

HANOVER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES

**Hanover County Administration Building
Board Room**

April 8, 2015

VIRGINIA: At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors for Hanover County held in the Board Room of the Hanover County Administration Building on the 8th day of April, 2015, at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Mr. Wayne T. Hazzard, Chairman
Mr. Aubrey M. Stanley, Vice-Chairman
Mrs. Angela Kelly-Wiecek
Mr. W. Canova Peterson
Mr. G.E. "Ed" Via, III
Mr. Elton J. Wade, Sr.
Mr. Cecil R. Harris, Jr., County Administrator
Mr. Sterling E. Rives, III, County Attorney

Absent: Mr. Sean M. Davis

I. Call to Order

Mr. Hazzard called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. All Board members were present except Mr. Davis.

- A. The invocation was given by Mr. Peterson.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Kelly-Wiecek.
- C. Approval of minutes from February 11, February 25 and March 4, 2015.

Mr. Stanley made a motion to approve the minutes from February 11, February 25 and March 4, 2015, seconded by Mr. Peterson.

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	Vote:
Wayne T. Hazzard	Aye
Aubrey M. Stanley	Aye
Sean M. Davis	Absent
Angela Kelly-Wiecek	Aye
W. Canova Peterson	Aye
G. E. "Ed" Via, III	Aye
Elton J. Wade, Sr.	Aye

Motion approved.

II. Consideration of Amendments to the Agenda.

The Chairman read a letter of appreciation to the Board from Mr. Ernest H. Mason concerning the recent proclamation recognizing his years of service to the county.

The Chairman asked if there were any agenda amendments. Hearing none, moved to citizens' time.

III. Citizens' Time

The Chairman opened citizens' time and offered to anyone who wanted to address the Board of Supervisors for up to five minutes on any matter within the scope of the Board's authority that is not on the agenda for that meeting to come forward.

Mr. Ira Seybold, Henry Magisterial District, came forward and explained a prayer group being formed in Hanover that will have its first meeting on April 9, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Pamunkey Regional Library Atlee Branch.

Seeing no others come forward, citizens' time was closed.

IV. Consent Agenda

Mr. Via made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Stanley.

	Vote:
Wayne T. Hazzard	Aye
Aubrey M. Stanley	Aye
Sean M. Davis	Absent
Angela Kelly-Wiecek	Aye
W. Canova Peterson	Aye
G. E. "Ed" Via, III	Aye
Elton J. Wade, Sr.	Aye

Motion approved.

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IV. A. – Committee Appointments

COMMITTEE NAME	DISTRICT	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	TERM LENGTH	CURRENT TERM ENDS	ACTION
Roads Committee	Ashland	Roger	Bowers	1 year	05/27/15	Reappoint to 5/27/16
Hanover County Council on Aging	Ashland	Jean	Folly	1 year	05/31/15	Reappoint to 5/31/16
Historic Courthouse Area Advisory Committee	At-Large	Anne	Cross	1 year	05/27/15	Reappoint to 5/27/16
Historic Courthouse Area Advisory Committee	At-Large	James	Kastelberg	1 year	05/27/15	Reappoint to 5/27/16
Historic Courthouse Area Advisory Committee	At-Large	Mary	Leffler	1 year	05/27/15	Reappoint to 5/27/16
Hanover County Council on Aging	Cold Harbor (Serving As)	Bunny	Young	1 year	05/31/15	Reappoint to 5/31/16
Economic Development Authority	Henry	Richard	McGrath	4 years	N/A	Appoint to 4/08/19
Hanover County Council on Aging	Mechanicsville	Virginia	Bloch	1 year	04/30/15	Reappoint to 4/30/16

IV. B. - Adoption of Resolution – Acceptance of Streets into the Secondary System of Highways – Honey Meadows Subdivision, Sections 1A and 2 (Chickahominy Magisterial District)

Board Sheet Background:

Honey Meadows, Section 1A (Road Right-of-Way) was recorded on November 3, 2008. Section 2 is a 68 lot subdivision recorded on September 9, 2011. The Virginia Department of Transportation – Ashland and the Departments of Planning and Public Works recommend processing for acceptance of streets in the attached resolution into the State Secondary System.

Recommended Action:

Adopt the attached Resolution requesting the Virginia Department of Transportation to accept Apiary Court, Meadow Pond Drive, Safflower Court and Honey Meadows Road, in Honey Meadows Subdivision, Section 1A and 2 into the Secondary System of State Highways.

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the street(s) described on the attached Additions Form AM-4.3, fully incorporated herein by reference, are shown on plats recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Hanover County, and

WHEREAS, the representative for the Virginia Department of Transportation has advised this Board that the street(s) in Honey Meadows – Sections 1A and 2 meet the requirements established by the Virginia Department of Transportation's Subdivision Street Requirements, and

OW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board requests the Virginia Department of Transportation to add the street(s) described on the attached Additions Form AM-4.3 to the secondary system of state highways, pursuant to Section 33.2-705, Code of Virginia, and the Department's Subdivision Street Requirements, after receiving a copy of this resolution and all outstanding fees and documents required of the developer, whichever occurs last in time, and

E IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Board guarantees a clear and unrestricted right-of-way, as described, and any necessary easements for cuts, fills and drainage, and

E IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Area Land Use Engineer for the Virginia Department of Transportation.

On motion of Mrs. Kelly-Wiecek, seconded by Mr. Via, the members of the Board of Supervisors voted to approve this resolution, as follows:

	Vote:
Wayne T. Hazzard	Aye
Aubrey M. Stanley	Aye
Sean M. Davis	Absent
Angela Kelly-Wiecek	Aye
W. Canova Peterson	Aye
G. E. "Ed" Via, III	Aye
Elton J. Wade, Sr.	Aye

IV. C. - Budget Appropriation - Payment of Issuance Costs with Bond Proceeds from General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2015 - \$153,000.

Board Sheet Background:

On February 11, 2015, the Board of Supervisors approved a resolution to refund County General Obligation Bonds Series 2006, Series 2009 and Series 2011.

On March 19, 2015, the County closed on the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series

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2015 which refunded a portion of the Series 2006, 2009 and 2011 bonds maturing between 2017 and 2031. The favorable market conditions resulted in total bond proceeds of \$23.9 million which included \$153,000 of the bond proceeds designated for issuance costs. The transaction resulted in \$1.4 million of net present value savings and exceeded the target savings.

Issuance costs to be paid from the bond proceeds include but are not limited to financial advisor fees, rating agency fees, bond counsel fees and printing fees. The Finance & Management Services Department concurs with this request.

Recommended Action:

Motion to approve the budget supplement and payment of issuance costs with bond proceeds from the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2015 in the amount of \$153,000.

V. Presentation - Governor's Award for Excellence in Virginia's Fire Service

Ms. Brook Pittinger, Virginia Department of Fire Programs, came forward and re-presented the award that was originally presented at the Virginia Fire and Rescue Conference on February 21, 2015. Hanover County Fire-EMS was selected to receive the Governor's Award for Excellence in Virginia's Fire Service for state and national leadership related to tactical fire suppression. The "S.L.I.C.E.-R.S." model, which has been endorsed by the International Society of Fire Service Instructors and the International Association of Fire Chiefs, has had a direct impact on saving lives of firefighters throughout the Commonwealth.

Ms. Pittinger commended Chief Piland and Hanover County Fire-EMS on the achievement.

VI.-A. Transportation – Introduction of VDOT Richmond District Administrator, Mr. Robert Cary

Board Sheet Background:

In October 2014, VDOT announced that Mr. Robert H. Cary, P.E. would lead the transportation program in the Richmond District.

Mr. Cary, who started his career with VDOT in 1992 and became the Salem District Administrator in July 2012. Before that, he served for five years as the agency's Lynchburg District Administrator.

While in the Salem District, Mr. Cary directed road maintenance, construction and operations for a 12-county region of southwest Virginia that includes more than 9,200 miles of roadway, 2,800 structures, approximately 850 employees and an annual budget of \$265 million.

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Mr. Cary holds a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from Virginia Tech. Following graduation, Mr. Cary joined William H. Gordon Associates of Woodbridge as a staff engineer and surveyor. In 1992, he became a transportation engineer in VDOT's Staunton District and later, location and design engineer in the Salem District before being promoted to assistant district administrator for preliminary engineering.

Mr. Cary is chairman of the American Association of State Highway Officials' (AASHTO) technical committee of preconstruction engineering, a member of AASHTO's subcommittee on design, and is active with both the Transportation Research Board and the National Cooperative Highway Research Program.

Mr. Cary came forward and addressed the Board. He emphasized the commitment of the VDOT Residency Offices to be able to provide answers and assistance to the Board and citizens. He described a new district grant program that will result from a recently passed House Bill (HB1887).

The Board members had questions and discussion regarding a bridge project and other current or pending requests.

VI.-B. Transportation Update - Highway Matters

Mr. Marshall Winn, VDOT Ashland Residency, came forward and presented the following quarterly report information to the Board:

Maintenance Report:

- **Snow:** Since the last Board Meeting State Forces have worked on several Snow Events with the most recent one being March 5th. Our personnel, equipment and materials held up well through this snow season.
- **Pipe Lining:** There have been three Pipe Lining Projects underway which include Route 660 Winns Church Road and Route 670 Stonehorse Creek Road and Route 54 West Patrick Henry Road. All projects were completed as of April 7, 2015.
- **Schedule Work:** Work has started for this season's schedule work. To date Route 673 Howards Mill Road, Route 789 Hickory Oaks Lane have been paved. Some pre asphalt patching has been done on Route 33 and 54 for a Latex Modified Seal treatment.

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Bridge Report:

- Rt.608 (Parsons Road) Bridge over Locust Creek was completed and opened to traffic on March 10, 2015. An asphalt surface will be applied this summer
- Rt. 658 (Green Bay Rd./ Mt. Olive Rd.) at Spotsylvania County line in VDOT Fredericksburg District: bridge had to be closed unexpectedly on March 20 based on structural inspection which showed cracks in support structure making it unsafe for any vehicles to use this bridge. Detours are in place. Bridge replacement is not scheduled until 2020. VDOT Residency and District staff will attempt to expedite the replacement project.

Construction Report:

- I-95 Repaving– contractor says they will start in mid-May at the south end of the project area. This means work might get into Hanover about mid- to late June.
- 360/Bell Creek Road – contract is not yet executed. Do not anticipate work starting till mid- to late May at the soonest.
- Route 1 & 54 Intersection Upgrade- This project is just getting underway. Work scheduled for the coming month is mostly storm sewer items. A truck detour for traffic Northbound on Route 1 to Eastbound Route 54 will be in place intermittently as necessary for the duration of the project. It is scheduled to be complete by the end of May 2016.
- Route 54 Superstructure Replacement and Approaches- Phase 1 of this project is almost complete. We anticipate the traffic switch to occur mid to late April. After the switch look for major traffic impacts night time on I-95 for demolition and steel erection.
- Route 360 Bridges Hanover-Henrico- This project is very near completion; To be complete by the end of April
- Route 360/Elm Drive Signal Upgrade-Signs and signals are now being erected. We are scheduled to be complete by the end of May.
- Route 1 over CSX- continuing to work on the pier caps. The project is behind schedule due to no CSX flagmen being available. Project work will likely slow down or halt if no flagmen are made available.
- Route 689 Bridge Reconstruction- by the end of the week the abutment seats will be poured. Grade work and backfilling of the abutments are scheduled for next week. The delivery of the

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truss is expected to occur at the end of the month. The project is tracking slightly ahead of schedule.

- Lewistown: Project was awarded on 3/18/14. Preconstruction meeting date will be the week of April 27th.

Traffic Studies/Special Requests:

- Initiated review of Sliding Hill / Atlee Station / Leadbetter intersection for potential short term pedestrian improvements.
- Initiated review of Atlee Station Road and Honey Meadows Drive for potential signalization. Data has been collected and analyses are underway. TE to continue to work with Residency and County staff.
- Completed signal warrant study for Route 642 (Bell Creek Road) and Route 1336 (Battle Hill Drive) based on citizen request forward by Hanover County. Intersection is located within project limits of UPC 17768 / 18962. Signal was determined to be warranted. Project Manager is working with County staff regarding options.
- Reviewed Route 790 (Proffitt Farm Rd) and recommended posting statutory 25 MPH.
- Reviewed traffic impact study for Big Oak and provided comments via Land Use staff.
- Reviewed Chapter 527 TIA for Kirby / McDougle property and provided comments via Land Use staff.
- Coordinated with Residency and County staff regarding potential traffic calming techniques in Rutland.
- Completed speed study for Route 661 (Old Telegraph Rd). No change recommended.
- Completed safety study for Route 1 / Old Keeton Rd (Route 719) intersection. No action recommended.
- Completed speed study for Route 685 (Scotchtown Rd). No change recommended.
- Installed centerline markings on Route 611 (St Peters Church), Route 675 (Auburn Mill Rd) and Route 670 (Stone Horse Creek Road).
- Edge lines installed on Ashcake Road (late March / early April 2015).
- Speed limit study for Cool Spring Road: delayed by data collection issues.

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- Reviewed signal timing issues at Pole Green / Bell Creek and US 301 / Atlee Road. Timings were adjusted at 301 and Atlee to provide additional green time for NB left turn. **Corridor retiming on this segment of US 301 expected soon.**

Following his presentation, Mr. Winn answered questions from Board members regarding numerous projects throughout the County.

VI.-C. Transportation Update - Road Project Status Report

Mr. Joe Vidunas, County Traffic Engineer, came forward and presented the updated Road Project Status Report for the past quarter and addressed the Board regarding the status of all County road projects.

- 1 – U.S. Rt. 360 (Bridge Replacement) - Construction Phase – Apr. 2015 Contract Completion Date
- 2 – Sliding Hill Rd / Air Park Rd Turn Lanes - Construction Phase – May 2015 Fixed Completion Date
- 3 – Taylorsville Rd (Replace Bridge & Approaches) - Construction Phase – Jul. 30, 2015 Fixed Completion Date
- 4 – U.S. Rt. 360 & Elm Dr. (Traffic Signal Upgrade) - Construction Phase – May 22, 2015 Fixed Completion Date
- 5, 6, 18, 24 – U.S. Rt. 360 Corridor (Widening) - PHASE 1 – Pre-Construction Phase – NTP May 11
PHASE 2 – Design Phase – Jan. 2017 Ad Date, PHASE 3 – On-Hold
- 7 – I-95 / Lewistown Rd. (Bridge & Approaches) - Pre-Construction Phase – NTP May 11
- 8 – Cool Spring Rd (Safety Improvements) - Design Phase – Jun. 2015 Ad Date
- 9 – Atlee Rd. / U.S. Rt. 301 (Widening) - Utility Relocation Phase – Jul. 2015 Ad Date
- 10 – Pole Green Rd / Walnut Grove Rd (Turn Lanes) - Utility Relocation Phase – Aug. 2015 Ad Date
- 11 – E. Patrick Henry Rd. / Woodside Ln (Turn Lanes) - Design Phase – Oct. 2015 Ad Date
- 12 – Greenwood Rd. (Bridge & Approaches) - Design Phase – Nov. 2015 Ad Date
- 13 – U.S. Rt. 33 / Ashland Rd (Turn Lanes) - Right-of-Way Phase – Aug. 2016 Ad Date
- 14 – Studley Rd. / Rural Point Rd (Roundabout) - Design Phase – Nov. 16 Ad Date
- 15 – Cedar Ln / U.S. Rt. 1 (Realignment) - Design Phase – Dec. 2016 Ad Date
- 16 – Atlee Rd. (Extension) - Right-of-Way Phase – Dec. 2016 Ad Date
- 17 – Creighton Rd / Cold Harbor Rd (Widening & Turn Lanes) - Right-of-Way Phase – Dec. 2016 Ad date
- 20 – Sliding Hill Rd (Widening) - Design Phase – (PE Only)

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21 – Rt. 54 / I-95 Interchange - Pre-Design Phase – (PE Only)

25 – Ashcake Rd (Trench Widen & Overlay) - Scoping Phase – Ad Date TBD

Following his presentation, Mr. Vidunas answered questions from Board members and there was discussion on numerous projects throughout the County.

VII. Economic Development Strategic Plan Workshop

Mr. Edwin Gaskin, Director of Economic Development, came forward and presented draft Economic Development Strategic Plan goals, objectives, and action items to the Board. The Board, in workshop style, had detailed discussions concerning numerous aspects of the strategic plan.

Goals:

1. Enhance Business Climate

- Objective 1.A. – Regularly gather and respond to business community feedback.
- Objective 1.B. – Circulate public information critical to business decision-making, including federal, state, regional, and local programs, resources and incentives.
- Objective 1.C. – Manage active marketing channels to promote business investment.
- Objective 1.D. – Promote opportunities for the simplification/cost reduction of government approval processes, such as rezoning and other processes that impact business investment.
- Objective 1.E. – Endorse expanded public infrastructure investment in key business areas.
- Objective 1.F. – Advocate for the development of high-speed Internet in business areas.
- Objective 1.G. – Facilitate business community involvement in local policy-making.

2. Increase Business Investment

- Objective 2.A. – Increase county tax base derived from commercial sources.
- Objective 2.B. – Encourage and assist private landowners to ready commercial sites for sale and lease.
- Objective 2.C. – Identify opportunities for public-sector role in developing new commercial sites.
- Objective 2.D. – Recruit new business investment through effective marketing.

3. Create High Quality Jobs

- Objective 3.A. – Expand the number of jobs.
- Objective 3.B. – Increase the number of jobs with above-average wages.

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- Objective 3.C. – Increase the number of jobs within Target Clusters (Finance / Insurance, Healthcare, Information, Logistics, Management of Companies, Manufacturing, Professional / Technical and Real Estate).
4. Expand Existing Businesses
- Objective 4.A. – Assist in the progress of networking among businesses to promote collaboration.
 - Objective 4.B. – Encourage investment in expansion by existing businesses.
 - Objective 4.C. – Advocate for workforce initiatives that result in relevant skills training.
 - Objective 4.D. – Network with local businesses and business associations.
 - Objective 4.E. – Support and promote agricultural businesses.
5. Form New Businesses
- Objective 5.A. – Sponsor start-up space for STEM-H (science, technology, engineering, math and health) Phase 1 business ventures.
 - Objective 5.B. – Encourage entrepreneurial skill development through skills training and networking opportunities.
 - Objective 5.C. – Facilitate the development of mentor networks.
6. Promote Tourism
- Objective 6.A. – Bolster hotel development.
 - Objective 6.B. – Support existing tourism venues.
 - Objective 6.C. – Promote the development of additional tourism assets.

Next Steps:

- Develop Operating Plan
- BOS Approval
- Draft Metrics
- Edit Draft Plan
- EDA / BOS Feedback

Mr. Gaskin, Mr. Harris and Mr. Rives answered questions from Board members. The matter will be addressed again in May, either as another workshop or for final approval.

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VIII. Closed Session – 1. Va. Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(5) – Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry, and 2. Va. Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) – Acquisition of real property - right of way and easements for the construction of Atlee Extended

Mr. Stanley moved that the Board of Supervisors go into Closed Session pursuant to the following: Va. Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(5) – Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry, and Va. Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) – Acquisition of real property - right of way and easements for the construction of Atlee Extended. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kelly-Wiecek.

	Vote:
Wayne T. Hazzard	Aye
Aubrey M. Stanley	Aye
Sean M. Davis	Absent
Angela Kelly-Wiecek	Aye
W. Canova Peterson	Aye
G. E. “Ed” Via, III	Aye
Elton J. Wade, Sr.	Aye

Motion approved.

Board members entered Closed Session at 4:13 p.m. At the conclusion of the Closed Session, all Board members returned to the Board room, and the Chairman called the regular meeting back to order at 5:25 p.m.

Certification of Closed Session

Mr. Stanley moved that the Board of Supervisors certify that during the Closed Session only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirement of the Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion for the Closed Session were discussed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wade.

	Vote:
Wayne T. Hazzard	Aye
Aubrey M. Stanley	Aye
Sean M. Davis	Absent
Angela Kelly-Wiecek	Aye
W. Canova Peterson	Aye
G. E. “Ed” Via, III	Aye
Elton J. Wade, Sr.	Aye

Motion approved.

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Mr. Via made a motion that the Board of Supervisors approve the transfer of \$50,000 from the Reserve for Contingencies and a budget supplement of \$50,000 in state money in the form of the Governor's Opportunity Fund. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wade.

	Vote:
Wayne T. Hazzard	Aye
Aubrey M. Stanley	Aye
Sean M. Davis	Absent
Angela Kelly-Wiecek	Aye
W. Canova Peterson	Aye
G. E. "Ed" Via, III	Aye
Elton J. Wade, Sr.	Aye

Motion approved.

IX. Recess

The meeting was recessed at 5:26 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

X. Citizens' Time

The Chairman opened citizens' time and offered to anyone who wanted to address the Board of Supervisors for up to five minutes on any matter within the scope of the Board's authority that is not on the agenda for that meeting to come forward.

Seeing none, citizens' time was closed.

XI. Public Hearing – FY2016 Proposed Budget, Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan, Five-Year General Fund Financial Plan, 2015 Tax Rates and Related Ordinance Changes

A. FY16 Proposed Budget

B. Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan

C. Five-Year General Fund Financial Plan

D. Proposed 2015 Tax Rates

E. Ordinance 15-04 – Increase in Water and Sewer Consumption Fees

F. Ordinance 15-03 – Amending the Zoning and Subdivision Schedule of Fees

Mr. Harris announced the items on the agenda for the public hearing.

The Chairman opened the public hearing and asked that anyone wishing to speak for or against the matters listed come forward.

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Name:	Mr. Phillip Hutcheson	Magisterial District:	Beaverdam
Budget Topic Area: Fire/EMS Staffing Request			
Spoke as District Chief of the Ashland Volunteer Fire Company. Stated that, while 8 new positions are included in the proposed budget, 12 were requested and the additional 4 positions are needed to fill the demands as call volumes continue to grow. A need has been recognized that an additional ambulance transport unit is needed within the town limits, which would utilize 2 of the additional 4 people. The additional 2 positions can help the rural stations that have less than the 3 man minimum crews currently assigned to them.			

Name:	Ms. Thelma Watson	Magisterial District:	N/A, Director for Senior Connections
Budget Topic Area: Budget request for senior services			
Thanked the Board for the support and funding given throughout the years so that they can continue to serve older adults in Hanover. Gave a description of many of the programs offered.			

Name:	Mr. William Brenzovich, Sr.,	Magisterial District:	Mechanicsville
Budget Topic Area: Community Services Board			
Spoke as Chairperson of the Hanover CSB. Expressed support on behalf of the CSB for the budget presented by the County Administrator. Stated the budget as proposed provides continued financial support to the CSB and the services it provides in the community			

Name:	Mr. Glenn Millican	Magisterial District:	Mechanicsville
Budget Topic Area: Comprehensive			
Expressed opposition to the the budget as proposed. Stated it is not a conservatively responsible budget and lets critical business functions such as law enforcement, fire, EMS, education and economic development, as well as its core infrastructure: buildings, equipment, and technology deteriorate.			

Name:	Mr. Randy Sherrod	Magisterial District:	Chickahominy
Budget Topic Area: Schools			
Spoke on behalf of Friends of Hanover Schools. Expressed appreciation for proposed salary increase and funding for maintenance issues, but feels the following is necessary: improved teacher working			

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conditions, reduced class sizes and teacher loads, a plan to renovate or replace oldest facilities, technology updates, additional funding for supplies, Assistant Principal positions returned to 12 months, and additional secondary school elective options. Asked the Board to develop a five-year plan..

Name:	Ms. Gianna Clark	Magisterial District:	Henry
Budget Topic Area: Schools			
Spoke as President of the Hanover County Education Foundation in support of the schools' 2015-16 budget. Stated it is well-founded and based on supporting the needs of our students, faculty and administrators. Expressed support of the recommendation for a 2% increase for all County employees.			

Name:	Mr. Mark Creery	Magisterial District:	Mechanicsville
Budget Topic Area: Schools			
Spoke in support of the proposed school budget. State he is impressed with its fiscal management, strategic planning and priorities. Noted that much needed improvements and deferred maintenance of facilities have been taken care of and it shows. He is pleased to see that the budget now has an appropriate reemphases on instructional support.			

Name:	Ms. Angela Downer	Magisterial District:	Ashland
Budget Topic Area: Schools			
Spoke as President of Hanover Professional Educators in support of the proposed 2% salary increase for all teachers and other employees, including bus drivers and other classified staff. Stated that HPE's members have expressed concerns that high school academic teachers have total loads of over 150 students and an unpaid 6 th class and class sizes in middle and elementary schools are increasing.			

Name:	Mr. Steve Phillips	Magisterial District:	Henry
Budget Topic Area: Fire/EMS			
Spoke as Fire/EMS employee and Hanover Professional Firefighters Association member. Expressed support of the proposed 8 positions for Fire/EMS but requested the Board consider the originally proposed 12 positions. Expressed appreciation for the 2% increase for employees' salaries.			

Seeing no one else come forward, Mr. Hazzard closed the public hearing.

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XII. Public Hearing – Proposed 2015 Real Property Tax Rates – Mrs. Shelly Wright

The Chairman opened the public hearing and asked that anyone wishing to speak for or against the matter come forward. Seeing none, The Chairman closed the public hearing.

XIII. Announcements

Mr. Harris announced that there is a Board of Supervisors meeting on April 15, 2015 that will include budget matters.

XIV. Adjournment

At 7:29 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the meeting to April 15, 2015 – Hanover County Administration Building – 2:00 p.m.


Chairman