## COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL MEETING September 11, 2018

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting on Tuesday, September 11, 2018, at 5:45 p.m., in the Board 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 Thomas M. Branin, Three Chopt District Harvey L. Hinson, Brookland District Patricia S. O'Bannon, Tuckahoe 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, CMC, Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant
Timothy A. Foster, P.E., Deputy County Manager for Community Operations
W. Brandon Hinton, Deputy County Manager for Administration
Douglas A. Middleton, Deputy County Manager for Public Safety
Anthony J. Romanello, Deputy County Manager for Community Services
Randall R. Silber, Deputy County Manager for Community Development

Mr. Thornton called the meeting to order at 5:51 p.m.

Mr. Vithoulkas noted there was only one item on the agenda for this special meeting and welcomed everyone who was present. He introduced Amy Cashwell, who was appointed Henrico County's Superintendent of Schools on July 1.

## NACo/VACo Achievement Award Recognitions

Mr. Vithoulkas pointed out this was a special time to recognize some of the most creative and innovative employees in Henrico County. This year, Henrico County earned a total of 27 awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo) and Virginia Association of Counties (VACo). These awards highlight many of the exceptional programs created, coordinated, and implemented by staff from the County's general government and Henrico County Public Schools (HCPS).

Mr. Vithoulkas introduced Dean Lynch, VACo's Executive Director, who discussed criteria and provided statistics on the highly-competitive VACo Achievement Awards program, which is in its 16<sup>th</sup> year. Only 27 of the 106 entries received by VACo were selected as winners in 2018. Henrico has won 23 VACo awards since it began participating in the program in 2009, the second-largest number of any Virginia county. Tedd Povar, Associate Director of the

Virginia Institute of Government; Sheryl Bailey, Senior Vice President at Springsted Incorporated and former Chesterfield County Deputy County Administrator; and Larry Land, retired VACo Director of Policy Development, served as judges for this year's program. Mr. Vithoulkas invited agency representatives to come forward to accept awards from Mr. Lynch for the following initiatives: Elementary Explorers — STEM Education for Upper Elementary-Aged Students (Public Library), The Academy at Virginia Randolph's 100 Men Challenge (HCPS), and Revive RVA Opioid Regional Summit (Community Corrections Program, Division of Fire, Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services, HCPS, Police Division, Department of Public Relations & Media Services, Sheriff's Office, and Department of Social Services).

Mr. Vithoulkas announced Henrico County received 24 Achievement Awards from NACo in 2018, two of which earned a Best in Category honor. Henrico's 24 awards were the most of any county in Virginia for the 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive year and the eighth most nationally. In July, Mrs. O'Bannon attended NACo's national conference in Nashville, Tennessee, where she accepted the County's two awards that were honored as Best in Category.

Mr. Vithoulkas invited Dr. Cashwell and Andy Jenks, Director of Communications and Public Relations for HCPS, to come forward to accept awards from Mr. Thornton for the following eight HCPS initiatives: The Academy at Virginia Randolph's 100 Men Challenge; Feeding a need for real-world experience; "Printing" is more than just what you read; Art, Reading, Science and Community — From a Tiny seed a Garden Grows; Maggie Walker Governor's School — Remaking an Old-School Application Process; Spreading Goodwill Through Books; The Work-Van Project — Students Upgrade Skills and County Vehicles; and Video Training for Secure School Testing. The School Board will celebrate with their award recipients at a later ceremony.

Mr. Vithoulkas asked the following department heads to give brief summaries of NACo award-winning programs submitted by general government staff: Sheriff Wade; Steve Yob, Director of Public Works; Paula Reid, Director of Human Resources; Laura Totty, Director of Mental Health & Developmental Services; Tony McDowell, Fire Chief; and Barbara Weedman, Director of Libraries. He invited agency representatives to come forward to accept awards from the Deputy County Managers for the following initiatives: ORBIT Program (Sheriff's Office), Improving Snow Plowing Operations with Mobile GIS (Department of Public Works), Caring for the Community - Advocate for the Aging (Department of Human Resources), Health Risk Assessments (HRAs) — Using Results to Get Results (Department of Human Resources), Making House Calls — Ensuring OSHA Compliance Through Mobile Spirometry (Department of Human Resources), Behavioral Activation Group (Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services), Bounce Back from Addiction (Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services, Department of Information Technology, and HCPS), Crisis Intervention Team Refresher Training (Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services, Division of Fire, Police Division, and Sheriff's CAD Passport - Accountability & Community Resource Tool (Division of Fire and Department of Information Technology), 2018-2023 Continuous Improvement Strategy (Division of Fire), Community Smoke Alarm Initiative (Division of Fire), Death Cafes and Bereavement Groups (Public Library and James River Health and Hospice), Interactive Teen Displays at Libbie Mill Library (Public Library), and Night Sky Astronomy (Public Library) and Richmond Astronomical Society). Mr. Vithoulkas personally read summaries of the following two awards that were honored as Best in Category: Early Intervention Autism Clinic (Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services and Commonwealth Autism) and At-Risk Resident Weather Radio Distribution Project (Division of Fire).

Mr. Vithoulkas concluded the presentations by remarking it is because of the County staff's collective efforts and support from the Board of Supervisors that the County maintains its golden reputation as one of the best-managed localities in the country. These efforts are reflective of creativity and innovative thinking and have placed the County in the state and national spotlights for being exceptional. Each member of the Board joined Mr. Vithoulkas in thanking and congratulating the award recipients and acknowledging how they have helped Henrico make a difference and do things better. Mr. Thornton offered the following quote from St. Jerome: "Good, better, best. Never let it rest. 'Til your good is better and your better is best."

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Frank J. Hurnty Chairman, Board of Supervisors

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