

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
October 24, 2023

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, joined County staff on a tour of the Cobbs Creek Reservoir in Cumberland County.

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

The following items were discussed on the bus returning from Cobbs Creek. Mr. Branin listened to the presentations by phone because he was traveling in a separate vehicle on the return trip from the tour.

Fire Cancer Screenings

Jackson Baynard, Chief of the Division of Fire, updated the Board on an effort requested by the Henrico Professional Firefighters Association in late 2021 for the County to develop a cancer screening program for its firefighters. The Board agreed to fully fund cancer screening for its firefighters in the County's budget. From April to July of 2023 a total of 219 Division of Fire employees participated in the cancer and cardiovascular screening process. He gave the Board the updated numbers noting the value of the screenings is not just finding cancer but also providing significant health information to firefighters. He thanked the Manager and the Board for their continued support on this important effort.

FEMA Reimbursement from COVID Efforts

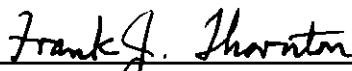
Rob Rowley, Chief for Emergency Management and Workplace Safety, informed the Board that the County had received over \$5 million in reimbursement from the federal government for the County's region-leading COVID vaccination efforts at the Richmond Raceway. Rob thanked several departments for their help, including the Department of Information Technology for

creating the electronic forms necessary for employees to track their emergency-related time, as well as the Division of Fire and the Departments of Finance, Human Resources, and Emergency Management. Sheila Minor, Director of Finance, explained new methods used by her department to better track the documentation needed to seek reimbursement for emergencies.

Water and Sewer Loan Item on Regular Meeting Agenda

Bentley Chan, Director of Public Utilities, briefed the Board on an item on the agenda for the Board's regular meeting. He explained recent changes to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's lead and copper rule for safe drinking water. These changes require the County to locate and replace water service lines that are composed of lead pipes that easily corrode. Mr. Chan explained that the Department of Public Utilities had been awarded a grant and low interest loan (1%) through the Commonwealth of Virginia to help complete the inventory of County pipes. The agenda item would set a public hearing to approve the loan component of the program.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.



Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Henrico County, Virginia