinkerton, P.E., Deputy County Manager for Community Operations
Mr. Barry R. Lawrence, Assistant to the County Manager/Clerk to the Board
Mr. Joseph P. Rapisarda, Jr., County Attorney
Mrs. Tamra R. McKinney, Director of Public Relations & Media Services
Mr. John A. Vithoukas, Acting Director of Finance
Mr. Edward W. Trice, Revenue Division Director
Ms. Debbie Oxenreider, Senior Business Auditor
Ms. Jeanne Daiger, Secretary, Department of Finance
Mr. Paul N. Proto, Director of General Services

ABSENT

The Honorable James B. Donati, Jr., Chairman

Proposed Ordinance Amendment to Increase
the Income Limit Under the Tax Relief for
the Elderly or Permanently Disabled
Program (REAP)

Mr. Hazelett briefly reviewed the two items on the special meeting agenda. He then recognized Mr. Trice, who narrated a Power Point presentation on the proposed 2008 Real Estate Advantage Program (see enclosed copy). Mr. Trice provided a general overview of the State Code enabling legislation, a brief history of the County's program, historical statistics on the number

of applicants and amount of tax advantage awarded, eligibility and documentation requirements, general profiles of recipients, and a summary of proposed changes to the County ordinance.

During his presentation, Mr. Trice responded to questions from members of the Board regarding income limits for relatives living in the same dwelling as the primary homeowner, whether home mortgages count towards net worth, whether there is a ceiling on the value of the primary residence, how Henrico's program compares with programs in adjoining localities (see enclosed copy of slide added to the presentation), whether the County is going to do a better job in the future of informing citizens about the program, whether staff will make presentations on the program to citizen groups, the program's minimum age level, and the number of households in the County with a resident over the age of 65 actually participating in the program versus the number that is eligible to participate. In response to a question from Mr. Kaechele, Mr. Hazelett advised that the ordinance introduction to increase the program's income limit was an item on the evening's general agenda and would establish a public hearing date of October 23, 2007.

On motion of Mr. O'Bannon, seconded by Glover, the Board approved going into a Closed Meeting at 5:21 p.m. for the following matter:

Consultation with the County Attorney Regarding Specific Legal Matters Requiring the Provision of Legal Advice Pertaining to Granting Cavalier IP TV, LLC the Right and Privilege to Construct, Operate, and Maintain a Cable System Within the County, Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

Aye
David A. Kaechele
Richard W. Glover
Patricia S. O'Bannon
Frank J. Thornton

Nay

Absent
James B. Donati, Jr.

On motion of Mrs. O'Bannon seconded Mr. Thornton, the Board approved going out of the Closed Meeting at 5:41 p.m.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

Aye
David A. Kaechele
Richard W. Glover
Patricia S. O'Bannon
Frank J. Thornton

Nay

Absent
James B. Donati, Jr.

In open session, on motion of Mrs. O'Bannon, seconded by Mr. Thornton, the Board approved the attached Certificate of Closed Meeting.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

Aye
David A. Kaechele
Richard W. Glover
Patricia S. O'Bannon
Frank J. Thornton

Nay

Absent
James B. Donati, Jr.

The Board recessed for dinner at 5:42 p.m. and reconvened at 6:05 p.m.

Mr. Hazelett updated the Board on the Capital Region Airport Commission's (CRAC's) negotiations with a low cost carrier, Skybus Airlines, which was considering moving its operations to either metro Richmond, Virginia or Greensboro, North Carolina from Columbus, Ohio. He advised that CRAC had brought localities and representatives of the local business community together to see if financial incentives could be provided, similar to what was previously done for Air Tran. The incentives being discussed would include financial contributions as well as personal property tax reductions on airplanes. The proposed two-year agreement would bring 300 jobs to the area, two million additional passengers to the airport, and have an estimated annual economic impact of \$300 million.

Mr. Kaechele commented that CRAC officials had met in a closed session earlier in the day to discuss the proposal. It was projected that Skybus would have 30 flights per day out of metro Richmond if Richmond International Airport (RIA) were to become its hub. Mr. Kaechele stated that CRAC Chairman Booty Armstrong was very complimentary of Mr. Hazelett and

other local officials who were working on the proposal. Mr. Kaechele praised Mr. Hazelett's efforts.

Mr. Hazelett pointed out that the Governor's Opportunity Fund would match the incentive payments made by local governments. Mrs. O'Bannon asked whether incentive payments had previously been offered to other air carriers. There was some discussion among Board members and Mr. Hazelett of the airport improvements that would be needed if Skybus were to locate at RIA. He responded to a question from Mrs. O'Bannon about the size of Skybus's planes. There was then some discussion by the Board and Mr. Hazelett of Skybus's flight destinations.

Mr. Hazelett then referred to a letter that members of the Board had recently received from the Virginia Performing Arts Center requesting a meeting. Mr. Hazelett suggested that he and Mr. Donati meet with this group on behalf of the Board. He expressed concern about the County being put in the middle of a debate between the Performing Arts Center and the City of Richmond. Mr. Glover raised the possibility of meeting with representatives of this group during a future Board work session.

Mr. Hazelett advised the Board that he had called Richmond Mayor Doug Wilder to ask for his assistance with the County's efforts to have Verizon broadcast the County's cable station, HCTV, on Channel 17. Verizon's position is that it is not technologically feasible for its system to designate this channel for HCTV.

Mr. Hazelett reviewed the evening's regular meeting agenda. He advised the Board that The Rebkee Company was requesting another deferral of its zoning case. Mr. Rapisarda spoke to a dispute involving the length of the deferral. Mrs. O'Bannon commented that she was inclined to give the applicant all the time it needed to work out the proffered conditions. Mr. Hazelett responded to questions from Mr. Kaechele concerning the general agenda item that would grant the County Manager signatory authority for the comprehensive agreement to extend North Gayton Road. Mr. Kaechele asked about the estimated completion date for the project.

Mr. Rapisarda briefly addressed the ordinance introduction on the evening's general agenda relating to the issuance of concealed handgun permits. Mr. Hazelett advised that Sheriff Wade had asked him to recognize Chief Deputy Doug Herbert at the evening meeting under Manager's Comments as Chief Herbert had announced his retirement.

Mr. Hazelett and Mr. Rapisarda updated the Board on a jurisdictional dispute that had developed the previous evening between the Richmond City Sheriff and Henrico Sheriff over the transport of a mental health client. Mr. Hazelett also reported that former Henrico Sheriff Toby Matthews had been picked up in Henrico County during the previous weekend and transported to a mental health facility in Burkeville, Virginia.

There was additional discussion by the Board regarding the airport proposal previously mentioned by Mr. Hazelett. Mr. Glover commented that the biggest problem facing Richmond International Airport is parking.

Mr. Hazelett advised that he had met with a roundtable earlier in the day to talk about future sponsorship of the Henrico Open Golf Tournament given that the lead sponsor, Saxon Capital, would have to be replaced. Saxon's contribution to the tournament was \$250,000. Mr. Kaechele asked a question pertaining to the anticipated local economic impact of Altria Group's plans to spin off Philip Morris International.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.



Chairman, Henrico County Board of Supervisors