



# Hunter Mill Highlights

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*February 12, 2010*

*Dear Hunter Mill Friends,*

*With another impending snow event on its way, we held an abbreviated Board meeting on Tuesday. The reception and recognition for our Virginia Task Force One who recently returned from their rescue mission to Haiti, is rescheduled for the March 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Other presentations to citizens and organizations are being rescheduled. We also will reschedule all of the day's public hearings.*

*In Board business, we asked staff to consider a type of fluctuation reserve fund, an addition to our current rainy day fund, which could hold money across budget years as a hedge against multi-year economic downturn. There will be more discussion on this when we focus on the FY2011 budget. We also approved grants applications and restructuring bond financing to achieve greater savings.*

*VDOT continues working to clear our streets. If you haven't yet seen a snow plow on your street, contact my office. The sheer amount of snow has clogged up many intersections and parking areas. Our public school children are due back in class on Monday, so please make the effort to clear off your sidewalks and walkways so the students can safely walk to school.*

*In spite of the challenges posed by 5 feet of snow this year, I have seen and heard many instances of residents working together to take care of their neighbors. That's what makes our community a great place to live.*

*Cathy Hudgins*

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## **2-9-2010 Board Action Highlights**

Below are excerpts from the **February 9, 2010 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, please go to the County's [Board Agenda and Meeting Schedule](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/) section on the County's webpage. Some County links may not be active until later in the week. For items that relate to other Districts, see Agenda/Board Summary: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/>

**PRESENTATIONS** - presentations to citizens and groups are being rescheduled.

**Report on General Assembly Activities:** The Legislative Committee received updates from staff on efforts to continue to press for reversal of the proposed freeze of the Local Composite Index (LCI) for fiscal year 2011. Governor McDonnell announced earlier this week his intention to support updating the LCI, undoing the proposed freeze. The freeze would have cost Fairfax County Public Schools \$61 million in state aid if allowed to stand, while only saving the state \$29 million total. The Governor's support for allowing the routine updating to proceed without politicizing the LCI is very helpful and was the result of a bipartisan effort on the part of Northern Virginia's local governments, the General Assembly delegation, the business community and the taxpayers.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS** <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board>

**Admin 2: Authorization to advertise a Planning Commission public hearing** on March 31, 2010 @ 8:15 p.m. and the proposed Board of Supervisors public hearing on April 27, 2010 @ 4:00 p.m. **on a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment re: Riding and Boarding stable setbacks** to allow the Board of Zoning appeals in certain situations to reduce the 100 foot minimum distance between stable structures/riding rings and any lot line and the 50 foot minimum distance between stable parking and loading spaces and adjoining residential properties.

**Admin 3: Authorization to advertise a Planning Commission public hearing** on March 31, 2010 @ 8:15 p.m., and a proposed Board of Supervisors hearing on April 27, 2010 @ 4:00 p.m. **on proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment: to address revisions required as a result of legislative action by the 2009 General Assembly, to correct inconsistencies due to the adoption of previous Zoning Ordinance and County Code amendments, and to clarify other provisions.**

**Admin 5: Authorized the Department of Systems Management for Human Services (DSMHS) to apply for and accept grant funding from US Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women through the fiscal year 2010 Community-Defined Solutions to Violence Against Women Program** in the amount of \$1 million to support up to 4 grant positions to staff and operate a County Domestic

Violence Justice Center for 24 months and to provide mandated training and technical assistance. No local match required.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Action 1: Issuance by the Industrial Development Authority of its Health Care Revenue Bonds (Inova Health System Project) Series 2010 Refunding Bond Issue**

- Principal amount not to exceed \$200,000,000
- No Fiscal Impact:
  - 1) action does not constitute a debt obligation of the County or BOS
  - 2) Bonds will be entirely supported by the revenues of Inova

**Action 2: Approved issuance by the Economic Development Authority of its Revenue Bonds (Six Public Facilities Projects), Series 2010 for purposes of refinancing certain Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA) and County Obligations.** The County is attempting to conduct the bond sale to achieve interest rate savings by taking advantage of favorable bond market conditions and to consolidate several smaller bond issues to reduce administrative expenses before interest rates trend upward. Based on market conditions as of January 4, 2010, the refunding totals \$39.98 million is estimated to generate a net present values savings of \$2.98 million, or 7.46 percent of the refunded par amount.

### **Action 3: Approval to Purchase the West Ox Road Group Residences from the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (Sully District)**

- Board approved purchasing outstanding mortgage debt, which is approximately \$593,500. Additional revenue the will be realized by an initiative to generate debt service savings on certain County facilities by refinancing the debt.
- Fiscal Impact: Est. \$2.98 million in net present value savings is expected after refinancing FCRHA tax-exempt bonds and the South County Government Center. \$593,500.00 could be made available to purchase the two properties.
- Transfer of ownership and the elimination of mortgage service that will result, will allow greater flexibility on a future use for the properties.

### **Action 4: Comments on the Interchange Justification Report (IJR) for the Dulles International Airport Access Highway Ramps (DIAAH) at I-495 (Capital Beltway).**

The Board endorsed the comments on the IJR for the ramps at I-495 as presented at the briefing on November 23, 2009 and the Board Transportation Committee meeting on December 8, 2009. Consideration is taken to ensure that VDOT and MWAA are fully aware of the Board's concerns prior to proceeding with final design and initial construction operations.

**Action 5: Approved the Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts First Amendment to license agreement, and associated operating agreement.** The Board approved a first amendment to our existing license agreement with Wolf Trap that permits Fairfax Connector buses to board and discharge passengers at a designated

bus stop within Wolf Trap premises. Also approved was the Annual Operating Agreement between Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts and Fairfax County for the 2010 Season.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Info 1: Contract Award – Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System and Stormwater Monitoring Program Support services basic ordering agreement to provide support on a basic ordering agreement (BOA) basis for Fairfax County’s Stormwater Program in furtherance of the Board of Supervisors’ Environmental Initiatives and the County’s Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit.**

- These services will be provided on a task order basis. The initial contract will be established for one 12-month term with the option for two additional 12-month terms. Pursuant to Virginia State Code, BOAs have a maximum value of \$5 million per year, with no individual task order exceeding \$1 million. However, this contract is not anticipated to exceed a total value of \$1.5 million in the first year and \$3 million per year in subsequent years.
- The engineering firm of AMEC Earth & Environmental was recommended by the SAC and approved by DPWES in accordance with the guidelines contained in the Fairfax County Purchasing Resolution. The Department of Tax Administration has verified that AMEC Earth & Environmental has a current Business, Professional and Occupational License.

**Info 4: Deferred compensation vendor consolidation proposal.** The Fairfax County Deferred Compensation Plan is a plan established to permit eligible employees to contribute a portion of their salaries to the Plan in order to save for retirement on a tax-deferred basis. The Department of Human Resources (DHR) has investigated a potential consolidation of the vendor relationships for the county’s deferred compensation program. The County currently has four (4) vendors who handle the roughly 10,000 accounts with nearly 7,000 active contributors. Staff has concluded that a consolidation of these vendor relationships to a single provider will be of significant benefit to employees, allowing full leverage of the \$500 million portfolio to:

- Negotiate more competitive fees for participants;
- Take advantage of new technologies and services in the vendor marketplace;
- Provide more effective participant education and communication programs;
- Use today’s open architecture investment platforms to create a portfolio of best-in-class funds from a variety of providers to allow for optimal diversification opportunities and investment security;
- Offer new plan features, such as loans, after-tax components, account management and brokerage windows;
- Enable the county to better satisfy its fiduciary obligations to plan participants and ensure compliance with applicable regulations.

While employees have been asking questions, after hearing the business case for the consolidation, most agree that this is in the best interest of county employees.

Unless otherwise directed by the Board, a request for proposal (RFP) to the vendor marketplace will be released in the near future with a targeted conversion date of December 2010.

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