

Shown below is a preliminary summary of the special meeting of the Hanover County Board of Supervisors on December 4, 2014. Minutes in final form will be presented to the Board for approval at a future date.

HANOVER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DRAFT SUMMARY MINUTES

Special Meeting with Members of General Assembly

Representing Hanover County

December 4, 2014

VIRGINIA: At a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors for Hanover County held in the Dollar Tree Community Room at Randolph Macon College on the 4th day of December, 2014, at 8:00 a.m.

Present: Mr. Sean M. Davis, Chairman
Mr. Wayne T. Hazzard, Vice-Chairman
Mrs. Angela Kelly-Wiecek
Mr. Aubrey M. Stanley
Mr. Cecil R. Harris, Jr., County Administrator
Mr. Sterling E. Rives, III, County Attorney
Mr. Dennis Walter, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Delegate Christopher K. Peace
Delegate H.F. "Buddy" Fowler
Senator Ryan T. McDougale
Senator A. Donald McEachin
Senator Walter A. Stosch

Absent: Mr. W. Canova Peterson
Mr. G.E. "Ed" Via, III
Mr. Elton J. Wade, Sr.

I. Call to Order

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

- A. The invocation was given by Senator McEachin.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sheriff Hines.

II. Opening Remarks

Mr. Davis welcomed the members of the General Assembly. He also welcomed Mayor George Spagna, Hanover County officials, Dr. Jamelle Wilson, School Superintendent, and the School Board members who were present.

III. Discussion of Hanover County Legislative Agenda for the 2015 Session

Mrs. Kelly-Wiecek, Chair, Legislative Committee, and Mr. Rives, County Attorney led the discussion, beginning with the 2015 Legislative Agenda Action Items.

2015 Legislative Agenda Action Items

- Request that the General Assembly fully fund the Line of Duty Act benefits for law enforcement and public safety personnel as it did from the time that the General Assembly created these benefits in 1995 until the 2012 fiscal year.
- Request that the General Assembly ensure that the state continues to appropriate adequate monies to fund its pro rata share of the required contributions for VRS benefits for state funded teacher salaries and that the state make its contributions directly to VRS so that the state liability will be accurately reported under applicable accounting standards.
- To help local governments provide for the stormwater quality programs and facilities necessary to achieve the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirements, request that the General Assembly create a mechanism to provide for a stable and adequate source of the funding required to implement these programs.
- Request that Va. Code section 8.01-407 be amended to provide that attorneys may not issue subpoenas in custody and visitation proceedings under Chapter 6.1 (Section 20-124.1 et seq.) of Title 20 when the person whose attendance is sought is an employee of a school division, community services board, behavioral health authority or local department of social and the testimony sought is related to such employment.
- Request that the Department of Environmental Quality conduct or commission a comprehensive study to determine the potential environmental and health risks of the land application of industrial residuals and to establish regulations specifically designed for industrial residuals based on the characteristics of residuals from different sources, including

testing parameters, application methods, setbacks, record keeping, inspection protocols and enforcement authority.

- Request that the date of primary elections held in the month of June be changed from the second Tuesday to the third Tuesday in June and to change candidate filing deadlines to reflect that change of date. Because many localities use public school buildings for polling places, this change would minimize the number of occasions when primary elections held in June would take place while public schools are still in session. This change would reduce interference with school functions, enhance student safety and facilitate the conduct of primary elections.
- Request that the General Assembly amend the Code of Virginia to require that all bills that have a local fiscal impact—whether to localities or local school divisions—be filed on the first day of a Session of the General Assembly in provide time for fiscal impact analysis.

There was a discussion on Hanover County’s position on legislation anticipated to come before the 2015 session.

Positions on Legislation Anticipated to Come before the 2015 Session

- Support legislation that would provide counties with the same local taxing authority as cities in order that counties might reduce their dependence on real estate and personal property taxes.
- Support the development of alternative and equivalent additional revenue sources for localities prior to any repeal of the current authority for machinery and tools taxes and business professional occupation license taxes.
- Support maintenance of the existing provisions of Va. Code § 22.1-79.1 governing the date for the opening of the school year.
- Support legislation that would prohibit private ownership of dangerous, wild animals, except for licensed zoos, research facilities and animal sanctuaries.
- Support for a study by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) of Medicaid-funded transportation services; such study would be separate and apart from any additional studies regarding those who are eligible for Medicaid or the provision of Medicaid services in Virginia.

There was a detailed discussion on the legislative policy statements.

Legislative Policy Statements

- Support protection of existing authority regarding local budget decisions and oppose any shifting of funding responsibility from the state to localities for new or existing programs.
- Support the protection of existing local government authority in all areas including revenue and land use.
- Support only environmental regulations and programs that are scientifically valid and reasonably cost effective and that will result in substantial and demonstrable improvements to the environment.
- Support equitable reallocation of revenue and service responsibilities between the state and localities to provide for ongoing stability in taxation and the delivery of government services.
- Support the development of alternative funding sources for capital improvements required to serve new development.

IV. Comments by Members of General Assembly

Each Senator and Delegate addressed the Board and several issues were discussed. The legislators expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to participate in the discussions and encouraged further input from Hanover County and other localities.

V. Announcements

The legislators and citizens were thanked for their attendance and participation.

VI. Adjournment

At 9:25 A.m. the Chairman adjourned the meeting to December 10, 2014 – Hanover County Administration Building – 2:00 p.m.