

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
March 26, 2024

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 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. Vithoukaskas, 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. Vithoukaskas recognized Jackson Baynard, Chief of the Division of Fire, to give the Board an update on the Page County brush fire deployment last Wednesday, March 20. Chief Baynard explained they deployed three brush trucks with six firefighters on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. with two incident management team members.

Lt. D. J. Jennings from Firehouse 6 explained they worked through the night fighting the fires. Firefighter Mike Nolte explained the highlight was the appreciation they received from the Page County community. Mr. Nelson thanked the firefighters and the team for their service. He asked if the fire was contained. Chief Baynard explained the fire was still burning but was contained. Mr. Nelson asked Lt. Jennings about the lessons learned during the incident. Lt. Jennings explained in the future they will take one more incident commander with an additional vehicle, so the additional incident commander can help coordinate and supervise the efforts of the teams. Chief Baynard noted they will also have a ready to go bag with changes of clothes and other necessities. Ms. Whitehead explained it reminds her of the time when she served in the military; a crisis can bring out the best in a team and give an opportunity to prove your mettle. Mr. Cooper noted that being a first responder is a calling, and firefighters do the job without hesitation and knowing that at any point they could lose their life. Mr. Rogish and Mr. Schmitt thanked the firefighters for all they did and appreciated their service. Chief Baynard thanked the Board for allowing them the time to share and appreciates the support of the Manager and the Board.

POSSE Land Management System Update

Travis Sparrow, Director of Information Technology, gave the Board an update on the POSSE land management system. He explained this technology replaced Tidemark. He shared a short video of the POSSE system. Jean Moore, Assistant Director of Planning, reviewed the outreach for the implementation, explaining the staff held multiple training sessions for citizens and the development community to come and learn about the new Build Henrico customer portal. She shared the numbers of permits, inspections performed, and certificates of occupancy issued from August 2021 – March 2024. She also shared testimonials from companies and residents who have used the system. Ms. Moore and Mr. Sparrow responded to questions from Mr. Cooper regarding the final phasing and ongoing maintenance of the system.

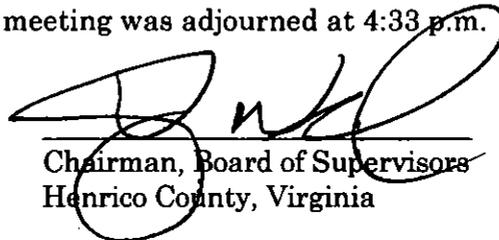
Update on First Tee – Greater Richmond

Dennis Bickmeier, Executive Director of the Sports and Entertainment Authority, recognized Brent Schneider, CEO of First Tee of Greater Richmond, who gave the Board an update on the Belmont Golf Course. Mr. Schneider thanked the Manager and the Board and reviewed the mission statement: to strengthen the character of their community and to impact the lives of the young people by providing educational programs that build character, instill life-enhancing values, and promote healthy choices through the game of golf. He reviewed the history of Belmont Golf Course. Mr. Schneider stated 36,078 total rounds of golf were played at the course in 2023. Of that total, 11% were youth, making Belmont the number one “youth on course” facility in Virginia for 2023. He noted First Tee has served over 1,100 youth from Henrico County Public Elementary Schools. Mr. Schmitt noted the success of the private partnership with First Tee. Mr. Schneider thanked the Board and the Manager.

Review of the Regular Meeting Agenda Items

Mr. Vithoukas briefly reviewed the agenda items for the 5:00 p.m. meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.



Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Henrico County, Virginia