

**Board of Supervisors**  
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# Supervisors' Agend-O-Gram



**County Manager**  
John A. Vithoukaskas

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## Summary of Actions Taken by the Board on June 23, 2020

Mr. Branin led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Nelson delivered the invocation.

The Board approved the minutes of the June 9, 2020, Regular and Special Meetings.

### MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Mr. Vithoukaskas reported that the County is now 15 weeks into the COVID-19 pandemic, during which time Henrico residents and businesses and the County government have learned to adjust, adapt, and develop new ways to live and work. The County hit its peak of "percent positive" COVID-19 tests in early April, with seven-day weighted averages above 20 percent, but then experienced a steady decline in the average rate until it began to plateau in early May. The current weighted average is 7.2 percent compared with 11.6 percent on June 6. Although Henrico residents watching the news have heard about increases in coronavirus cases in states and cities across the United States, they have not seen this trend in Virginia. On June 22, Governor Ralph Northam reported that in addition to the decline in percent-positive cases across the state, hospitalizations are continuing to drop as well. Personal protective equipment supplies are sustainable, testing has increased, and the Commonwealth is hiring more than a thousand people to serve the contact tracers. Earlier in the afternoon, the Governor announced the Commonwealth will move to Phase Three on July 1. This phase allows gatherings of up to 250 people (from the current level of 50), retail businesses and restaurants to open to normal activity, entertainment venues to operate at 50 percent capacity, and gyms and pools to operate at 75 percent capacity.

Mr. Vithoukaskas further reported that Henrico County agencies will continue to implement their transition plans in a gradual, incremental, and planned manner. Many employees will continue to telecommute. For those who must come into a County facility, the County will provide flexible staffing options and other carefully planned arrangements to provide social distancing and a healthy environment. One of the major efforts the County has undertaken since the beginning of the COVID-19 event has been outreach to vulnerable populations. In response to the public health crisis, Henrico County Public Schools, the Henrico Education Foundation, Henrico general government, and Richmond Raceway created a public-private partnership that has provided over 12,000 food bags to support vulnerable children and families. Mr. Vithoukaskas tipped his hat to Deputy County Manager for Community Affairs Monica Callahan for her role in this effort. Thanks to the generosity of 840 businesses and

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individuals, over \$650,000 has been donated to the COVID-19 Response Fund. Henrico County government has also partnered with Richmond Raceway and its President, Dennis Bickmeier, to secure space where thousands of pounds of food have been received, packed, and distributed. For 13 weeks, County employees from the Department of Finance and Division of Recreation and Parks handled food items and worked alongside one another in the height of the COVID-19 crisis. HCPS' Family and Community Engagement and Equity, Diversity & Opportunity departments identified individuals, families, and food pantries that had a need for supplemental food items. Food packing and distribution officially ended June 11. Mr. Vithoukas thanked all the employees who packed food and the donors whose dollars not only supported the purchase of food but also the purchase of basic household items, hygiene products, and Wi-Fi hotspots that aided remote learning for students.

Mr. Vithoukas advised that Police Chief Humberto Cardounel, Jr., has announced his retirement, effective September 1. Chief Cardounel began his 32-year career with the Police Division in 1988 as a patrol officer and SWAT team medic and rose through the ranks as investigator, sergeant, command sergeant, lieutenant, captain, major, and deputy chief for the Parole Bureau and Investigative Bureau. Chief Cardounel led the Criminal Investigations Section; developed and implemented the Homeland Security Section; and provided leadership and service to the Training Academy, Internal Affairs Unit, Media Relations Unit, Organized Crime Section, and Personnel Unit. He was promoted to chief in 2016. Chief Cardounel graduated from Douglas S. Freeman High School and holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Richmond and a master's degree in public administration from Virginia Commonwealth University. Mr. Vithoukas remarked that it has truly been an honor to serve alongside Chief Cardounel. Following Mr. Vithoukas' comments, Chief Cardounel addressed the Board. He noted his parents came to this country as immigrants and had an opportunity to start a new life, which gave him a chance to be born and raised in Henrico. Chief Cardounel expressed his gratitude to the County; said he is proud, honored and humbled to have served the County for 32 years; and remarked that he is indebted to the Board, Mr. Vithoukas, and all 330,000-plus Henrico residents for their confidence and trust in him.

### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' COMMENTS**

Mr. Branin pointed out Mr. Thornton was not present for the meeting due to a health issue.

Mrs. O'Bannon noted the recent passing of her good friend and great neighbor, Ormonde Wilkinson, who served for several years as the Tuckahoe District representative on the County's Library Advisory Board. Mrs. Wilkinson was the subject of a December 2019 *Richmond Time-Dispatch* article by Bill Lohmann, where she discussed having a letter addressed to Santa Claus in 1949 returned to her 70 years after it was written and posted. Mrs. O'Bannon characterized Mrs. Wilkinson "as a remarkable lady who was always a ray of sunshine."

Mr. Nelson expressed his desire for a more formal recognition of Chief Cardounel's service to the County and received confirmation from Mr. Vithoukas that Barry Lawrence, Assistant to the County Manager and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, will be retiring from the County, effective September 1.

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Mr. Nelson received confirmation from Mr. Vitoulkas and Ben Sheppard, Director of Public Relations, that there will be a Board work session, media event, and ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Henrico Aquatics Center on September 8 and that the pool is already full of water.

Mr. Schmitt brought attention to the National Association of Counties Achievement Awards recently earned by the following County agencies: Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services, Police Division, Department of Public Relations, Department of Human Resources, Public Library, Department of General Services, and Schools. For the 15<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, Henrico received the most awards of any Virginia county and the seventh-most nationally. Mr. Schmitt commented that this fantastic statewide and national comparison is one way to quantify how the County operates, and this Board serves its constituents, in the best way possible. He remarked that the County earned multiple awards for opioid and recovery efforts, healthy lifestyles and leadership for youth, and workforce and career development. Mr. Nelson asked that the Department of Public Relations put out information highlighting the awards and winning programs.

Mr. Branin announced that the County hosted its first pickleball tournament during the weekend of June 19 – 21, with 135 people in attendance from out of state. He pointed out this was a good boost for Henrico’s hospitality industry. Mr. Branin thanked the Division of Recreation and Parks and tournament director Jack Singer, a Brookland District resident, for doing a great job with the tournament.

## **RECOGNITION OF NEWS MEDIA**

Mr. Branin recognized Chris Suarez from the *Richmond Times Dispatch*.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

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| <b>149-20<br/>Approved</b> | Resolution - Appointment of Member - Board of Social Services. (Lucy C. Wells)  |
| <b>150-20<br/>Approved</b> | Resolution - Appointment of Members - Community Criminal Justice Board. (Anthony E. McDowell; Randall G. Johnson, Jr.; Lauren A. Caudill; Linda Y. Lambert; Micah S. Blankenship; Humberto I. Cardounel, Jr.; Shannon L. Taylor; Jeffrey L. Everhart; Alisa A. Gregory; Mac R. Beaton; Laura S. Totty; Pierre L. Greene; Matt C. Pinsker; Rajendra P. Raval; and James L. Sailes) |
| <b>151-20<br/>Approved</b> | Resolution - Appointment of Member - Greater Richmond Partnership Board of Directors. (Patricia S. O’Bannon)  |
| <b>152-20<br/>Approved</b> | Resolution - Appointment of Members - James River Juvenile Detention Commission. (Shannon L. Taylor and Anthony E. McDowell)  |
| <b>153-20<br/>Approved</b> | Resolution - Nomination of Member - Local Emergency Planning Committee. (Alysa M. Morgan)   |

**154-20** Resolution - Appointment of Member - Richmond Metropolitan  
**Approved** Transportation Authority Board of Directors. (Jane M. duFrane)

**155-20** Resolution - Appointment of Members - The Cultural Arts Center at Glen  
**Approved** Allen Foundation Board of Directors. (Sherman V. Burroughs, IV; Scott K. Hammer; and Juanita B. Leatherberry)

**156-20** Resolution - Appointment of Members and Alternates - Virginia Transit  
**Approved** Association Board of Directors. (Tyrone E. Nelson; Frank J. Thornton; E. Todd Eure; and Sharon S. Smidler)

### **PUBLIC HEARING ITEM**

**157-20** Ordinance - To Amend and Reordain the Planning Applications Fee  
**Approved** Schedule to Include the Fee for Conditional Use Permits for Short-Term Rentals of Dwellings.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Emily Griffey, a resident of the Tuckahoe District, asked the Board to support full-day, in-person school instruction and to prioritize resources for the health and wellbeing of students that are disadvantaged by skin color or financial means.

Wayne Commodore, a resident of the Fairfield District, voiced concerns pertaining to the Police Division's internal affairs section and its process for following up on citizen complaints.

Alexcia Cleveland, a resident of the Varina District, asked that Henrico's Police Division not provide mutual aid to the Richmond Police Department in confronting protestors.

Eric Kittleson, a resident of the Brookland District, echoed concerns regarding police brutality and spoke in support of renaming recreational facilities and streets that memorialize the Confederacy. He encouraged the County to continue taking a hands-off approach in terms of police involvement with protestors.

Scott Lebow, a resident of the Tuckahoe District, expressed concerns that low-income and minority students in Henrico are being placed in lower-quality and less-funded schools and echoed concerns relating to policing across the nation.

### **GENERAL AGENDA**

**158-20** Resolution - Signatory Authority - Commonwealth's Development Opportunity  
**Approved** Fund Performance Agreement - ASGN Incorporated - Three Chopt District.

**159-20** Resolution - Quarterly Appropriation of Funds for First Quarter of FY 2020-  
**Approved** 21.

**160-20** Resolution - To Accept a Grant From the U.S. Department of Justice  
**Approved** Awarded Under the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program to Prevent, Prepare for, and Respond to the Coronavirus.

**161-20** Resolution - Signatory Authority - Conveyance of Real Estate - 3216  
**Approved** Emporia Street - Varina District.

**162-20** Resolution - Award of Annual Contracts - Road and Drainage Projects.  
**Approved**