

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
February 13, 2024

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting at 4:15 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, 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:

Tyrone E. Nelson, Chairman, Varina District
Daniel J. Schmitt, Vice-Chairman, Brookland District
Roscoe D. Cooper, III, Fairfield District
Misty D. Whitehead, Three Chopt District
Jody K. Rogish, Tuckahoe 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
Ben A. Sheppard, Director of Public Relations

Mr. Vithoukas recognized his Student Government Day student, Sean Arjona, who was shadowing him for the Special Meeting and the Board Meeting. Sean is a junior at Glen Allen High School in the Center for Education and Human Development, and he participates in the Cross-Country Track Team. He is also the son of Officer Arjona with the Police Division.

Teen Summit RVA 2024

Monica Smith-Callahan, Deputy County Manager for Community Affairs, gave the Board an update on Teen Summit RVA 2024. The Summit is designed to amplify youth voices against violence and address wellness. Last year, the event welcomed hundreds of diverse high school students who engaged in interactive experiences addressing various topics students selected.

Mrs. Smith-Callahan explained the event is presented by the Counties of Chesterfield and Henrico and the City of Richmond, with support from each locality's school division. The event is sponsored by the Community Foundation for Greater Richmond and Virginia Career Works, with support from nearly 20 contributing partners who provided financial and in-kind contributions.

This year's theme is "I Am," which seeks to inspire, uplift, and celebrate the power of positive self-affirmation. Teen Summit RVA 2024 will offer a transformative space where leadership, development, self-love, and healing will take center stage.

Mrs. Smith-Callahan also noted this year's event was planned solely by the teens who participated in last year's event. It will be held on Saturday, February 24, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Greater Richmond Convention Center. She was excited to announce the event is sold out with 650 students registered to attend.

Ms. Whitehead noted she heard about this event last year, offered kudos for the programming, and shared her excitement about the event. She wanted to know if Board members can attend. Mrs. Smith-Callahan explained Board members can attend. Rev. Cooper stated he attended last year, was excited to see the event back this year, and wanted to know if it was at capacity. Mrs. Smith-Callahan noted she had a little room to add a few individuals if there was someone they wanted to add. Mr. Nelson noted last year we only opened it up to the students from the localities who participated and asked if that was the case this year. Mrs. Smith-Callahan stated, no, it was open to all students, but Henrico has the most students registered for the event.

Mr. Nelson thanked Mrs. Smith-Callahan for once again bringing this program forward and knows it will be an even bigger event this year. Mr. Nelson asked the Manager to give the Board a brief idea of all the projects Mrs. Smith-Callahan works on, noting this is just one of many events and projects she handles for the County and wanted to make sure we recognize all the efforts and hard work she does and how much we appreciate her.

All Henrico Reads 2024

Barbara Weedman, Director of Libraries, along with her two Assistant Directors, Alex Hamby and Angie Bennett, introduced the All Henrico Reads program for 2024. This year's event will be held at the Sports and Events Center on March 28 at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Hamby explained she was excited to announce this year's author is Cheryl Strayed's "Wild." The book is based on a true story about Strayed and her 1,100-mile hike up on the Pacific Crest Trail. Mrs. Hamby stated All Henrico Reads is hosted in partnership with Friends of Henrico County Public Library and Henrico County Public Schools.

Marcus Alert and Crisis Response Update

Mike Feinmel, Deputy County Manager for Public Safety, along with Laura Totty, Daniel Rigsby, Sarah Gray, Kim Johnson, Donnie Green, and Alys Morgan gave the Board information on the Marcus Alert and Crisis Response Update. Mr. Feinmel explained the Marcus-David Peters Act was signed into law in 2020. The program is designed to ensure that the emergency response to a behavioral health crisis is a compassionate and informed health response. The goal is to lead a statewide mental health system with coordination at state, regional, and local levels.

Staff reviewed various statistics and models showing the need and planning for the program.

The presentation concluded with a reminder that the Recovery Roundtable recommended a detox center for the County. Staff have identified a site, and the RFP is currently under review, with an architect meeting in the future. Mr. Vithoukas clarified there is a \$15 million appropriation for the facility and Congresswoman Spanberger obtained \$1 million towards the facility as well.

The Board recessed at 5:31 p.m. and reconvened at 5:37 p.m.

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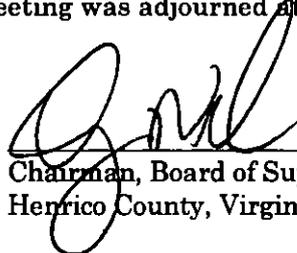
Sheila Minor, Director of Finance, gave the Board a brief update on the RECAP program, which is a new initiative to help qualifying homeowners with their real estate taxes. Mrs. Minor shared a video of her and Leo Marsh, Revenue Division Director, appearing on the Morning Show and discussing the program. Mrs. Minor explained residents can apply for both the RECAP and REAP program.

Review of the Regular Meeting Agenda Items

Mr. Vithoukas briefly reviewed the agenda items for the 6:00 p.m. meeting.

Mr. Vithoukas recognized Vikas Kapila, a resident of the Three Chopt District, who wanted to discuss cricket in Henrico. Mr. Kapila introduced others who appeared with him in support of his proposal. He explained they currently have 18 teams playing cricket at Wilder Middle School. They have been working with Recreation and Parks on getting access to fields and would like a commitment from the Board to participate in a league they are planning. Ms. Whitehead explained this was not a commitment the Board could make at this time, but that she will continue to work with him and the Director of Recreation and Parks on reserving fields.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.



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Henrico County, Virginia