



HANOVER COUNTY
COMMUNITY SERVICES
BOARD –
Public Advocacy
Committee

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
Sue Randolph – Chair
Citizen
Angela Kelly-Wiecek
Board of Supervisors

MINUTES

May 8, 2023
5:30 PM

Members Present: Mary Butler Eggleston, Carol McDaid, Jack Wilson

Staff Members Present: Ivy Sager

Additional Attendees: None

Presenters: Dennis Walter, County Attorney

Location: Atlee Commons Meeting Room, 9734 Atlee Commons Drive, Ashland, VA 23005

- I. **Call to Order** – Mary Butler Eggleston called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.
- II. **Consideration of Amendments to the Agenda** – No amendments to the agenda were considered.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** – The minutes from April 12, 2023, were approved as submitted.
- IV. **Presentations and Agenda Items**
 - A. Presentation & Discussion –
 - i. Hanover County Legislative Committee
 - ii. Hanover County Legislative Agenda

Dennis Walter, County Attorney, reviewed the legislative agenda process. He discussed the status of current legislators and changes based on redistricting. Further, he spoke to the County's connection with VACO (Virginia Association of Counties) and their legislative activity and the ongoing process to amend or update the legislative agenda.

Mr. Walter offered his suggestion that the CSB Board's Advocacy Committee engage early in the process by reaching out to the Legislative Committee members. He noted their involvement and role could be more formal or less formal, as appropriate. A more formal

approach may include attending the Legislative Committee meetings and sending specific suggestions to the committee for their consideration.

Mr. Walter also spoke about the process of monitoring specific legislation when the General Assembly is in session and noted that a highly coordinated effort is most effective. Ms. McDaid asked about the number of CSB related items currently included on the legislative agenda and sought information about the status of each. Mr. Walter offered that the CSB's items are impacted by the current state budget situation. He also offered his opinion that budget matters are not as well suited for advocacy based on the nature of the state budget process. Ms. McDaid also noted the possibility of addressing the code language related to Same Day Access and that it means assess to assessment not services. She expressed that many find this confusing. Further discussion ensued as the Committee also discussed options for ongoing interface with the Legislative Committee.

B. Next Steps

The Committee agreed to the following next steps:

- A Committee member will attend the Hanover Board of Supervisor's Legislative Committee meetings.
- The Committee will meet on June 12 and July 10, at 5:30 p.m., to continue to develop a framework for legislative advocacy efforts on behalf of the CSB. They will present the proposed framework to the full CSB Board in July for their consideration and approval.
- The Committee will then proceed according to the approved plan.

V. **Other Items** – None

VI. **Announcements** – None

VII. **Adjournment** – the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Atlee Commons location.