

**COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
March 26, 2013**

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting on Tuesday, March 26, 2013, at 5:30 p.m., 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:

David A. Kaechele, Chairman, Three Chopt District
Patricia S. O'Bannon, Vice Chairman, Tuckahoe District
Richard W. Glover, Brookland District
Tyrone E. Nelson, Varina District
Frank J. Thornton, Fairfield District

Other Officials Present:

John A. Vithoulkas, County Manager
Joseph P. Rapisarda, Jr., County Attorney
Barry R. Lawrence, CMC, Assistant to the County Manager/Clerk to the Board
Tanya B. Harding, Deputy Clerk to the Board/Administrative Assistant
Joseph A. Casey, Deputy County Manager for Administration
Jane D. Crawley, Deputy County Manager for Community Services
Timothy A. Foster, P.E., Deputy County Manager for Community Operations
Randall R. Silber, Deputy County Manager for Community Development
C. Michael Schnurman, Jr., Legislative Liaison
Tamra R. McKinney, Director of Public Relations & Media Services
Douglas A. Middleton, Chief of Police

Mr. Kaechele called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Mr. Vithoulkas briefly referred to the one item listed on the agenda.

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Mr. Vithoulkas recognized Commonwealth's Attorney Shannon Taylor and then recognized Chief Middleton, who asked the following members of his staff who were present to introduce themselves: Assistant Chiefs J. B. Fitzgerald, S. A. Alloway, A. T. Leary III, and F. E. Boiling; Captains C. S. Alberta, J. W. Stem, P. T. MacRae, C. D. Williams, C. T. Hunter, H. I. Gardounel Jr., A. J. Scott, C. A. Mueller, and J. C. Coover; Lieutenants C. A. Wood, J. A. Sperry, K. R. Sperry, R. E. Hockaday, T. L. Slayton, S. E. Quesinberry, L. N. Toney, G. E.

Toney, A. D. Merz, A. J. Gordon, M. E. Palkovics, E. D. Owens, J. A. Price, D. L. Lambert, S. A. Jones, S. D. Maxwell, C. J. Eley, D. W. Barker, and S. M. Sears; Sergeant J. M. Clark; Officers D. D. Eddington, G. E. Ott. and T. M. Tuzzo; and non-uniformed personnel Charlotte L. Hitchcock, Criminal Records Manager, and Beth C. Bonniwell, Domestic Violence Coordinator. Chief Middleton began a slide presentation on this item by providing Henrico County Police Division crime statistics. He reviewed a twenty-year statistical chart, calls for service, non-violent offenses, violent offenses, and arrests. Chief Middleton noted that larcenies constitute the largest number of crimes committed in the County, with a majority of those involving shoplifting and break-ins of unlocked vehicles. After providing a breakdown of criminal offenses by magisterial district for the past five years, Chief Middleton offered to have Major Fitzgerald or members of the Division's crime analysis unit meet individually with Board members to discuss the statistics and crime prevention strategies. He also offered to share information at town meetings hosted by members of the Board.

Chief Middleton continued his presentation by reviewing statistical data relating to the County's top ten accident locations and additional data pertaining to vehicular crash fatalities and dmg and illegal weapon seizures within Henrico. He suggested that the Division's award-winning traffic safety efforts have been successful as there were fewer crashes and crash fatalities in 2012 than in the previous four years. In response to a question from Mr. Nelson, Chief Middleton advised that seized weapons are eventually destroyed by the Division's property and evidence office after certain procedures are followed.

During the next portion of his presentation, Chief Middleton discussed the Division's Operation Innkeeper initiative to fight human trafficking, which resulted in the seizure of illegal narcotics, firearms, and currency; the arrest of dozens of prostitutes, punps, and customers; the rescue of seven juvenile victims; and 163 contacts and relationships between the Division and the lodging industry. Chief Middleton acknowledged Captain Denny Williams' hard work and outstanding job with this initiative, which led to a \$500,000 state grant from the Virginia Attorney General's Office. In response to questions from Mr. Kaechele and Mrs. O'Baimon, Chief Middleton elaborated on the Division's interactions with hotel and motel managers and on the enforcement process, which included interviews of the juvenile victims.

Chief Middleton proceeded with his presentation by reviewing domestic violence calls for service statistics and the Division's work with the Commonwealth's Attorney's and local organizations to assist domestic violence victims. He then discussed the Division's zero tolerance approach towards underage drinking during the past two years in cooperation with the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office and in response to concerns raised by the Superintendent of Schools. In response to a question from Mr. Nelson, Chief Middleton explained the circumstances in which parents may be prosecuted for contributing to the delinquency of a minor and noted that police patrols will be stepped up towards the end of the school year in anticipation of prom season and beach week.

At this point in the presentation, Chief Middleton recognized Captain Clarence Hunter, who updated the Board on the Division's Five-Year Strategic Business Plan while a member of his

staff distributed a video and information packet to the Board. Captain Hunter narrated a slide presentation on one of Chief Middleton's three major objectives, minority and female recruitment. He highlighted the Division's efforts to reach out to college age applicants and a recent presentation developed by the Division directed at recruiting women into law enforcement. In response to a question from Mrs. O'Bannon, Captain Hunter explained how the Division is assisting women prepare in advance for the physical agility test required of new police recruits.

Chief Middleton concluded his presentation by noting that each member of the Board had received a notebook containing information on programs and presentations that the Division's staff can provide to Henrico citizens at town hall or community meetings. He emphasized the Division's team effort as reflected by the many members of his staff who had joined him for this meeting. Mr. Kaechele thanked the Chief and the Division for their hard work to safeguard the County, which is also appreciated by Henrico citizens. Chief Middleton responded to questions from Mr. Thornton regarding the Fairfield District's relatively high crime rate in comparison with the County's other four districts and the Division's perceptions on racial profiling. Mrs. O'Bannon pointed out that representatives of the Division will be attending her April 8 town meeting to discuss neighborhood safety.

The Board recessed for dinner at 6:25 p.m. and reconvened at 6:39 p.m.

Mr. Vithoulkas reviewed each of the items on the agenda for the 7:00 p.m. meeting, including the one proclamation to be presented, appointment and resignation resolutions, public hearing items, and the general agenda. He advised the Board that he would be bringing forward a substitute resolution for the public hearing item authorizing the County Manager to execute a lease agreement for County property at 10791 Old Washington Highway in the Brookland District. The reason for the substitute paper is to change the commencement date of the lease from April 1 to June 1. Mr. Vithoulkas also referred to a recent letter from General Services Director Chris Winstead alerting the Board that Comcast has requested six-month deferral of its contract extension. In response to a question from Mr. Thornton, Mr. Vithoulkas confirmed that staff will schedule a future work session for the Board to review and discuss the contract. He and Mr. Rapisarda responded to a question from Mr. Kaechele pertaining to the expiration date of the current contract and to a question from Mrs. O'Bannon relating to the proper channels for citizens to report concerns about the military channel not being available from Comcast except through extended service packages. In response to a question from Mr. Glover, Mr. Foster advised the Board of the schedule for updating aerial photography of the County. Mr. Vithoulkas reminded the Board that Deputy County Attorney Tom Tokarz had polled the Board on the proposed settlement of the North Gayton Road condemnation case involving Shady Grove United Methodist Church.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

David A. Kaechele
Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Henrico County, Virginia