COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL MEETING October 14, 2008

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a Special Meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 5:15 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 of the Board of Supervisors called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.

PRESENT

The Honorable David A. Kaechele, Chairman

The Honorable Patricia S. O'Bannon, Vice-Chairman

The Honorable James B. Donati, Jr., Varina District Supervisor

The Honorable Richard W. Glover, Brookland District Supervisor

The Honorable Frank J. Thornton, Fairfield District Supervisor

Mr. Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E., County Manager

Ms. Angela N. Harper, FAICP, Deputy County Manager for Special Services

Mr. Leon T. Johnson, Deputy County Manager for Administration

Mr. Robert K. Pinkerton, P.E., Deputy County Manager for Community Operations

Mr. Randall R. Silber, Deputy County Manager for Community Development

Mr. Barry R. Lawrence, Assistant to the County Manager/Clerk to the Board

Mrs. Tanya B. Harding, Deputy Clerk to the Board

Mr. C. Michael Schnurman, Legislative Liaison

Mr. Joseph P. Rapisarda, Jr., County Attorney

Mrs. Karen M. Adams, Senior Assistant County Attorney

Mrs. Jennifer K. Acker, Assistant Director of Public Relations & Media Services

Mr. Fred C. James, Media Specialist, Public Relations & Media Services

Mr. John A. Vithoulkas. Director of Finance

Mr. Paul Proto, Director of General Services

Mrs. Cecelia H. Stowe, Purchasing Manager

Mr. Arthur D. Petrini, Director of Public Utilities

Mr. Steve Price, Acting Director of Real Property

Mr. Edward W. Trice, Revenue Division Director

Ms. Jeanne Daiger, Secretary, Revenue Division, Department of Finance

Mr. Jon B. Tracy, President, Virginia Title Company

Ms. Melodie N. Martin, Staff Writer, Richmond Times-Dispatch

Mr. Hazelett noted the two items listed on the special meeting agenda and advised that he would be asking the Board later in the meeting to add a second closed meeting item.

Mr. Hazelett introduced Mr. Tracy as the new Director of Real Property, effective November 10. 2008. Mr. Tracy has served as President of Virginia Title Company for the past 23 years.

He earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of Richmond. Mr. Tracy stated that he looks forward to working with the Board, staff, and citizens of Henrico County.

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

Mr. Hazelett advised that a Board paper introducing this proposed ordinance amendment was on the evening meeting's general agenda. He pointed out that over 5,500 households currently participate in the County's Real Estate Advantage Program (REAP). Mr. Hazelett recognized Mr. Trice, who narrated a Power Point presentation on the proposed 2009 REAP (see enclosed copy). Mr. Trice provided a general overview and highlights of the program; reviewed the program's eligibility requirements; offered a profile of 2008 tax advantage recipients based on income levels, net worth, the amount of award, and the assessed value of property; and summarized proposed changes to the program in 2009. During his presentation, Mr. Trice responded to questions from members of the Board regarding the average age of participants, whether program program applicants reflected households or individuals, net worth limits for owners and spouses participating in the program, and the types of personal property assets used to determine eligibility for the program.

Following his presentation, Mr. Trice and Mr. Hazelett responded to questions from Board members concerning the program's income limits as established by the Virginia General Assembly, the effective date of the proposed ordinance, and the impact of the program on future County budgets and the County's real estate tax rate. Mrs. O'Bannon commented that constituents have told her they are appreciative of the program. She and Mr. Kaechele noted that the program allows senior citizens to retain more of their income and put more money back into the community through purchases they might not otherwise be able to make. Mr. Thornton remarked that the program shows the County has a heart and is sensitive to the aged members of society.

Mr. Hazelett asked the Board to consider adding by waiver a second closed meeting item not listed on the agenda.

On motion by Mr. Glover, seconded by Mr. Thornton, the Board approved going into a Closed Meeting at 5:40 p.m. for the following matters:

- (1) Discussion and Consideration of the Potential Acquisition of Real Property in the Three Chopt District for Public Purposes Relating to Public Utilities, Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended; and
- (2) Discussion of a Public Banking and Investment Services Contract Involving the Expenditure of Public Funds and Discussion of the Terms or Scope of Such Contract, Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(29) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

Aye
David A. Kaechele
Patricia S. O'Bannon
James B. Donati, Jr.
Richard W. Glover
Frank J. Thornton

On motion of Mr. Glover, seconded by Mr. Thornton, the Board approved going out of the Closed Meeting at 6:50 p.m.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

Aye
David A. Kaechele
Patricia S. O'Bannon
James B. Donati, Jr.
Richard W. Glover
Frank J. Thornton

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

The vote of the Board was a follows:

Nay

Aye
David A. Kaechele
Patricia S. O'Bannon
James B. Donati, Jr.
Richard W. Glover
Frank J. Thornton

Mr. Hazelett briefly reviewed the evening's regular meeting agenda. He advised the Board that applicants had withdrawn two zoning cases listed on the agenda and had requested deferrals until the December 9, 2008 meeting for two additional cases on the agenda. Mr. Glover commented that one of the cases had been withdrawn because CVS did not want to hire a uniformed security guard during the extended hours of operation as recommended by staff. Mr. Hazelett noted that the Plan of Development for Tuckahoe Park was listed as a public hearing item. He further noted that several BB&T officials would be present at the meeting to answer any questions the Board might have in regards to a resolution that he would be asking the Board to add by unanimous consent. The paper to be added, if approved by the Board, would award a contract for banking and investment management services to BB&T.

Mr. Glover remarked that he had received several e-mails from citizens asking whether their taxes would be going down. Mr. Hazelett advised that the Board would consider a resolution at the next meeting to approve moving the last two meetings of the year (November 25 and December 9) to the Glen Echo Building while renovations are being made to the Board Room. Mr. Hazelett confirmed for Mr. Kaechele that the paper to amend the alternative fence height ordinance was on the evening's agenda as a public hearing item. Mr. Hazelett reminded the Board that the first meeting in November would be held on Wednesday, November 12 because the second Tuesday in November is a County holiday (Veteran's Day).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Chairman, Henrico County Board of Supervisors