

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
June 24, 2014

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting on Tuesday, June 24, 2014, 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:

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

Other Officials Present:

John A. Vithoukas, 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, Ph.D., Deputy County Manager for Administration
Jane D. Crawley, Deputy County Manager for Community Services
Randall R. Silber, Deputy County Manager for Community Development
C. Michael Schnurman, Legislative Liaison
Tamra R. McKinney, Director of Public Relations & Media Services

Mrs. O'Bannon called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Mr. Vithoukas briefly reviewed the first two presentation items listed on this agenda. He noted that the first item was an annual update.

J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College Update

Mr. Vithoukas recognized Dr. Gary Rhodes, President of J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, who in turn introduced Joe Schilling, the college's Director of Communications and Special Assistant to the President. Dr. Rhodes also recognized two Reynolds Community College Board members who were also present, Dr. Karsten Konerding and Gerald "Buzz" Kilgore. He distributed a one-page brochure containing Reynolds facts, Henrico quick facts, a photograph of background information on the inaugural Advance College Academy at J.R. Tucker High School, and a summary of the college's community relations efforts within Henrico County. Dr. Rhodes narrated a Prezi presentation titled *Reynolds & Henrico County, Partners in Student Success and a Vibrant Community*. He began his presentation by noting

that one in every four workers in the greater Richmond region has attended Reynolds and by citing Reynolds' lead value statement: "Is today's decision in the best interest of our students?" Dr. Rhodes also pointed out Reynolds is the Virginia's third largest community college, currently has 19,352 credit students, and has served 322,529 students in its credit courses since 1972.

Dr. Rhodes continued his presentation by reviewing Reynolds' mission statement, the earning potential of its graduates, its community impact, its guaranteed transfer agreements with more than 25 Virginia public and private colleges and universities, and its tuition and fee costs. He elaborated on the Community College Workforce Alliance, which is a partnership between Reynolds and John Tyler Community College serving the economic development and workforce needs in four cities and 12 counties of Central Virginia. Dr. Reynolds next reviewed the facilities at Reynolds' three campuses, the college's new branding initiative, the state accreditation achieved this past year by its police department, the active shooter drill held at its Parham Road campus in August 2013 in partnership with the County's Divisions of Fire and Police, art and campus beautification projects, the college's newest programs meeting employer needs (radiology technician and geospatial information and positioning), and the college's Nissan LEAF 100% electric vehicle.

The next portion of Dr. Rhodes' presentation focused on information about Reynolds' relationship with Henrico County that was also listed in the handout he earlier shared with the Board. During the FY 2013-14 academic year, 6,619 Henrico residents attended Reynolds, of whom 2,532 were recent graduates of Henrico County public high schools. In May 2014, 590 Henrico County residents graduated from Reynolds. Dr. Rhodes highlighted Reynolds' partnership with Henrico County Public Schools (HCPS), including the Advance College Academy, where students earn an associate degree while completing high school diploma requirements; guest speakers and meeting space provided by the college for Michael Robinson's "Team Excel" at Varina High School; and the five EducateVA.com teachers hired by HCPS for the current school year, two of whom were nominated for "First Year Teacher of the Year" awards at their respective schools. He thanked outgoing Reynolds Board members Buzz Kilgore and Audrey Swann for their dedicated service; thanked continuing Reynolds Board members Dr. Karsten Konerding, Reverend Marcus Martin, and Capt. Richard Rush for continuing their service; and also thanked incoming Reynolds Board member Goldie Settles for agreeing to serve.

Dr. Rhodes continued his presentation by noting that the Henrico Business Council holds its monthly business meetings at Reynolds' Workforce Development and Conference Center, pointing to Reynolds' partnership with the Henrico Division of Fire leadership to create curriculum and materials for regional fire office certification; and by mentioning the one-credit seminars in Microsoft Office and business writing offered by the college for Henrico County employees. He concluded his presentation by reiterating that Reynolds is ultimately about student success and preparing students for jobs and careers.

Dr. Rhodes invited the members of the Reynolds Board who were present to make comments to the Board of Supervisors. Dr. Konerding remarked that he practiced diagnostic radiology in the County until retiring several years ago and is especially pleased by the partnership between

Reynolds and the Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital School of Medical Imaging. Reverend Martin, who arrived during the meeting, commented on the relevance of community colleges, touted the Advance College Academy that was established at Highland Springs High School in fall 2013, and pointed to Reynolds' investment in the County's school system. Mr. Kilgore thanked Mr. Glover and the Board of Supervisors for allowing him to serve on the Reynolds Board for nine years, noted how Reynolds has touched a lot of people in the community, and said Reynolds was privileged to have Dr. Rhodes as president.

Dr. Rhodes thanked each of the Reynolds Board members for attending the meeting and thanked the Board of Supervisors for their support of the college. Mr. Nelson shared his college experiences and noted he has an associate degree from Reynolds. He pointed out he is a huge advocate for Reynolds, thanked Dr. Rhodes and the Reynolds Board for what they are doing at the college, and advised that his son will be participating in the Advance College Academy at Highland Springs High School beginning in fall 2014. Dr. Rhodes clarified for Mr. Kaechele the student enrollment at each Reynolds campus and the scope of the college's distance education program. Mrs. O'Bannon thanked Dr. Rhodes for his great presentation.

The Board recessed for dinner at 6:05 p.m. and reconvened at 6:13 p.m.

State Funding Update

Mr. Vithoukas recognized Brandon Hinton, Budget and Management Division Director, who narrated a slide presentation on this item. Mr. Hinton began his presentation with a state budget overview, noting the \$94.5 billion spending plan for FY15 and FY16 covered a projected \$1.55 billion funding gap in the biennial budget. He explained the funding gap was due to revenue estimates in the current year not being met, which necessitated reduced revenue *projections for the biennial budget*. Mr. Hinton reviewed a chart highlighting state general fund revenue estimates for FY15 and FY16. These estimates assume four percent growth assumptions. Mr. Hinton commented on Henrico's conservative, commonsense, and simple approach to estimating revenues and pointed out they will require no downward adjustments in next fiscal year's budget. He compared the largest areas of state aid for Henrico's general fund as reflected in its FY15 adopted budget and the FY15 revised state budget. Henrico's FY 15 adopted budget leaves \$3.6 million off the table in case of further state budget difficulties for use in FY16. Mr. Vithoukas and Mr. Hinton responded to questions from the Board regarding the county's revenue targets and the state's previously projected \$650 million surplus. Mr. Hinton concluded his presentation with the following summary: Henrico County's revenue estimates will be met in FY15, including estimates of state aid; a positive variance in "promised" state funding vs. approved budget estimates provides some cushion should the state be forced to make further reductions; and although no budget reductions are necessary at this time, staff will continually monitor the situation.

Mr. Vithoukas reminded the Board there was a resolution on the general agenda for the 7:00 p.m. meeting for the appropriation of funds for FY 2015. In response to a question from Mr. Glover, Mr. Hinton explained the status of the state's financial aid to Henrico County pursuant to House Bill 599. In response to a question from Mr. Thornton, Mr. Hinton referred to measures Henrico County has undertaken to protect itself against fluctuations in state aid. Mr.

Glover expressed concerns pertaining to the continued reductions in the state's Personal Property Tax Relief Act (PPTRA) reimbursement rates. In response to concerns voiced by Mr. Thornton, Mr. Vitoulkas cited Henrico County's ongoing efforts to share budgetary and fiscal information with the public through town meeting presentations, its web site, and through other avenues of communication.

On motion of Mr. Glover, seconded by Mr. Kaechele, the Board approved going into a closed meeting at 6:32 p.m. for Discussion Concerning Expansion of an Existing Business or Industry Currently Located in the Brookland Magisterial District Where No Previous Announcement Has Been Made of the Business' or Industry's Interest in Expanding Its Facilities in the Community, Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(5) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as Amended.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

<u>Aye</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Patricia S. O'Bannon	
Frank J. Thornton	
Richard W. Glover	
David A. Kaechele	
Tyrone E. Nelson	

On motion of Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Kaechele, the Board approved going out of the closed meeting at 6:45 p.m.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

<u>Aye</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Patricia S. O'Bannon	
Frank J. Thornton	
Richard W. Glover	
David A. Kaechele	
Tyrone E. Nelson	

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

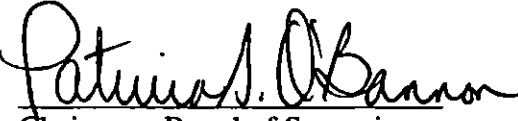
The vote of the Board was as follows:

<u>Aye</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Patricia S. O'Bannon	
Frank J. Thornton	
Richard W. Glover	
David A. Kaechele	
Tyrone E. Nelson	

Regular Meeting Agenda Items

Mr. Vithoukas reviewed the agenda for the 7:00 p.m. meeting. He advised the Board that Lou Dean, Vice Chairman of the Keep Henrico Beautiful Committee, would be presenting the Landlover and Clean Business Awards in the presence of other Committee members and with the assistance of members of the Board. Mr. Vithoukas briefly noted the appointment and resignation papers, public hearing items, and general agenda items.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.


Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Henrico County, Virginia