

**COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
June 13, 2023**

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting at 5:45 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13, 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, Deputy County Manager/Chief of Staff
Steven J. Yob, Deputy County Manager for Community Operations
Benjamin A. Sheppard, Director of Public Relations

Academy at Virginia Randolph Partial Replacement and Renovation Project Update

Brandon Hinton, Deputy County Manager for Administration, gave the Board an update on the renovation plans for the Academy at Virginia Randolph. He explained that most of the buildings on the campus are over 60 years old and the improvements will increase community-based services for students and their families with a new community learning center hub. These improvements will address recommendations made in the September 2018 Holton Report on equity in special education and allow for the expansion of special education services to further meet student needs.

Mr. Hinton gave an update on the project explaining that design was completed in June of 2022, with an initial projected budget of \$59.9 million. However, three bids were received in February 2023 for construction and all bids were substantially over budget. The project was rebid, but only one bid was received in May: from Kenbridge Construction Co., Inc.

Mr. Hinton shared several slides showing the original scope of the project. Mr. Hinton responded to several questions from Board members regarding the bids and the initial budget. Mr. Thornton voiced concerns about the cottage and why there were no plans to restore the building, especially since that is where the grave is. Lenny Pritchard, Chief of Operations for Schools, noted there were no plans to renovate the cottage completely. The plans were to clean it up. Mr. Thornton explained he thinks it is a missed opportunity if we do not take some of this

funding to enhance the cottage, and he voiced concerns there was no input from the alumni and former employees on the scope of the renovations. Mr. Vithoulkas explained to Mr. Pritchard that Schools is asking the Board to cover an \$18 million shortfall, so the Board needs to understand what is being covered in the renovations. The Manager noted he has heard the concerns of the Board and will work with Dr. Cashwell to get the information requested by the Board. Mr. Nelson stated he has concerns about the funding, and he understands that some of the federal money designed for the project must be spent within a certain period of time, but he has questions about salary savings and where those savings are coming from within Schools. The Manager stated he will get back to the Board regarding the concerns.

On motion of Mrs. O'Bannon, seconded by Mr. Schmitt, the Board approved going into a Closed Meeting at 6:16 p.m. for the following purpose:

Discussion of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, including the value of the property, the envisioned use of the property, and the acquisition process, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) of the Code of Virginia.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

| <u>Aye</u> | <u>Nay</u> |
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| Frank J. Thornton | |
| Tyrone E. Nelson | |
| Thomas M. Branin | |
| Patricia S. O'Bannon | |
| Daniel J. Schmitt | |

On motion of Mrs. O'Bannon, seconded by Mr. Branin, and by unanimous vote, the Board approved going out of the Closed Meeting at 6:48 p.m.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

| <u>Aye</u> | <u>Nay</u> |
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| Frank J. Thornton | |
| Tyrone E. Nelson | |
| Thomas M. Branin | |
| Patricia S. O'Bannon | |
| Daniel J. Schmitt | |

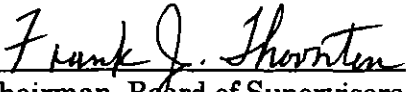
On motion of Mrs. O'Bannon, seconded by Mr. Schmitt, and by unanimous vote, the Board approved the attached Certificate of Closed Meeting.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

| <u>Aye</u> | <u>Nay</u> |
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| Frank J. Thornton | |
| Tyrone E. Nelson | |
| Thomas M. Branin | |
| Patricia S. O'Bannon | |
| Daniel J. Schmitt | |

Mr. Vithoulkas took the time to recognize Mr. Hinton for 20 years of service. Mr. Hinton thanked the Manager and the Board and noted he has truly enjoyed his time with the County and would not want to work anywhere else other than under the leadership of the Manager and this Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.


Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Henrico County, Virginia