

**COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
March 28, 2023**

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 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
Thomas M. Branin, Three Chopt District
Patricia S. O'Bannon, Tuckahoe District
Daniel J. Schmitt, Brookland District

Other Officials Present:

John A. Vithoulkas, County Manager
Andrew R. Newby, County Attorney
Tanya N. Brackett, CMC, Assistant to the County Manager/Clerk to the Board
Michael Y. Feinmel, Deputy County Manager for Public Safety
W. Brandon Hinton, Deputy County Manager for Administration
Monica Smith-Callahan, Deputy County Manager for Community Affairs
Cari M. Tretina, Assistant to the County Manager/Chief of Staff
Steven J. Yob, Deputy County Manager for Community Operations
Benjamin A. Sheppard, Director of Public Relations

Central Virginia Transportation Authority Update

Kevin Carroll, Chairman of the Central Virginia Transportation Authority (CVTA), along with Chet Parson, Executive Director with Plan RVA, gave the Board an update on CVTA. Mr. Carroll gave a brief overview of how the CVTA was organized in August of 2020 and how funding is divided and used by the nine member localities.

Mr. Parson shared that Henrico's local distribution for FY22 was \$33,486,461, with current planned projects including Countywide pedestrian improvements, Kingridge Parkway/North Laburnum Avenue Intersection Improvement, Mill Road Improvements, and pavement reclamation projects, to name a few. Currently, the CVTA has a total of 45 projects for FY 2021 and FY 2022 totaling \$109.7 million. Mr. Thornton thanked Mr. Carroll and Mr. Parson for their leadership and for sharing information about CVTA throughout the region.

Recognition of Fire Employees

Mr. Vithoulkas recognized Jackson Baynard, Chief of the Division of Fire, to share information about extraordinary calls handled by the amazing first responders in the Division of Fire and the Emergency Communications Center.

The first incident was a fire rescue call at 12423 Shoreview Drive in the Tuckahoe District, on February 15, 2023. The Division of Fire responded to a call dispatched by Firefighter Banks for a residential house fire in the 12000 block of Shoreview Drive. The building was a two-story middle row home. Communications Officer trainee Morgan Perkins received the initial 911 call. She was able to remain calm and obtain vital information that there were two individuals trapped inside the 2nd floor bathroom in the home. This information was vital to help fire crews make tactical decisions. An additional call came regarding the fire and was received by Communications Officer trainee Salona Perkins. The fire radio did an exceptional job of supporting a chaotic scene encountered by Firefighter Frank McClain and CFO Lt. Ignatius Celentano.

Station 13 was the first to arrive to the scene. E313 Firefighters Adam Garner, Dylan Bowman, and Matthew Baeroosh arrived within three minutes after the call was dispatched. They immediately acted knowing that there was two people trapped. The crew deployed a handline and began searching for the victims. As additional support crews from Station 19 T319 (Captain Walter Kitchen, Firefighter Lauren Challis, Firefighter Randy Goll, E319 Lt. Kevin Rush, Firefighter Sydney Cossaboon, and Firefighter James Waters), Station 9 R309 (Captain Matthew Wyatt, Firefighter Anne Nuthall, and Firefighter Steven Schrader), Station 1 T301 (Lt. William Foster, Firefighter Sean Jones, and Firefighter Eric Middleton), and A388 (Jennifer Quinn, and Konner Lawson), arrived to support the efforts. Ultimately, the team from T319 and E313 were able to remove the victims and get them transported to VCU Medical Center by EMS transport units M315 (Geoffrey Langford and Steven Johnson) and M309 (Kevin Jones and Joseph Cicero), with support from A388 crew. Under the leadership of Chief Jackson Baynard, Battalion Chief Kenneth Stone, Safety Captain Bryce Grissom, Captain Agee Bryant, and Captain Joseph Mooney, resources were allocated to supporting the search for the occupants while other crews worked to control the fire.

The second incident was a fire rescue call at 1242 Kenley Square in the Brookland District, on March 1, 2023. A call was dispatched by Firefighter Banks for a residential house fire in the 1200 block of Kenley Square. A 911 caller reported "smelling smoke and hearing the smoke alarm" sounding in the building. The building was a two-story middle row town home. Once on scene, the crews were directed to a townhouse style apartment that had a significant heat signature on the second floor when observed through the thermal imaging camera. Fire crews forced entry into the apartment where they discovered smoke on the first floor. Fire crews lead by Station 10 E310 (Firefighters Michael Pratt, David Hughes, and LaDonna Hayes) and T310 (Firefighters Jeffrey Beach, Coleman Bishop, and Patrick Nixon) forced entry into the apartment where they discovered smoke on the first floor. E310 and T310 continued into the apartment and made their way to the second floor where they found elevated temperatures and dense smoke conditions. Additional units from Station 8 E308 (Firefighters David Wescott, Ryan Pfeiffer, and Laura Conaghan), Station 20 E320 (Firefighters Russell Traner, James McGuire, and Michael Bagnell), Station 12 E312 (Lt. William Overstreet, Firefighter Matthew O'Donnell, and Firefighter Stone Roberts), T312 (Firefighters Kendall Elder, William Boger, and Robert Taylor), and M312 (Firefighters Tanner Kump and William Brightwell) arrived on scene to provide additional assistance and support.

Ultimately, the teamwork of E310 and T310 removed a female occupant and her dog, both near unconscious when they were placed on the sidewalk in front of the fire building. Crews from T310, E310, and E308 initiated medical care and fire victims regained consciousness at the scene before being transported to VCU Medical Center by Medics from Station 20 M320 (Mike Redford and Archie Moore). Under the leadership of Safety Captain Frederick Chappell,

Assistant Chief Eugene Gerald, Captain Donald Deaver, Captain Timothy Hancock, and Captain Joseph Johnson, resources were dedicated to supporting the search for the occupants while other crews worked to control the fire.

The third incident was a water rescue call at 4991 Lake Brook Drive in Three Chopt District on March 7, 2023. The Division responded to a call dispatched by Firefighter Julian Day to the commercial unit of North Shore Common. Communications Officer Lauren Axelle received the initial 911 call, and she was able to remain calm and obtain vital information from the caller. The caller advised dispatch that a person was in the middle of the pond holding on to a buoy. Both the officer and dispatch were able to communicate effectively on the fire radio and did an exceptional job of supporting a chaotic scene.

Station 22 was the first to arrive on the scene. E322 Lt. Neil McDuffie, Firefighter Brandon Bowes, and Firefighter Haleigh Kilby established command. E322 reconned the situation and confirmed one person was in the water holding on to a buoy in the middle of the lake. T301 crew members Firefighter Moon and Firefighter Boylan donned their dry suits and entered the water. T301 Driver Firefighter Montgomery anchored a rope attached to the swimmers with crew members from M322, Drake Sanders and Justin Brittle. The two swimmers were able to reach the female in the lake who was 300 feet from the shore. She was removed from the lake in approximately five minutes. M322 began patient care when the female reached the shore and the patient was transported to VCU Medical Center.

The Manager thanked all the Division of Fire personnel and Chief Baynard.

Teen Summit RVA Update

Monica Smith-Callahan, Deputy County Manager for Community Affairs, gave the Board an update on the Teen Summit RVA that was held on Saturday, March 18, at the Greater Richmond Convention Center. She noted it was a regional event with three local governments: Henrico, Chesterfield, and the City of Richmond. A total of 586 students registered for the event, with students participating from Henrico, Chesterfield, City of Richmond, Maggie Walker Governor School, Cristo Rey, and CodeVA. Mrs. Smith-Callahan noted there were a total of 89 volunteers, with 43 of them being from Henrico. There were 49 vendors, and \$102,000 was raised from 24 contributing partners. She shared just a little bit of the feedback they heard from the students who participated in the event, and she shared a brief video from the event. The next steps will be a meeting on April 11 to debrief and discuss next steps, and to engage with Henrico students who attended and get more feedback from them.

The Manager thanked Monica for the update and the success of the event and looks forward to updates for the plans for next year.

At Mr. Vithoulkas's request, the Board unanimously added a closed meeting item to the agenda.

On motion of Mrs. O'Bannon, seconded by Mr. Nelson, the Board approved going into a Closed Meeting at 6:36 p.m. for the following purpose:

For consultation with legal counsel pertaining to specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice concerning the use of County facilities, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(7)-(8) of the Code of Virginia.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

Aye
Frank J. Thornton
Tyrone E. Nelson
Thomas M. Branin
Patricia S. O'Bannon
Daniel J. Schmitt

Nay

On motion of Mrs. O'Bannon, seconded by Mr. Branin, and by unanimous vote, the Board approved going out of the Closed Meeting at 6:55 p.m.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

Aye
Frank J. Thornton
Tyrone E. Nelson
Thomas M. Branin
Patricia S. O'Bannon
Daniel J. Schmitt

Nay

On motion of Mrs. O'Bannon, seconded by Mr. Nelson, and by unanimous vote, the Board approved the attached Certificate of Closed Meeting.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

Aye
Frank J. Thornton
Tyrone E. Nelson
Thomas M. Branin
Patricia S. O'Bannon
Daniel J. Schmitt

Nay

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Frank J. Thornton
Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Henrico County, Virginia