



# Hunter Mill Highlights

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*January 12, 2009*

*Happy New Year to you all! The Board of Supervisors held our first meeting of 2009 this week. We will meet again on January 26th.*

*Today's meeting was not unlike other board meetings. Although much of the business of the County continues as it always has, the projected budget deficit is first and foremost on everyone's mind. Today we discussed more ideas for savings and efficiencies and the possibility of some of our local transportation projects being included in the federal government stimulus package. We believe this would be good for everyone - it will create jobs here, inject money into our local economy and result in much needed, long-lasting improvements.*

*While I am not looking forward to the difficult decisions we will be forced to make in the coming months, I am looking forward to hearing from you as we move forward. I have established a new email address to handle your messages on the budget at [huntermillbudget@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:huntermillbudget@fairfaxcounty.gov). The community dialogues, emails I receive each day, and feedback I heard at my Town Hall meeting will all shape my thoughts and actions throughout the process, so please continue to contact me with your ideas and thoughts.*

*Until next time, try and stay warm!*

*Cathy Hudgins*

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## 1-12-2009 Board Action Highlights

Below are excerpts from the **January 12, 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, please go to the County's *Board Agenda and Meeting Schedule* section on the County's BOS Webpage for the specific Board date at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/meetings/2009.htm> Some County links may not be active until later in the current week. For items that relate to other Districts, see the Agenda or Board Summary at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/>

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

#### **Administrative 6: Adopted a resolution for the Economic Development Authority (EDA) to issue revenue bonds for the benefit of Capital Hospice**

- EDA received a request from Capital Hospice to issue its revenue bonds.
- Not to exceed 7.2 million.
- Purpose is to finance the acquisition of new facilities to be located on 1.28 acres of land at 2900 Telstar Court in Falls Church.

**Admin 7: Approved Supplemental Appropriation Resolution AS 09100 for the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department to accept funding from the Virginia Department of Transportation to support the implementation of the I-495 High Occupancy Traffic Lanes Transportation Management Plan.** Board approval to accept funding from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to provide funding for Safety/Liaison officers to serve as the department's primary contacts for matters related to the construction of Capital Beltway High Occupancy Traffic (HOT) Lanes. Funding not to exceed \$618,913 annually will provide resources to cover expenses to implement 3/3.0 SYE grant positions and purchase all needed equipment. Funding will be provided for the duration of the construction period, anticipated to be late 2012.

#### **Admin 8: Approved Supplemental Appropriation Resolution AS 09097 for the Health Department to accept grant funding from the United States Department of Agriculture through the Virginia Department of Health for the Women, Infants, and Children grant.**

- Accept funding in the amount of \$391,913 from the United States Department of Agriculture through the Virginia Department of Health for funding to continue services under the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Grant for Fiscal Year 2009.
- Grant will allow the Health Department to continue certifying eligible families for WIC food packages, provide counseling to at-risk and high-risk families, and continue lactation promotion activities.
- Will allow the Health Department to continue funding positions created during the year as a result of 15 percent participation growth during FY 2008 in addition to increases in related travel, training and supplies.
- No local cash match required.

**Admin 9: Approved traffic calming measures, installation of "\$200 Additional Fine for Speeding" signs, and "Watch for Children" signs as part of the Residential Traffic Administration Program.** The County Executive recommended that the Board endorse the traffic calming plans for Garrett Street (Attachment II) consisting of the following:

- One raised crosswalk and multi-way stop on Garrett Street. (Request of Glencannon HOA)

The County Executive further recommends approval of a resolution (Attachments III & IV) for the installation of "\$200 Additional Fine for Speeding" signs on the following road:

- Old Courthouse Road between Beulah Road / Trap Road and west corporate limits of the Town of Vienna and Old Courthouse Road between east corporate limits of the Town of

Vienna and Gosnell Road (Hunter Mill District). (Part of recommendations for OCR Traffic Calming Project)

County Executive recommended that the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) be requested to install the approved measures as soon as possible.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**Action 1: Adopted a resolution for reimbursement of capital expenditures from the proceeds of the sale of sewer revenue bonds** to give the County maximum flexibility in funding the County's share of plant upgrade costs at the Alexandria Sanitation Authority, District of Columbia and Sewer Authority (Blue Plains), and Arlington County wastewater treatment facilities as well as the County's Noman M. Cole Pollution Control Plant. Approval of the resolution will preserve the County's ability to reimburse the Sewer Funds from bond proceeds for approximately \$20 million of expenditures for these projects estimated to be made in the 60-day period prior to January 12, 2009.

**Action 3: Testimony for public hearing on Commonwealth of Virginia's revision to the Six-Year Improvement Program for Highway and Transit Funds FY 2009 Through FY 2014.** On December 18, 2008, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) at its combined workshop and meeting released a mid-year revision of the Fiscal Years 2009-2014 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) in response to the declining state and federal transportation revenues. The revision included \$1.3 billion in anticipated cuts to highway and transit projects and programs in response to a \$2.6 billion reduction in overall state and federal transportation revenue. Reductions of \$1.3 billion were already taken when the Program was adopted in June 2008. The public hearing will be held on January 13, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., at the Fairfax County Government Center, Fairfax County Board Room. The County Executive recommended that the Board approve the attached letter to Secretary Pierce Homer (Attachment I) transmitting the recommendations of the Board and emphasizing its concerns regarding the reductions to interstate, primary, and public transportation projects.

### **HMD Projects**

- **I-66 Vienna Metrorail access and capacity improvements.**
  - Funds in adopted plan \$25,595,000; cut \$17,504,000, remaining \$8,091,000.
  - Project is in design phase. Removing \$17.5 million will delay project and cause potential significant cost increases.
- **Route 7 - Widen to six lanes from Reston Avenue to Rolling Holly Drive (UPC 52327).**
  - Funds in Adopted Plan \$24,553,000 Cut \$1,172,169, Remaining \$23,379,831
  - Long-standing interjurisdictional project between Loudoun and Fairfax County. Despite all scope reductions to reduce costs, progress towards construction remains stalled. If full project cannot be funded, County wants to complete at least westbound lanes of this project including Seneca Road signal and intersection improvements with previous TVTD bond funding, complemented by \$8 million C & I funding.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Information 3: Contract Award - Frying Pan Farm Park, Phase 1 equestrian barn replacement.**

- Scope of work for the project includes demolishing four existing barns, construction two replacement barns with infrastructure and utilities.
- Project is included in FY2009-2013 CIP.
- Lowest bid is 23.4% below Park Authority's pre-bid cost estimate, at \$2,123,160.
- Bid was lower than anticipated because fill material is available at no cost and demolition and disposal costs are offset by salvage value of the materials.

### **Information 5: Fairfax County Awarded AAA Credit Rating**

- In preparation for the 2009 bond sale scheduled for January 13th, the County requested a bond rating from Moody's Investors Service, Standard and Poor's Corporation and Fitch Ratings.
- All three rating agencies gave the County a triple-A rating with a stable outlook
- County has held the AAA rating from Moody's since 1975, an AAA rating from Standard and Poor's since 1978, and received an AAA rating from Fitch Ratings for the first time in 1997
- As of December 29, 2008, only 7 states, 22 counties and 23 cities in the nation have a triple-A rating from all of these leading rating agencies

### **BOARD MATTERS**

**Earned Income Tax Credit Awareness Day (EITC):** I moved that the Board proclaim January 30, 2009, as EITC Awareness Day in Fairfax County, and asked staff to publicize events and activities leading up to EITC Awareness Day. At this time of economic downturn and growing need, here is an opportunity for individuals and families who earned less than \$42,000 in 2008 to get help filing their tax returns at no cost. The Fairfax County Department of Family Services is leading the Northern Virginia effort to mobilize a coalition of public agencies, businesses, libraries, faith and community-based groups to operate this critical and highly successful tax assistance program. The Department of Family Services will send invitations to all Board members for a CASH Campaign kickoff event, to be held at the county's Falls Church Human Services Office on Saturday, January 31.

**Hunter Mill District Budget e-Mailbox:** In an attempt to more efficiently manage the volume of emails received, I have asked the Department of Information Technology to establish a budget specific mailbox to receive budget concerns from my constituents. The new Hunter Mill District Budget mailbox is [huntermillbudget@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:huntermillbudget@fairfaxcounty.gov).

**Reston Stream Restoration Project:** I moved that the Board direct the staff of the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services to review the plans for Glade stream restoration with attention to tree loss to determine if there is an opportunity to respond to the concerns expressed by the citizens.

**Transportation Successes: Temporary RPPD for Polo Fields and completion of Herndon Monroe Park and Ride Garage repairs:** A Temporary RPPD was established on September 1 for roads in Polo Fields closest to the Herndon Monroe Park and Ride garage to compensate for overflow parking on the street that resulted from the loss of several hundred garage parking places. Repairs to the garage have been completed, parking patterns have returned, and the Temporary RPPD is no longer enforced. I asked that staff prepare a report of the Polo Fields Temporary RPPD noting its success so that a record is available should other districts need to use a Temporary RPPD, as this was the first Temporary RPPD used in the County. In addition, I requested that Mr. Madji and Mr. Taylor (FCDOT) and Capt. Deborah Burnett of the Reston District Station, who helped ensure the success of the Temporary RPPD be invited to the Board to be recognized, to be joined by Ron Kirkpatrick (DPWES) and his team that headed the Garage repair effort, and Beth Francis (FCDOT).

**Capital Projects for the Economic Stimulus Package (co-sponsored with Supervisors McKay and Bulova):** The Board of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Metro) identified a list of capital projects to be considered for inclusion in a potential Federal economic stimulus package and submitted those projects for consideration. The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) endorsed this list last week. The list was based on the following criteria: the project is an eligible use of federal funding for Metro, the project would be implemented within 90 days of federal funding, and the project would not proceed in the current fiscal year without

supplemental funding. I moved that the Board send a letter to the Virginia congressional delegation expressing its support for these capital projects with a request that the delegation act to express their support to the incoming administration.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**3:30 p.m. Approval of PCA 78-C-098-03 (Gregor, LLC)** to amend proffers, conceptual and final development plans for RZ 78-C-098 previously approved for 60 multi-family residences and a hotel with a Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of 0.65 and a density of 11.57 dwelling units per acre to permit the continuation of office use within the existing structures as a development option.

**4:00 p.m. Approved ordinance amending county Code relating to election precincts.**

- The General Assembly passed legislation that prohibits changes to precinct boundaries **beginning February 1, 2009, and extending through May 15, 2011** to freeze precinct boundaries to facilitate conduct of the 2010 United States Census and any election reapportionment that may follow. This legislation is comparable to the restrictions that were passed in 1998 in order to prepare for the 2000 census and the 2001 redistricting.
- In order to meet the **February 1, 2009**, statutory deadline and to prepare for the upcoming special elections, Board action is necessary today to provide sufficient time to complete the federal preclearance in advance of the special elections.

**4:00 p.m. Public Hearing and approval for DCRS grant application to Commonwealth of VA for funding under the Federal Transit Administration for three replacement vehicles.**

- Grant is for three wheelchair lift-equipped replacement vehicles for FASTRAN in the amount of \$156,000.
- Authorizes CRS to apply for a grant that will provide 80% of funding (\$124,800), with the balance required from local funds (\$31,200) to be absorbed within the CRS budget. Award notification will not take place until April 2009.
- Final determination to be rendered with the completion of the FY 2010 Adopted budget.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**New - Hunter Mill District Budget e-Mailbox:** I would like to announce that the new Hunter Mill District Budget email is [huntermillbudget@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:huntermillbudget@fairfaxcounty.gov). This new email box will help us to more efficiently manage the volume of emails the office receives on budget issues and concerns.

**Free Recycling of Old Electronics:** On Saturday, January 17, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Cox Communications will be accepting your old electronic devices and appliances for recycling at their location, 3080 Centreville Road in Herndon. Items collected included computer equipments, phones (cell and portable), microwaves, stereos, televisions, VCRs, toasters and toner cartridges. A complete listing of items, required computer recycling form and additional information is available at <http://www.pcrecycler.net/services/drop/acceptable-items/cox-acceptable-items/>

Reston Community Center will host a variety of events in honor of the **2009 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Birthday Celebration**. All activities are free and open to all.

- Saturday, Jan. 17: Concert by the Reston Community Orchestra.
  - 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Reston Community Center at Hunters Woods
- Sunday, Jan. 18: Gospel Concert sponsored by the MLK, Jr. Christian Church
- 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Northern VA Hebrew Congregation.
- Monday, Jan. 19:

- 9:00 a.m. - Commemorative March starting at Southgate Community Center to Reston Community Center at Hunters Woods.
- 10:00 -11:00 - Refreshments. Restonian of the Year Award
- 11:00 - Keynote Speaker: Jim Vance of NBC News 4.
- 11:30 - Lunch (provided)
- 12:00 - Workshops and children's activities
- 1:00 - Sing-a-long and closing ceremonies.

The currently running episode of "Connecting with Supervisor Hudgins", on Channel 16 (Cox) and Chanel 28 (Comcast), is all about the celebration with guests from the planning committee. The program is aired multiple times a week or can be viewed live on demand on your computer. Schedule and details are available at [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable/channel16/supervisor\\_hudgins.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable/channel16/supervisor_hudgins.htm) For additional on information on the celebration, contact the RCC at 703-476-4500.

**Official Inauguration** activities begin Saturday, January 17th and extend to Wednesday, January 21st when people will be leaving the city. Please check Web sites and TV stations for the latest information on routes you regularly travel before you leave home. You may also dial 511 on your cell for the Virginia Department of Transportation traffic line.

- Inauguration Information for County residents: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/inauguration/>
- **FAIRFAX CONNECTOR and Metrobus will provide free rides** for all passengers on Tuesday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>. Metrorail station parking is expected to fill up very early that day, so residents are encouraged to park for free at a Fairfax County Park and Ride and take the CONNECTOR to a Metrorail station. Details are at [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/inaug\\_day\\_service.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/inaug_day_service.htm)
- Fairfax County Park and Ride will also be free on Inauguration Day and will have service to Metrorail stations. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/parkride.htm>

**The Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project** moves to next vital step with US Department of Transportation Secretary Mary Peter's approval of the Full Funding Grant Application (FFGA) on January 7. Following congressional review, the FFGA should be approved by April 7th and construction can officially begin on Phase 1 from the East Falls Church Metrorail Station to Wiehle Avenue.

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