

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
October 10, 2023

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 10, 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. Vithoukas, 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 EMS Deployment Model

Jackson Baynard, Chief of the Division of Fire, recognized Deputy Chief Jason Wood and Deputy Chief Jim Courtney who gave the Board an update on the emergency medical services deployment model. Deputy Chief Courtney reviewed the history of the Division of Fire with the County's volunteer rescue squads, including Lakeside, Henrico, and Tuckahoe, to help enhance the delivery of emergency medical services throughout the County. He noted these squads have responded to over 11,000 emergency medical calls for service.

Next, Deputy Chief Wood discussed the CARE Program. In March of 2023, the Henrico Division of Fire's CARE Team earned national recognition. The Division operates 17 advanced life support (ALS) medic units. He explained the goal is to increase the reliability of ALS being available for high acuity calls, preserve the career longevity and retention of ALS providers, and better match resources to calls for service. He reviewed the proposed solution to adjust six fire transport units in the system from ALS to BLS (basic life support) and prioritize use of certain ALS and BLS units. He also described an initiative where Henrico medics will staff vehicles owned by Tuckahoe Volunteer Rescue Squad to provide timely responses in appropriate circumstances. Mr. Branin voiced concerns about insurance and liability with our employees staffing vehicles owned by Tuckahoe Volunteer Rescue Squad. Cari Tretina, Chief of Staff, explained our firefighters are covered with the County's self-insurance plan and the County also provides insurance funding for Tuckahoe Volunteer

Rescue Squad. Mr. Schmitt voiced concerns about public perception and making sure our residents understand the partnership with Tuckahoe Volunteer Rescue Squad. Chief Baynard explained it will be staffed with part-time Fire personnel. The Manager clarified staff will work with Public Relations to do press releases to ensure our residents understand we are working with Tuckahoe Volunteer Rescue Squad.

On motion of Mrs. O'Bannon, seconded by Mr. Schmitt, the Board approved going into a Closed Meeting at 6:10 p.m. for the following purpose:

Consultation with legal counsel and briefing by staff members or consultants concerning probable litigation of a civil nature that may be brought by the County as a member of a class against certain companies, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia, because consultation in an open meeting would adversely affect the litigating position of the County.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
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 6:31 p.m.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

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

Ben Sheppard, Director of Public Relations, updated the Board on the Annual Report that was released this past week and explained for the past couple of years they have printed the

report and mailed it out but did not find that useful. This year, they printed the report in magazine form and also made the report available via a link on the County's homepage. This year the report documented several of the major events throughout each district.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

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