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VIRGINIA: At a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors for Hanover County held at Randolph-Macon College, Andrews Hall, Multi-Purpose Room, 420 Henry Street, Ashland, Virginia 23005 on the 29th day of November, 2012, at 8:00 a.m.

Hanover County Board of Supervisors

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

State Legislators

Present: Mr. Christopher K. Peace, Virginia House Of Delegates
Mr. John A. Cox, Virginia House Of Delegates
Mr. Ryan T. McDougle, Senate Of Virginia
Mr. A. Donald McEachin, Senate Of Virginia
Mr. Walter A. Stosch, Senate Of Virginia

Call to Order

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:09 a.m. All Board of Supervisors arrived to the meeting with the exception of Mr. Wade was absent due to illness; Mr. Stanley arrived at 8:16 a.m. and Mr. Davis arrived at 8:28 a.m.

Senator McDougle arrived at 8:18 a.m.

- A. Invocation was given by Senator McEachin.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Peterson.

Opening Remarks

Mr. Via, Chairman, made opening remarks.

Discussion of Hanover County Legislative Agenda for the 2013 Session

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Mr. Sterling Rives, County Attorney, thanked members of delegation for taking time out of their busy schedules to meet and then complimented the wonderful facility the meeting was being held at Randolph Macon College. The newly constructed building uses the discharge of processed and metered rainwater to the sanitary sewer system (non-potable uses) and it was a joint partnership with Hanover / Randolph Macon College.

Mr. Rives also noted Mr. Dennis Walter, Senior Assistant County Attorney, was also present.

Noted revised agenda which was adopted by the Board last night adding two items and that those are in italics. Hope is to go through the action items.

2013 Legislative Agenda Action Items

Third page in the packet State Assistance for Local Mandates below Pre-Recession Levels. This illustrates the change from FY09-FY14

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(From "Virginia's State and Local Budget Issues and Challenges" by James J. Regimbal Jr., Fiscal Analytics, Ltd., November, 2012)

State Assistance for Local Mandates Below Pre-Recession Levels

Major State GF Aid for Locally-Administered Programs

	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2010</u>	<u>FY 2011</u>	<u>FY 2012</u>	<u>FY 2013</u>	<u>FY 2014</u>
GF Direct Aid to K-12	\$5,607.6	\$4,769.8	\$4,713.3	\$4,891.2	\$5,240.6	\$5,268.3
Health and Human Services	\$888.4	\$878.7	\$816.8	\$827.2	\$846.4	\$811.8
Public Safety	\$734.3	\$556.8	\$686.0	\$667.7	\$677.8	\$678.4
<i>HB 599 (Aid-to-Police)</i>	<i>\$197.3</i>	<i>\$180.8</i>	<i>\$178.7</i>	<i>\$172.4</i>	<i>\$172.4</i>	<i>\$172.4</i>
Constitutional Officers	\$155.3	\$142.2	\$144.2	\$143.8	\$143.5	\$143.5
Car Tax	\$950.0	\$950.0	\$950.0	\$950.0	\$950.0	\$950.0
Aid-to-Locality Reduction	<u>(\$50.0)</u>	<u>(\$50.0)</u>	<u>(\$60.0)</u>	<u>(\$60.0)</u>	<u>(\$50.0)</u>	<u>(\$45.0)</u>
Total Local GF Aid	\$8,285.6	\$7,247.5 <i>(1,038.1)</i>	\$7,250.3	\$7,419.9	\$7,808.3	\$7,807.0
Total GF Appropriations	\$15,943.0	\$14,787.2 <i>(1,155.8)</i>	\$15,457.4	\$16,556.9	\$17,340.7	\$17,502.0
% Local GF Aid	52.0%	49.0%	46.9%	44.8%	45.0%	44.6%

1038.1 / 1155.8 = 89.8%

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Pointed out Total Local GF Aid to localities. This is aid that is used for state mandated activities. Emphasizing numbers as state decreased appropriations, cuts fell on aid to localities 89.8%. Urged Delegation to remember that going forward. Increases in income tax and sales tax at state level however localities continue to see decrease in real estate tax and next year projecting decrease in the assessed value of real estate existing real estate in Hanover of 2.5%. In counties and cities it is still a difficult time

8:18 a.m. Senator McDougle arrived.

Mr. Rives pointed out the Bottom line FY09-14 the percentage of state general fund budget that goes to support local programs the state mandates has fallen from 52% to state mandated had dropped to 44.6% and is a context to reflect on.

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Mr. Stanley arrived 8:16 a.m.

Mr. Rives then reviewed agenda action items.

- Request a budget amendment to % of general fund budget. Eliminate the \$95 million biennial reduction in State Aid to Localities. Senator McEachin asked what is the budget. Mr. Rives response \$389 local and state.

The Board's Legislative Committee has recommended that two items be added to the Action Items portion of the Hanover County Legislative Agenda for 2013:

- 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 structure the payment of VRS benefits for state funded teacher salaries in such a way that the state will continue to bear responsibility for any unfunded liabilities accruing for these benefits under General Accounting Standards Board Rule 68.

Mr. Harris stated this is somewhat complicated accounting two streams of money to pay for retirement for teachers (County Portion/State Portion) ask that liability be recognized in proportionate share (County Portion/State Portion) in the books of both. Our net assets are over \$300M this liability alone is \$220M and what it does to the balance sheet that is something we never had to reflect before. \$350M will all of the sudden have a \$220M reduction. Delegate Cox proportionate share. Mr. Harris 50/50 range. \$220M instant hit on the balance sheet when we are doing same as before – AAA Rating is affected and need to recognize. We want to help each other maintain outstanding bond rating. By taking off state and onto county it will be tough to maintain AAA what we worked so hard to maintain. We should both be able to maintain what we have. Senator McEachin does the general accounting standard allow proportional funding. Mr. Rives the result we are seeking

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if VRS were to directly bill the state its share instead of billing all to the locality. Mr. Harris lets change some of the practices and procedures to avoid the impact. Mr. Rives the procedural billing change. Mr. Harris - This is not a Hanover issue but a statewide issue. It has the potential to take some localities that do not have the base that Hanover has to negative assets.

8:28 a.m. Mr. Davis arrived.

Senator Stosch-this is more complicated than we can resolve today but historically the bonding company recognized there is an unfunded liability of about \$20 billion statewide and it has been included in the annual financial statement in the state in its entirety but only as a footnote and it has not been booked but the bonding company recognizes it there. It was not a major issue until recent years when the stock market took a hit and the unfunded liability went up. Mechanically with teachers being local employees the GASB rule has them as a footnote and is a prelude to meaning you will have to put it on your books. When you make commitments in the future for retirement and insurance someone has to pay. Mr. Harris not avoiding booking liability, the public needs to know that liability exists for the commonwealth and for the localities. Senator Stosch commented the State takes the position that teachers are local employees and should be as you hire them. Mr. Harris has the state not already decided the funding for the teacher retirement and hasn't that been a decision by the governor and GA. Senator Stosch the retirement system determined the rating based on unfunded liability and the larger the unfunded liability becomes the larger the rate that we all have to pay. Mr. Harris actuarial calculated we have to pay actuarial to unfunded liability. County employees need to raise 1% to reach unfunded liability. The actuarial calculated and many years the calculated has not been fully funded and more a state level decision than a local decision. We look to the state authorities to

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make a decision on the funding and the liability being requested be reflected on the accounting fund and on the local fund. Senator Stosch state retirement system makes the determination of rates and state budgeting process determines how much will be funded. Senator McDougle if we were making different decision and last year you asked not to go to highest level and we listened and made that decision based on your input that you did not have that and it is a little bit of double edge sword. Senator Stosch not sure how we can do that since these are local employees but will look into it. Mr. Harris that is what we are asking. Delegate Peace asked about the local aid reversion account – what that impact is specifically \$95M biennial what does this mean to Hanover. Mr. Rives local \$420,000. Last year closer to \$.5M. Delegate Peace this is a new item local aid diversion account Governor Kaine proposed and instead of cutting aid to local government we let them decide which programs they wanted to reduce to return some monies. At a retreat two weeks ago it was discussed that this will be a priority of house appropriations to look what to reduce. Your advocacy efforts and our concern as well and how do we get to a point that we can provide that relief as shared burden priority to look at how we can reduce in your favor. How much that is we have no clear amount yet. Mr. Rives we acknowledge there has already been a reduction – last biennium \$20M this biennium \$95M. Senator Stosch work with us because we had a proposal to eliminate totally and there was a great outcry for K12. Senator Stosch if this had been eliminated then K-12 would have been lower. Senator McDougle what are 2008 numbers as 09 got stimulus. Mr. Rives will get those numbers recollection is federal spending was summer of 09 and at beginning of FY10.

Senator McDougle going back to chart one point is right now it looks like financially we are probably at 2008 levels of what we are taking in and you can see in last two years there has been a steady increase in dollars from state to localities but we have base lined the

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things after a significant portion of the recession % might be different on the state side we add substantive cuts keep in mind baseline and we had discussions 09/10 about federal stimulus and would be worse after numbers ended and these numbers are reflective of that. Effort to continue state dollars. Mr. Rives recognize you have a lot of competing demands. Senator Stosch we all understand the dilemma you are in and do not know of any time where we have such unprecedented state of uncertainty. Clearly Localities depend upon what happened to the state. But state is impacted by what happens at federal level and in VA as we are second largest beneficiary of all states. In next several weeks hope something positive will happen to impact the state. Goal would be same as yours and the question is do we have latitude. Comments on how this relates to defense facilities located in VA When setbacks come potentially they get hit. Mrs. Kelly-Wiecek asked a follow up to the statement that VA is second highest spending defense. Senator Stosch federal defense spending contractors, military. 40 cents on every dollar in Washington that is spent is borrowed and at some point that will have to cease.

- Request legislation to permit counties that have implemented land use assessment to designate specific areas within which land use assessment will not be applicable.

Mr. Rives continued review - Referring to General land use map – areas on Route 1, VA Center commons, Mechanicsville area where the county is focusing economic efforts to have on the market to bring in businesses and tax dollars. Some are in land use assessment program and not actively farmed and in land use space. That provides a disincentive to make properties available for what land use plan calls for and hampering economic development efforts in those areas and counter to purpose of land use assessment program to be investing tax incentives to keep land as open space when citizens would benefit from the land being developed. We would like the BOS of Hanover and for other localities to be able

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to designate some areas where it does not make sense for that program to be applied and governing bodies of localities to determine that.

Referred to language in packet. Senator McDougle what impacts would this have on farmers who have actively been involved in the program for a long time. Mr. Rives looking for local government to pick those areas with some precision. Senator McDougle then you would not be able to pick someone actively engaged in farming. Mr. Rives done by area and not by parcel. Senator McDougle what about negative impact on farmers. Mr. Rives if a board made the decision to take away land use assessment where someone was actively farming that farm would be... Delegate Peace would you be interested in grandfathering that activity and if that active farming was to cease become open or upon transfer to another owner that would trigger what you are proposing. Mr. Rives would be attractive to the Board and property owners. Our goal is not to put farmers out of business. Delegate Peace you are talking about the comprehensive plan where you are seeing growth and development coming, where you want to recruit it to come and you can how to best merge plan to current landscape. Senator McDougle if a piece of property is in land use in these areas they will have to pay tax at full rate if sold. Five year plan on assessment. Senator McEachin is this only from Hanover. Mr. Rives have not gotten from cities counties towns....Mr. Rives we have started this and think other areas would be interested. There are broad swaths where it makes sense. Other counties would be interested as well. Delegate Cox would get a groundswell of opposition from property owners since eminent domain was just passed and might think this is a way for localities to pick and choose. Mr. Rives this board is not interested in taking away property for economic development but we would like to explore possibility of eliminating the subsidy to keep land open with utilities there. Delegate Cox it would be a hard sell. Mr. Davis concerned that you are removing a tax rate from someone

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to influence certain behavior. May be ways to massage that and may use more work as written and important to note. Delegate Peace board removed tax break yesterday from certain people to influence certain behaviors not sure which direction the board wants to go on that. Mr. Rives that is clearly true obviously the whole program is a tax break designed to help people to hold property. Delegate Peace someone has to pay. Senator McDougle what would be the change. Mr. Rives the board does not have authority and staff and board propose very minor changes in key economic development areas and need for properties to be marketable. Mr. Peterson if it is in active use then would be treated differently than someone not in active use. Senator McEachin have you had a conversation with League of Conservation and Farm Bureau as those will be two organizations concerned. Mrs. Kelly-Wiecek asked Mr. Hazzard since he sits on the legislative committee if this was discussed with them. Mr. Hazzard advised they did not bring this up and the effect as Mr. Rives advised is 3-5 land owners that would be affected not broad based and implications could be broad-based and as a group could get the push back Delegate Cox discussed. Mr. Rives advised proposed language change *Code Section 58.1-3230: The governing body may designate areas planned for commercial and industrial development where special assessment will not be applicable.*

Delegate Cox if we are talking about the current board it would be fine but we are talking about future boards and will be a concern particularly with what just transpired with eminent domain. Landowners will still have perception that government is still trying sell mom and pop farms. Senator McEachin is there another way to narrow this bill to not to a particular set of circumstances. If there is a way to describe the circumstances at Mechanicsville Turnpike and draft into the legislation and not have it as broad and achieve what you want to achieve. Mr. Rives advised he can work on that Hanover is not proposing

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undoing land use assessment in any sort of significant way. From the perspective of other land owners the goal is not to force you to sell and do not see the connection of eminent domain. If you have two properties located side by side on Route 1 and utilities are available, infrastructure there the road interchange nearby and one is in land assessment and one is not then the one paying taxes on the property and one is paying different and not sure it makes sense as a public policy matter. Staff will work on that. Mr. Peace advised in some sense you have crossed the threshold on the use issue in your comprehensive plan you will deal with similar use related issues in the comp plan update and do not see it as an ownership issue as eminent domain is a tax policy issue and economic development strategy and whether you agree or disagree you are trying to put a finer point on how you preserve open space in Montpelier and Old Church and continue the 30 year policy in the SSA and how do you max job opportunities and growth that helps everyone. Mr. Rives advised that is clearer. Mr. Hazzard if we would prezone the property and let the person who owns the property benefit from the existing tax revenue base so that their taxes don't go up while the property is marketable and that is where the problem is when the citizen is hit with a big tax bill for something zoned M-1 we have a tendency to not in the County to allow pre zoning and taxes will not go up until transferred think it is more appropriate along those lines. Delegate Cox eminent domain connection is the perception this is a small amount of property you are looking into but it is the perception and government body coming in and dictating from one land owner to another and will be a hard sell. Mr. Davis point trying to make and is different on what the Board voted on last night. You get a tax break here now to encourage you to put it toward an economic development status and the financial impact is not great but we want to remove the perception and idea that we are not trying to remove or give something to have a predetermined effect on something like land

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use. Mr. Rives this is not a revenue measure goal is to focus conservation and land and not to give special benefit to properties where everyone would benefit.

- Request an amendment to Va. Code § 33.1-1 to add a third urban at-large seat to the Commonwealth Transportation Board to be filled by a resident of the Richmond-Petersburg Metropolitan Statistical Area. Historically, the two urban at-large seats have been filled with citizens residing in the Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads areas.

Mr. Rives introduced this request. Delegate Peace RRPDC highlighted this as one of the priorities of the region. The region was unified toward the legislation and worked with northern VA and Hampton roads and tie vote in Senate transportation. Looking at 3 options to look at same type of request. Increase from 17 to 20 CTB; Gov. appoint Hampton Roads / Northern Va and Richmond District. Make change we requested on moving from standard Metro statistical area and will mean a great deal to the urban crescent and will lead to funding.

9:06 – Delegate Cox left.

Delegate Peace continued. Increase from 17 to 19 with 2 at large one from Hampton, rural va one va district. Does not leave rural areas at disproportionate loss. This is progress and is in early formative stage.

9:08 – Delegate Cox returned.

- Request an amendment to Va. Code § 62.1-44.15:1.2 to clarify that any impoundment release reductions shall not adversely affect the permit limits for downstream activities permitted by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.

Mr. Rives introduced this item. Noted that Wade Griffith, Lauren Bouchet, Joe Riley and John Daniels were present and representing Bear Island.

North Anna Dam when the lake level drops residents complain about water from the dam and is bogus is because it is evaporation and not the amount going over to the dam lake will

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lose 8.8 of inches lost in evaporation opposed to CFS is 2.2 inches for dam. Impact on lake level is minimal

This change costs us wastewater capacity and costs the county and Bear Island money.

There have never been adverse impacts and ask that the statute be clarified so flow is not calculated by discharge parameters and have drafted language related to Lake level contingency plans. State code 62.1-44.15:1.2. Lake level contingency plans. *62.1-10: No temporary reduction in release amounts from such a facility pursuant to a lake level contingency plan or Virginia Water Protection Permit shall be considered in determining discharge limits for existing downstream permitted facilities.* Hanover is not asking for an increase in what we can discharge into the river but asking to remain what we have had for decades both Hanover and Bear Island. Senator McDougle DEQ made final decision on this? Steve Herzog, Director of Public Utilities, Hanover has discussed with DEQ for years no final determination related to the interpretation of the statute and think it is accurate might make determination by Jan. 10th, 11th or 12th.

Senator McEachin – asked Mr. John Daniels, Bear Island Paper Company, (Mr. Daniels came forward to respond) will this go to Agriculture and who will be upset. Mr. Daniels – yes, as far as stakeholders not sure what Dominion reaction will be because they have the upstream permit because of Lake Anna. Mr. Steve Herzog, Director of Public Utilities, commented that Dominion says this makes sense to them. Mr. Daniels commented will not be preeminent issue with that group. DEQ might be helpful with this glad to see this on the county agenda.. DEQ blaming problem on EPA through state delegation. Mr. Stanley – advised he lives six miles from Lake Anna and Dominion has always been good player with what they are supposed to do and the citizens group there have been lobbying

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and a lot of those residents are former government employees well educated that live there and they complain a lot when the water level drops-- they have lobbied over the years to Louisa and Spotsylvania as well as the General Assembly and are a strong group in opposition so be ready for that. Mr. Hazzard not more water just the way it is calculated. Senator McDougle heard a lot on this issue when running for the house seat the first year and that particular group would like to reduce the water flow. This is a legislative solution and DEQ will make a decision when legislative starts can we encourage a direction of decision prior to Jan. Mr. Rives that would be appreciated but we could not wait until January. Delegate Peace we have a Monday request of drafting. Senator McEachin was this sent electronically. Mr. Rives will send electronically.

- Because the state has assigned to local governments primary responsibility for the stormwater quality programs and facilities necessary to achieve the Chesapeake Bay Total Daily Maximum Load requirements, request legislation (1) to require that the state provide a substantial and fair share of the funding required to implement these programs and (2) provide localities with appropriate tools for raising the additional revenue required to comply with the mandate.

Mr. Rives continued his review.

Mr. Hazzard the revenue is an issue and the problem is what is the goal of CBTMDL what will it look like when clean. There is no scale to show what level we are at and where is the goal. Why do we have to spend money for outcome of what we do not know the results will be? Please ask them what we are trying to achieve and what is the standard for this because this is throwing money into the bay. Consider the funding mechanism and whether all of it is necessary. Senator McDougle this has been a real frustration and these regulations came from the EPA and they admitted the science is flawed. We were told that we can either do this based on flawed science or we can eliminate your ability to permit any disturbance of land anywhere in the commonwealth. The maps the EPA presented the

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nitrogen and phosphorus is disproportionate coming out of northern states and the amount coming from VA is smaller and miniscule by comparison and we are under stricter rules for what is allowed. Wastewater treatment - VA has been aggressive in the clean-up approach and spent hundreds of millions of dollars. As this relates to a field or running off a yard does not seem a return on investment. Mr. Rives advised the train has left the station. Senator McDougle Hanover was the most aggressive jurisdiction in bringing this to the forefront and tremendous and Mike Flagg has done a great job in presenting this in legislative and non-legislative meetings and we would not have been as aware of the severity without the efforts of Hanover. Mr. Peterson need to work together to keep pressure on. Mrs. Kelly-Wiecek consensus to work on funding piece. Mr. Rives water that flows out of the James never impacts the ChesBay. CB 4 should be the goal. Senator McDougle Northern Neck crab and oyster fisherman have seen increase in aquaculture so there is improvement and oyster population has exploded. Mr. Hazzard this reinforces that if the policies are working then we do not need to add. Mr. Via states up north and pollution how they are impacted by EPA. Senator McDougle VA regulations are more than DC and a lot of the rules are on future land disturbance. That is where the impact is and a city like New Jersey will not be impacted as much. Mr. Rives advised each side has their complaint and this is expensive to retrofit stormwater facilities. Mr. Via made comments related to fertilizing yards.

- Request an amendment to Va. Code § 33.1-23.03:10 to require that prior approval of the General Assembly shall be obtained prior to the imposition and collection of tolls on any interstate highway in Virginia.

Mr. Rives continued review with this item. Language Change: *33.1-23.03:10 Tolls for use of Interstate Highway System components. A. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this title and in accordance with all applicable federal and state statutes and requirements, ~~the Commonwealth Transportation Board may impose and collect tolls from all classes of vehicles in amounts established by the Board for the use of any component of~~*

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~~the Interstate Highway System within the Commonwealth. However, prior approval of the General Assembly shall be required prior to the imposition and collection of any toll for use of all or any portion of the Interstate Highway System within the Commonwealth Route 81. Such funds so collected shall be deposited into the Transportation Trust Fund established pursuant to 33.1-23.03:1, subject to allocation by the Board as provided in this section.~~

Delegate Cox this has been a hot button issue and something to that effect will occur. Watkins has put in a bill. It is a huge over reach to accomplish too much in 46 days all of the other business. Mr. Rives reviewed language proposed. Delegate Cox the I81 issue pressure got too great for legislators in that area and now it has come back to haunt us and feel like something similar. Not sure why government bent on this. Not sure what form it will take at end of day and Watkins proposal overreach. Delegate Peace relates to CTB issue funding for roads are an issue and has been for a while. If there is a choice between gas tax or tolls what is the preference of the Board. Mr. Rives the board has discussed this and the part that Delegate Cox said if and big if the funds are needed first step and we do not know to what degree of cost savings that can be achieved at VDOT in the way roads are built would like to see those areas explored and thoroughly vetted before additional funds.

Mr. Hazzard \$12.5 billion is the number and seems to be that we need to see if that is the number we are looking for and then if fair and equitable. Delegate Cox trucks are required to pay fuel tax for every mile driven through every state of America regardless of whether they buy fuel or not. Mr. Hazzard stated so effectively we have a toll road for trucks already and Delegate Cox stated yes. Mr. Davis advised the MPO and RRPDC say a movement to go forward without understanding so when we did the resolution we discussed the gas tax and a lot of us were opposed to not impose tolls in favor gas tax. Commend those who have done a lot of work on the roads and is not the issue. Before you have a funding mechanism make sure efficiencies are in place. Mrs. Kelly-Wiecek the Board

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members recognized the VDOT efficiencies, silos of decision making and in that the allocation of funds and decisions do not seem to be good use of funding they currently have and second point is that we want to give you some direction as no suggestions is not constructive whether it is wholesale fuel fee or reference to gas tax and want to start discussion trying to provide direction. Mr. Hazzard do not give them too much too quickly and then it will be spent and you will be back again it goes back to the efficiency issue.

Delegate Cox do not like this at wholesale level as it will cause windfall at the state that will be spent. Senator Stosch important to realize funding mechanism for transportation is flawed. Noted efficient fuel vehicles and revenues are coming down for personal vehicles.

Mr. Rives touched on the following items due to time constraints: Labor Day opening is important to Hanover, dangerous animals is important and only kept by licensed zoos and animal research facilities, kinship care and critical thing is whoever is putting a child in Hanover schools needs to have the authority to make legal decisions for that child. The proposals coming forward so far do not address that issue. Mr. Rives advised Staff is available to meet with Legislators on any questions.

Mrs. Kelly-Wiecek pointed out positions on legislation anticipated and would like to add the idea that came out of Cash Proffer workshop last evening and on behalf of legislative committee wanted to call attention to. Senator McEachin supporting? Mrs. Kelly-Wiecek meals tax, cigarette tax, grantors tax and there were a number of others.

Delegate Peace thanked Hanover board for what they put together and acknowledged Mr. Wade's absence due to illness and wished him a speedy recovery.

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- Request an amendment to Article 1.1 of Title 33.1 of the Code of Virginia to require that the Department of Transportation confer with local representatives regarding the priority of projects involving substantial expenditure of maintenance funds within each locality.

Positions on Legislation Anticipated to Come before the 2013 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 maintaining current authority for machinery and tools taxes and business professional occupation license taxes unless alternative and equivalent additional revenue sources are made available to localities.
- Support current provisions in state laws that limit the categories of students whose parents do not reside in Hanover for whom Hanover is mandated to provide free public education.
- Support legislation that would assure local government authority to apply zoning laws and comprehensive plans to all private businesses, including liquor stores and assisted living facilities.
- 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.

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.

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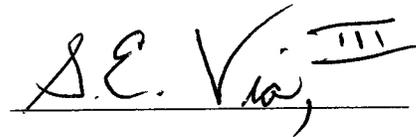
- Support equitable reallocation of revenue and service responsibilities between the state and localities to provide for ongoing stability in taxation and the delivery of government services.
- Support the development of alternative funding sources, in lieu of cash proffers, for capital improvements required to serve new residential development.

Announcements

Mr. Via thanked everyone for attending.

Adjournment

At 10:00 a.m. the Chairman adjourned the meeting to December 12, 2012 – Hanover County Administration Building – 2:00 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "D.E. Via, III", written over a horizontal line.

CHAIRMAN