# COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL MEETING June 8, 2021

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting at 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, 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:

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

#### Other Officials Present:

John A. Vithoulkas, County Manager
J. T. (Tom) Tokarz, County Attorney
Tanya Brackett Harding, CMC, Assistant to the County Manager/Clerk to the Board
W. Brandon Hinton, Deputy County Manager for Administration
Monica Smith-Callahan, Deputy County Manager for Community Affairs
Anthony E. McDowell, Deputy County Manager for Public Safety
Cari Tretina, Assistant to the County Manager/Chief of Staff

Mr. Schmitt called the meeting to order at 5:22 p.m.

#### Transportation Project Updates

Sharon Smidler, Transportation Development Division Director in the Department of Public Works, updated the Board about various transportation projects. The County has 90 active projects, 65 of which have bike/pedestrian components. Current project funding is 43% federal, 42% local, and 15% state. This year, the County will be applying for sidewalk projects, and CVTA funding will be used for the Fall Line Trail.

### **Community Project Funding Requests**

Mike Schnurman, Assistant to the County Manager for Intergovernmental Relations, updated the Board about the beginning of the process for federal funding requests for the Henrico Detox & Addiction Recovery Center, Fall Line Trail, Achievable Dream Academy, and Tuckahoe Creek Park Parking Lot.

## Federal Stimulus/Emergency Funding Award to Henrico

Meghan Coates, Director of Finance, discussed the federal stimulus and emergency funding received by the County. General Government received \$57 million in CARES ACT funding. The County will also receive ESSER III and American Recovery Act funding that has not been appropriated.

# Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II - Federal Grant Award

John Wack, Chief Financial Officer for Schools, gave the Board a brief overview of the \$34.87 million in ESSER II federal grant award funding to Schools. Mr. Wack stated that the ESSER II funding will be used to add 15 elementary reading specialists, 30 school counselors, and 13 elementary library assistants.

In addition, Schools will purchase 52 additional buses, 10 minious, hot spots for students, and air filters and air purifiers. Schools will also purchase security vestibules for 10 schools, replace HVAC units, and fund summer school instruction and transportation, preK-12 literacy program materials, and student re-engagement and learning recovery.

Mrs. O'Bannon asked about the virtual academy. Dr. Amy Cashwell, Superintendent of Schools, stated there is a need for virtual learning and Henrico will offer a separate learning academy for students who have learning space and someone at home able to help them. Students will be allowed to participate in sports and other activities at their home school. Schools has 1,800 students enrolled in the virtual academy program.

Mr. Vithoulkas briefly reviewed the agenda items for the 7:00 p.m. meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Henrico County, Virginia