

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
September 24, 2019

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Room, Administration Building, Henrico County Government Center, Parham and Hungary Spring Roads, Henrico, Virginia.

Members of the Board Present:

Tyrone E. Nelson, Chairman, Varina District
Thomas M. Branin, Vice Chairman, Three Chopt District
Patricia S. O'Bannon, Tuckahoe District
Daniel J. Schmitt, Brookland District
Frank J. Thornton, Fairfield District

Other Officials Present:

John A. Vithoulikas, County Manager
Joseph P. Rapisarda, Jr., County Attorney
Michael L. Wade, Sheriff
Barry R. Lawrence, CMC, Assistant to the County Manager/Clerk to the Board
Tanya B. Harding, CMC, Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant
W. Brandon Hinton, Deputy County Manager for Administration
Anthony E. McDowell, Deputy County Manager for Public Safety
Randall R. Silber, Deputy County Manager for Community Development
Benjamin A. Sheppard, Director of Public Relations & Media Services

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

NACo/VACo Achievement Award Recognitions

Mr. Vithoulikas thanked everyone for joining the Board and County Manager's executive team to recognize some of the most creative and innovative employees in Henrico County. This year, Henrico County general government and Henrico County Public Schools (HCPS) earned a total of 31 awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) Achievement Awards competitions. These awards highlight many of the exceptional programs created, coordinated, and implemented by staff. Tedd Povar, retired Associate Director of the Virginia Institute of Government; Dr. Sheryl Bailey, Visiting Professor of Practice at Virginia Tech 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. Vithoulikas invited agency representatives to the lectern to accept their award plaques for the following initiatives, which Mr. Lerch briefly described: *Life Enrichment for Those Aging with Developmental Disabilities* (Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services), *Caregiver Kits* (Public Library), and *Setting the Bar High: CTE Letter-of-Intent Signing Day and Making Peer Socialization a SNAP* (HCPS).

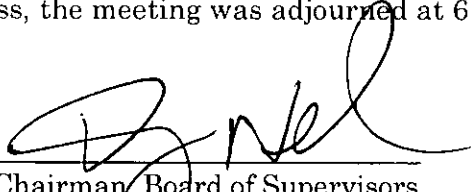
Mr. Vithoulikas announced that Henrico County general government and HCPS received 27 Achievement Awards from NACo in 2019. Henrico's 27 awards were the most of any county in Virginia for the 14th consecutive year and the eighth most nationally. In July, Mr. Thornton attended NACo's national conference in Las Vegas where the award winners were recognized.

Mr. Vithoulikas invited Dr. Amy Cashwell, Superintendent of Schools, and Andy Jenks, Director of Communications and Public Relations for HCPS, to join Mr. Nelson at the lectern to accept awards for the following 13 HCPS initiatives: *Tech the Halls: Reaching Our Community with a Holiday Event*; *Building Book Nooks: Building Community Literacy*; *3-Es of K-12 Education: Enrolled, Enlisted, and/or Employed*; *A Conference Room Renovation Meets Needs of Students and Their School*; *Driven for Success: A New Kind of Open House*; *Learning Carpentry While Supporting a Local Elementary School*; *Setting the Bar High: CTE Letter-of-Intent Signing Day*; *A Practical Nursing School Collaborates for a Healthier Community*; *Helping First Responders and Visitors Find Their Way*; *Specialty Center Partnership Shares Expertise*; *Partnership with Roofing Professionals Gives Students a Broader Career View*; *Making Peer Socialization a SNAP*; and *#TheALEXProject*. The School Board will celebrate with its award recipients at a later ceremony.

Mr. Vithoulikas shared brief summaries of the 14 NACo general government award-winning programs. He asked contributing staff members to come forward and receive a framed award certificate from the Deputy County Managers for the following initiatives: *Highland Springs Historic District Website* and *Vacant Housing Tracker* (Department of Community Revitalization); *Basic Life Support Transport Program*, *Firefighter Individual Record of Exposures (FIRE) Program*, and *Fiscal Program Appraisals* (Division of Fire); *Youth Experiencing Healing Through the Arts* (James River Juvenile Detention Center); *Opiate Jail Diversion*, *Reducing Re-hospitalization Rates: Same Place Access*, and *Life Enrichment for Those Aging with Developmental Disabilities* (Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services); *Route 5 Corridor Study Public Engagement Portal* (Planning); and *Caregiver Kits*, *Closing the Distance Between Us*, *Music and Memory*, and *Sensory Storytime* (Public Library).

Mr. Vithoulikas thanked Victoria Davis, Public Relations Specialist for the Department of Public Relations & Media Services, for coordinating the County's participation in the VACo and NACo Achievement Awards programs and coordinating the presentations. He pointed out Fairfield Library will reopen on October 6 and although there will be a new building the library will be special primarily because of its programs and staff. Mr. Vithoulikas said he was blessed to be around such creative and innovative employees who set the standards for other Virginia localities. Mr. Nelson commented on the merits of various County programs and remarked that the County hires incredible people. He also remarked that the County staff makes the Board look good and makes the County a special place to live. Each of the other members of the Board joined Mr. Vithoulikas and Mr. Nelson in thanking and praising the award recipients and County staff.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.



Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Henrico County, Virginia