

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
April 14, 2015

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at 5:15 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:

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

Other Officials Present:

John A. Vithoukias, 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
Timothy A. Foster, P.E., Deputy County Manager for Community Operations
Randall R. Silber, Deputy County Manager for Community Development
Tamra R. McKinney, Director of Public Relations & Media Services

Mr. Thornton called the meeting to order at 5:21 p.m.

Mr. Vithoukias asked General Registrar Mark Coakley to update the Board on late-breaking news from the State Board of Elections (SBE) prior to presentation of the first item listed on the special meeting agenda. Mr. Coakley read a press release from the Virginia Department of Elections advising that the SBE had decertified the AVS WINVote equipment at a public meeting held earlier in the day. This touchscreen system is currently used in 30 localities, including Henrico, totaling about one-fifth of the precincts around the state. The decision was reached after careful review of serious security concerns identified in the system; feedback from election officials across the Commonwealth, and public comments from Virginians, technology experts, and other stakeholders. Decertification means the WINVote system can no longer be used in elections in Virginia, effective immediately.

Mr. Vithoukias reminded the Board that the County's proposed FY 2016 capital budget includes funding in the amount of \$1 million for purchase of new voting equipment. He advised the Board that staff will bring forward a budget amendment in June of the current fiscal year so the new

equipment can be purchased and put into use prior to the June 9 primary elections. Mr. Coakley confirmed for Mr. Nelson that the County will not receive any financial assistance from the Commonwealth of Virginia for the replacement equipment. In response to a question from Mrs. O'Bannon, Mr. Coakley and Mr. Vithoulkas elaborated on the security concerns that prompted the SBE to take immediate action to decertify the WINVote equipment. They also explained the technological differences between the new equipment the County will purchase and the County's existing voting equipment that will be replaced. Mr. Coakley confirmed for Mr. Kaechele and Mrs. O'Bannon that the County will need to purchase 105 new voting machines. Mr. Vithoulkas suggested Mr. Coakley provide the Board with a more comprehensive update on this matter at the Board's next work session on April 28. He responded to further questions from Mr. Thornton and Mr. Kaechele.

Donation of Lot to the Henrico County Vocational/Technical Education Foundation

Mr. Vithoulkas introduced Mac Beaton, Director of Career and Technical Education (CTE) with Henrico County Public Schools, and Robert Himmell, President of the Henrico County Vocational/Technical Education Foundation, Inc. He recognized Mr. Silber, who in turn acknowledged the assistance Real Property Director Jon Tracy provided for this project. Mr. Silber narrated a slide presentation titled *Proposed Lot Donation to Henrico County Vocational/Technical Education Foundation*. He began by providing background information on the Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization that was established in 1986 to provide real-life, hands-on experience to students involved in housing industry technical center programs at Hermitage, Highland Springs, and Virginia Randolph High Schools. To date, Henrico students have built and sold 13 homes through the Foundation. The property proposed for donation is an empty well lot currently owned by the County and located at 15 Meadowspring Road in the Hechler Village subdivision. The lot is a third of an acre, has an assessed value of \$34,000, and is zoned for single-family residential (R-3). Mr. Silber explained that the Foundation is interested in constructing a 1,600 square foot house on the site. The house will contain three bedrooms, two baths, and a small rear deck. Mr. Silber reviewed the elevations, construction materials, and preliminary floor plan for the house. He then reviewed several slides depicting a similar house at 803 Lakeside Boulevard that was recently constructed by Henrico CTE students through the Foundation. Mr. Silber concluded his presentation by identifying the next steps in the donation process, which will culminate in a Board public hearing on May 12 and the Board's consideration at that time of a resolution to convey the lot to the Foundation.

Following Mr. Silber's presentation, Mr. Thornton commented favorably on the Foundation's housing industry technical center programs and how they have offered a great learning experience for the students who have participated in them. Mr. Vithoulkas noted that CTE students assisted with an item on the Board's regular meeting agenda for that evening, an award of a construction contract for purchasing and risk management building renovations. The students cleared out the buildings, which contributed to the County receiving a low bid from the prospective contractor. Mr. Silber and Mr. Beaton responded to questions from Mr. Kaechele regarding the proposed conveyance of property to the Foundation and the use of the proceeds from the sale of the home, which is expected to be valued between \$175,000 and \$200,000. Construction is anticipated to take approximately two years.

Regular Meeting Agenda Items

Mr. Vithoukas briefly reviewed the public hearing, presentation, and general agenda items for the Board's regular meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. He advised the Board that only two speakers had signed up in advance for the public hearing on the budget and the applicant for the last zoning case listed on the agenda (Agenda Item No. 57-15, Case REZ2014-00045 in the Varina District) had requested a deferral to May 12. He further advised the Board that one speaker had signed up in advance to speak on the first zoning case (Agenda Item No. 85-15, Case REZ2015-00005 in the Tuckahoe District). Mrs. O'Bannon pointed out there had been a recent change in one of the proffered conditions for a provisional use permit request in her district that was listed on the agenda (Agenda Item No. 87-15, PUP2015-00002). She also advised the Board she would be offering comments at the meeting concerning a member of the County's Electoral Board who recently announced her resignation after many years of service. Mr. Vithoukas concluded his review by referring to the County's continuing efforts to reduce the number of trucks using residential roads to access Lumber Liquidators in White Oak Technology Park.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.


Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Henrico County, Virginia