



Hunter Mill Highlights

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Dear Hunter Mill Friends,

Monday's Board of Supervisors meeting marked the end of the summer break and the commencement of challenging budget discussions for this and next fiscal years. We began with approval of the FY2009 carryover package. Unlike previous years, this carryover contained no consideration items and put the available funds in reserve to help with potential shortfalls in FY 2010 and FY 2011. We also accepted grant and stimulus funding for several continuing programs. The Environmental Quality Advisory Council presented their 2009 Environmental Excellence Awards given for support or advancement of the County's environmental goals and policies.

At noon, we broke for the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at the 9/11 Memorial Grove behind the Governmental Center. The September 11 remembrance reminded us not only of the events of that day, but the necessity to be prepared for unforeseen events. We are reminded of the need to be prepared with the possible challenges we may face with the H1N1 virus. See the [Announcements](#) for details on the Hunter Mill District meeting with the Health Department, on Tuesday, September 22, at the North County Government Center. Watch for additional information on how individuals, families and businesses should prepare and how to volunteer for training to assist in a crisis.

In our discussion of transportation items, we asked staff to study the ramifications of County maintenance and control of Fairfax roads. More information on Board activities is available on the County website or by calling my office. As always, if you have any questions or concerns about anything contained in this summary, please let me know.

Cathy Hudgins

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9-14-2009 Board Action Highlights

Below are excerpts from the **September 14, 2009 Board of Supervisors** meeting that may be of interest to you as a Hunter Mill District constituent. To reach the item-related back-up material or more information, please go to the County's [Board Agenda and Meeting Schedule](#) section on the County's webpage. Some County links may not be active until later in the week. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/meetings/2009>

PRESENTATIONS

Public Hearing: FY 2009 Budget Carryover

- FY09 only includes required adjustments for items previously approved by the Board or Admin.
- There were no BOS Consideration Items.
- Ending Balance June 30, 2009 Actual: \$184.66 million
- Ending Balance June 30, 2009 Revised: \$71.45 million
- FY 09 Variance: \$113.21 million
 - 1. FY09 Commitments \$47.12m
 - 2. FY10 Administrative Adjustments: \$48.66m
 - 3. **\$17.43 million is total available balance**
 - \$5m be held in reserve for FY 2010
 - \$12.43m be held in reserve for FY2011 projected \$316m shortfall.

(Residential assessments projected to fall additional 10% beyond 12.55% in FY10)

- FY 09 Funding Adjustment Expenditures;
 - 1. \$20 million set aside in reserve in anticipation of increased employer contribution requirements for the County's retirement systems in FY2011.
 - 2. \$16.2 million to restore Revenue Stabilization Fund to targeted 3% of total General Fund Disbursement (\$16.2M is less than the \$18.7M borrowed as a result of higher interest earnings to the fund making up the difference.)

3. \$6.1 million is required for the Legacy Systems Requirement Project.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Admin 2: Authorization to advertise a Board of Supervisor public hearing on October 19, 2009 @ 4:00 p.m. on proposed amendments to Article 7 of Chapter 61 (Building Provisions) of The Code of the County of Fairfax, Virginia, Re: Addition of civil Penalties provision for violations of the Virginia Maintenance Code to establish a uniform schedule of civil penalties for specified violations of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code, Part III, Maintenance (Virginia Maintenance Code). This amendment will offer an alternative method of enforcing violations of the Virginia Maintenance Code, specifically *minor* violations that are not promptly remedied after receipt of a notice of violation. The civil penalty allows violators to prepay the fines and admit liability, which obviates the need for a court appearance for all parties. Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to yield additional revenue of \$10,000 annually starting in FY 2010.

Admin 6: Authorized the Department of Transportation to apply for and accept funding for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Program Funds; and support for the regional TIGER application. The County Executive recommends that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Department of Transportation to apply for \$55.0 million in TIGER program grant funds, and support the regional priority bus application and WMATA's Cinder Bed Road Bus Garage application.

County Projects

- Route 29/Gallows Road Intersection Improvements - \$20 million
- Springfield CBD Multimodal Transportation Facility - \$35 million. Supports I-95/I-395 HOT Lanes.

Regional Projects

- Priority Bus System - \$287 million (TPB Project) - K Street Busway and includes
- I-66/Vienna Metrorail Station Access Ramp.
- Additional support for Pentagon and Franconia-Springfield Metrorail Stations to support additional bus service in the I-95/395 Corridor. Includes signal priority system on Route 7 between Falls Church and Bailey's Crossroads.

WMATA Project

- Cinderbed Road Bus Garage - \$75 million. New bus operations and maintenance facility. Would relocate the Royal Street facility in Alexandria.

Admin 7: Authorized the Department of Transportation to apply for FY2011 Regional Surface Program and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program funds. Same projects as above, Transit Store, VRE Lorton Platform and Pedestrian Connections to HOT Lanes. RSTP Funds \$19 million. CMAQ \$10.95 million. There is no local cash match required for these funds.

Admin 9: Approval of Supplemental Appropriation Resolution AS 10049 for the Department of Family Services to accept grant funding from the Virginia Department of Social Services, Office of Early Childhood Development, for the Virginia Star Quality Initiative. Virginia Star Quality Initiative in the amount of \$73,500 in stimulus funding;

- Will support the implementation of a quality rating and improvement system for a select number of early childhood programs County.
- No local cash match is required, no new positions will be created.

Admin 10: Approval of Supplemental Appropriation Resolution AS 10025 for the Department of Family Services, to accept grant funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for Head Start and Early Head Start Cost of Living Adjustments and Quality Improvement.

- For Family Services to accept \$400,330 for Head Start and Early Head Start cost of living adjustments and quality improvement.
- Required 20 percent non-federal match will be met through existing in-kind resources.
- Grant period is from July 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010.
- Stimulus Funding, no new positions will be created.

Admin 11: Approval of Supplemental Appropriation Resolution AS 10031 for the Department of Family Services to accept grant funding from the Virginia Department of Social Services for the Community Services Block Grant Program.

Will support the following four projects:

- **\$249,297** for child care subsidies to 32 low-income families through the Child Care Assistance and Referral program;
- **\$140,000** for additional limited term workers to determine eligibility for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
 - positions will process an additional 6,000 applications for Food Stamps;
- **\$225,000** will be used to coordinate housing services for homeless high school students - 50 students will be housed.
- **\$256,416** will be used for financial literacy and free tax preparation services through the Creating Assets Savings and Hope (CASH) Program
 - two limited term positions
 - approx. 5,000 people will be helped with income tax preparation
 - 750 families will be provided with financial literacy education
- No local cash match required, stimulus funding.

Admin 12: Approval of Supplemental Appropriation Resolution AS 10057 for the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department to accept funding from the Washington Metropolitan Airports Authority (MWAA) for the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Tunnel at the Intersection of Routes 123 and 7 Rescue Project. Funding of \$123,000 from MWAA to purchase equipment and provide training necessary to perform tunnel rescues for the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project. No local cash match. This is an addendum to the MWAA Agreement.

Admin 13: Approval of Supplemental Appropriation Resolution AS 10037 for the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney to accept grant funding from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services for the Violence Against Women Stimulus Program. Funding of \$195,238 will be used to establish a dedicated unit for the prosecution of domestic violence and stalking cases. Local match requirement will be met with existing in-kind resources.

Admin 14: Authorized Fairfax County Police Department to apply for and accept grant funding from the Office of Justice Programs Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants. Funding in the amount of \$133,286 will be used for technology upgrades and training. No local cash match is required.

Admin15: Approval of Supplemental Appropriation Resolution AS 10043 for the Department of Transportation to accept grant funding from the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation for the I-495 Capital Beltway High Occupancy Toll Lane Construction Transportation Management Plan (TMP). Funding from VDRPT in the amount of \$680,000 for the implementation of the Virginia Megaprojects Vanpool VanStart/VanSave and Employer Transportation Benefits Programs of the I-495 HOT Lanes TMP.

Admin 17: Approval of Supplemental Appropriation Resolution AS 10051 for the Health Department to accept a Department of Homeland Security Urban Area Security Initiative Sub-Grant Award from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management through the State Administrative Agency for the National Capital Region. These funds will be used to support the revision of the agency's Emergency Operations Plan and to support the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) program.

Admin 19: Approval of Supplemental Appropriation Resolution AS 10054 for the Department of Vehicle Services to accept grant funding from the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the Clean Diesel Emerging Technologies Program in the amount of \$1,333,352. The funding will support the purchase and installation of advanced exhaust retrofits on 32 Fairfax County Public School (FCPS) buses. The retrofits are projected to deliver substantial emissions reductions from the affected buses. The local match requirement of \$70,926 will be met with existing in-kind resources. This funding has been made available as a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). When grant funding expires, the County is under no obligation to continue funding the program.

ACTION ITEMS

Action 1: Establishment of the Number of Taxicab Certificates for the Biennial Period 2009-2010. County Executive recommends that the Board maintain the current number of taxicab certificates at 576 for the biennial period 2009 - 2010

- Board last considered an increase in the number of taxicab certificates in 2005 and approved an additional 51 taxicabs.

- In 2007, there were no applications filed for additional operator's certificates for that biennial period.
- Taxicab formula demand analysis suggests that a slight decrease by 15 taxicab certificates might be warranted but staff does not recommend a reduction.

Action 2: Endorsement of Eligibility and Procedural Requirement of Minor Arterial Streets for inclusion into the Fairfax County Residential Traffic Administration Program. Action will make it possible for the County to consider implementation of traffic calming measures consistent on roads that pass through other jurisdictions. For instance, the County has not been able to implement the same kind of traffic calming measures on Old Courthouse Road under state management that have been implemented on the same road by the Town of Vienna. County and VDOT staff have worked closely to develop the criteria in trying to find traffic calming measures as part of a year long effort between our office, the Town of Vienna, state representatives, and county and VDOT staff working with the Citizens for Traffic Calming on Old Courthouse Road (CTCOCR).

Action 4: Presentation of lists of delinquent Real Estate, Personal Property and Business, Professional and Occupational License taxes for Tax Year 2008 (FY 2009).

- Total amount of all unpaid current year taxes, or \$18.02 million, represents less than 1% of the levy for Tax Year 2008 (FY 2009)

<u>Number of Local Accounts</u>	<u>Tax Amount</u>
Real Estate: 4,061	\$10,522,073
Personal Property - Vehicles: 37,994	\$4,905,411
Business Personal Property: 2,242	\$1,297,302
<u>BPOL: 2,189</u>	<u>\$1,297,471</u>
Total: 46,486	\$18,022,257

- Collection rates achieved in FY 2009 are:
 - Real Estate 99.61 %
 - Personal Property (local share) 98.00 %
 - BPOL 98.05 %
- The FY 2010 outsourcing represents an expansion in the use of Nationwide Credit Corporation
- Lines of Business' (LOB's) reduction enabled BOS to eliminate 16 merit positions and 30 Exempt Limited Term positions in DTA, reducing County expenditures by \$1.5 million

Action 5: Adoption of a proposed amendment to the Rules of Procedure Regarding Time Allocations for Speakers at Board Public Hearings. Under the new Rules of Procedure regarding time allocations, three minutes will be allocated to individuals and five minutes for the single authorized representatives of an organization to address the Board at public hearings.

Action 8: Renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Fairfax County Police Department and the United States Department of Justice Drug

Enforcement Administration (DEA) HIDTA Task Force. Under this agreement renewal, DEA HIDTA Task Force and the Fairfax County Police will work to facilitate sharing information in an effort to suppress and disrupt drug trafficking, gather and report intelligence data relative to narcotics activities, and conduct undercover operations that are associated with the culture of illegal narcotics and drug trafficking.

CONSIDERATION ITEMS

Consideration 1: Approval of the Amendments to the Bylaws for the Fairfax County Animal Services Advisory Commission (ASAC). The bylaws for the Animal Services Advisory Commissions were amended to conform to County format for Boards, Authorities and Commissions and to eliminate unnecessary or impractical provisions. Major change is eliminating provision that members must volunteer at least 24 hours a year at the Shelter - now members are "strongly encouraged" to volunteer.

Consideration 2: Appeal of a Proffer interpretation for RZ 86-C-121 Reston Town Center. Reversed proffer interpretation determination.

BOARD MATTERS introduced by Supervisor Hudgins

Dulles Toll Road Surplus Revenues

The Board approved a position paper to Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) supporting the proposed toll increases to fund Phase 1 of the Dulles Corridor Rail Project and expressing concern about the process for prioritization and use of Toll Road revenues for Capital Improvements in the Corridor.

Try Transit Week

The Board approved support and promotion of the Second Annual **Try Transit Week**. During the week of September 21 through September 25, citizens are encouraged to try alternative forms of transportation and to avoid driving alone. In Fairfax County, available options include Fairfax Connector, Metrobus, Metrorail, Virginia Railway Express (VRE) and other transportation alternatives such as ridesharing and teleworking. Joined by my colleagues, I moved that the Board affirm its support for transit and declare September 21 through September 25 as Try Transit Week in Fairfax County.

40th Anniversary of Committee for Helping Others (CHO)

I requested staff to prepare a proclamation for presentation at the 40th Anniversary celebration for CHO.

Club Phoenix 10th Anniversary

Club Phoenix, the Town of Vienna's teen center, will celebrate their 10th anniversary on Saturday, September 19th. I requested staff to prepare a proclamation honoring this occasion to be presented at the anniversary celebration.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3:00 p.m. Deferred public hearings on RZ 2005-HM-028 and SE 2007-HM-023 (Pedro & Carmen M. Toscano) to rezone from R-1 to R-2 and Special Exception for waiver of the minimum lot width requirement. . (Deferred until 10/15/09.)

4:00 p.m. Public Hearing on a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Re: Single Family Detached Dwelling Grade. This amendment modifies the manner in which grade is calculated for single family detached dwellings by requiring that the lower of the pre-development or finished elevations be used for determining building height. A new Group 9 special permit and a new category 6 special exception to allow grade modifications of single family detached dwellings.

4:00 p.m. Public Hearing on a Sewer Ordinance amendment to revise Chapter 67.1 of the County Code in compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) new pretreatment streamlining Rule and Miscellaneous EPA and County housekeeping updates. Ordinance is being amended to incorporate revisions required by the Environmental Protection Agency's new Streamlining Rule and corresponding changes to the Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Regulation (VAC 25-31-10 et.seq.). In addition to other miscellaneous EPA and County housekeeping updates including modification to the conditions under which the county will pay claims. The "Streamlining Rule is designed to reduce the overall regulatory burden on both industrial users and regulators without adversely affecting environmental protection.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Street Light Community Meeting: I will hold a community meeting to address street light concerns in Reston on September 30, 2009, from 7:00 - 9:00 PM, in the Community Room at the North County Governmental Center, located at 12000 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. The meeting will feature a status report on the Dominion Virginia Power Light Emitting Diode (LED) Pilot Project adjacent to the Reston Town Center on Bluemont Way to begin later this fall. Also planned is a discussion on the Reston Demonstration Project as it pertains to the addition of limited street lights to portions of Glade and North Shore Drives.

Reston Land Use College: The second sessions of the Reston Land Use College will be held on Tuesday, September 22nd, 7 p.m. at South Lakes High School. The third session is scheduled for Tuesday, September 29th. Please call Faheem Darab at 703-324-1351 if you wish to attend and have not previously registered.

Flu Season Town Hall Meeting: The Health Department program for the Hunter Mill District is planned for Tuesday, September 22nd, 7 p.m., at the North County Governmental Center, 12000 Bowman Towne Drive in Reston.

Fairfax County Medical Reserve Corps Needs Volunteers: The Health Department is recruiting volunteers to join the 3,600 medical and non-medical trained volunteers in the MRC. The all-volunteer MRC is designed to augment the capacity of the public health system in response to large scale events related to natural and bioterrorism widespread epidemics. For more information call 703-246-8641, or register directly online at www.fairfaxmrc.org.

Beltway Closure on Friday, September 25th: On Sept. 25, all lanes of the Capital Beltway (I-495) at Chain Bridge Road (Route 123) will be shut down several times between midnight and 5 a.m. for up to 30 minutes at a time, according to the Virginia Department of Transportation. The closure includes the beltway ramps to and from Route 123. Details can be found at <http://www.vamegaprojects.com/news/featured-headlines/total-beltway-closure-at-route-123-friday/>

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