

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
September 26, 2023

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 26, 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. Vithoulikas, 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

**Update on Virginia Sports Hall of Fame**

Dennis Bickmeier, Executive Director of the Sports and Entertainment Authority, stated it was announced earlier today tourist spending in Henrico County exceeded \$1.7 billion in 2022, the highest total of any locality in Central Virginia, according to an annual study released today for the Virginia Tourism Corporation. Mr. Bickmeier noted this is a huge accomplishment for the County and knows this number will only grow with the Sports & Event Center opening later in the year.

Mr. Bickmeier introduced Will Driscoll, Executive Director for the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame, who gave the Board an update on the Hall of Fame. Mr. Driscoll stated the Hall of Fame is a brand-based platform focused on serving as a non-profit resource which celebrates athletic excellence in the Commonwealth of Virginia and highlights philanthropy through sports, while inspiring sports fans through programming and engaging entertainment. He noted the Hall of Fame has a total of 354 inductees with over 90 who are also in National or International Halls of Fame.

Mr. Driscoll reviewed the partnership between Hall of Fame and Henrico Sports and Entertainment Authority. The Hall of Fame will have a physical exhibit presence in in the County and hold its annual induction ceremony at the Sports & Event Center on April 19 - 20, 2024. The exhibit will feature Central Virginia inductees with a digital component, and the

display cases will be built by the Henrico Workforce & Career Development program and Henrico County Public Schools.

Mr. Driscoll concluded by thanking the Board and the Manager for their support.

Mr. Vithoukias briefly reviewed the regular meeting agenda items before the recess at 6:02 p.m. to the Board Room for the NACo/VACo Award Recognition.

The Board reconvened at 6:16 p.m. for the NACo/VACo Award Recognition.

Mr. Vithoukias stated he was proud to recognize and celebrate the outstanding work of our General Government and School employees. This year Henrico County General Government and Henrico County Public Schools earned a total of 42 awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo). These awards highlight many of the exceptional and innovative programs created, coordinated, and implemented by staff from across the broad scope of the County's operations.

He took a moment and thanked Victoria Davis, Public Relations Specialist, for all her hard work and efforts in putting forward the awards and nominations each year and appreciates everything she does to make sure employees are appropriately honored for their innovation and service.

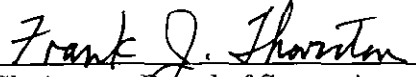
Mr. Vithoukias recognized Holly Coy, Chief of Staff for the Superintendent of Schools, who was present to accept the awards on behalf of Henrico County Public Schools. Mrs. Coy thanked the Manager and the Board for the opportunity to be present and noted the School Board will also hold a separate recognition to celebrate.

Dean Lynch, Executive Director for VACo, recognized the four VACo Achievement Award winners this year and noted this brings Henrico's total to 43.

Mr. Vithoukias recognized Victoria Davis, Public Relations Specialist, who presented the remainder of the NACo awards. Victoria noted this year marks the 18<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that Henrico has won the most of any county in Virginia, and we are ranked seventh among all counties nationwide, with Henrico earning 777 NACo awards since 1985.

At the conclusion of the presentation the Manager and the Board thanked all the employees and noted Henrico is an exceptional place to work because of our employees.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors  
Henrico County, Virginia