



**HANOVER COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FINAL MINUTES**

Hanover County Administration
Building
Board Room
7516 County Complex Road
Hanover, VA 23069

April 1, 2026

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Sean M. Davis, Chair
Henry Magisterial District
Jeff S. Stoneman, Vice-Chair
Beaverdam Magisterial District
Susan P. Dibble
South Anna Magisterial District
Danielle Grieshaber Floyd
Chickahominy Magisterial District
F. Michael Herzberg, IV
Cold Harbor Magisterial District
Ryan M. Hudson
Mechanicsville Magisterial District
Faye O. Prichard
Ashland Magisterial District

VIRGINIA: A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors for Hanover County was held in the Board Room in the Hanover County Administration Building on the 1st day of April, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Board of Supervisors
Mr. Sean M. Davis – Chair
Mr. Jeff S. Stoneman – Vice-Chair
Ms. Susan P. (Sue) Dibble
Mr. F. Michael Herzberg, IV
Ms. Danielle Grieshaber Floyd
Ms. Faye O. Prichard

Absent: Mr. Ryan M. Hudson

Present: Staff
Mr. John A. Budesky, County Administrator
Mr. Dennis A. Walter, County Attorney
Ms. Lisa McGee, Clerk to the Board

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

- A. Mr. Herzberg gave the invocation.
- B. Ms. Floyd led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

III. COMMENT PERIOD

- A. Chairman and Board Member Comments
 - There were no comments from the Chair or Board members.
- B. County Administrator Comments
 - Mr. Budesky invited citizens to attend the Board meeting on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. when the budget will be considered for adoption.

- Also at the April 8 meeting, Department of Tourism will unveil the new branding and initiatives to drive tourism in Hanover County.
- Friday, April 3, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. the Sunset Concert Series launches at Pole Green Park. This will introduce a new tradition with live music, fun, and food to the county park system.
- Thursday, April 9, 2026, the Spirit of Volunteerism event will be held celebrating those who go above and beyond in the community. More information is available on the website.
- Mr. Budesky announced that the work with the Mount Hermon Road and Campbell's Creek area project has been expanded to August 13. More information is available on the website.

Chair Davis welcomed Sheriff Six.

IV. CITIZENS' TIME

Mr. Davis read the Procedures for Citizens' Time and opened the floor for public comment.

- **Ms. Ashly Covington** – Cold Harbor Magisterial District – Ms. Covington spoke regarding the health and other concerns related to data centers. She shared that Senator Bernie Saunders has called for a moratorium on their development and 11 states have introduced similar legislation this year.
- **Ms. Shannon Todd** – Mechanicsville Magisterial District – Ms. Todd spoke regarding data centers and asked that the Board oppose or pause approval of any hyperscale data center until firm protections for Hanover is given. She cited examples of unapproved development in other states and noted that she would forward her citations to Board members.

V. PUBLIC HEARING: FISCAL YEAR 2027 PROPOSED BUDGET, FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM, FIVE-YEAR GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL PLAN, PROPOSED 2026 TAX RATES AND RELATED ORDINANCE CHANGES

Mr. Mark Highfield, Budget Division Director, Finance and Management Services, presented a brief review of the proposed budget. He noted that detailed information for the public hearings was published online and in the newspaper. He added that, as required by law, the public hearing for the 2026 Real Property Tax Rate would be held separately.

Mr. Highfield shared that there are no changes proposed to property tax rates. The fee for residential lots in the recycling service district is proposed to increase from \$46 to \$56. The fee for the Atlee Manor Sewer Service District is proposed to decrease from \$780 to \$350.

2026 Property Tax Rates & Fees

Tax Rates per \$100 of Assessed Value	Calendar Year 2026	Notes
Real Property	\$ 0.81	No change
Personal Property	\$ 3.57	No change
Qualified Volunteer Fire & Rescue Vehicle Personal Property	\$ 1.78	No change
Qualified Disabled Veterans Vehicle Personal Property	\$ 0.00	No change
Machinery & Tools	\$ 3.57	No change
Aircraft Personal Property	\$ 0.50	No change
Merchants' Capital	\$ 1.90	No change
Generating Equipment	\$ 0.81	No change
Data Center Equipment	\$ 0.45	No change
Fee per Residential Lot	Calendar Year 2026	Notes
Recycling Service District	\$ 56.00	Up from \$46.00
Allee Manor Sewer Service District	\$ 350.00	Down from \$780.00

FY27 Budget - Public Hearings

The total All Funds budget was advertised at \$797.4M and is currently expected to be \$797.5M with the proposed amendment to add a grant-funded school-based clinician as presented at the March 25, 2026 Board meeting. The proposed amended FY27 All Funds Budget is 1.9% higher than the FY26 adopted All Funds budget. The proposed amended General Fund budget is 3.4% higher than the FY26 adopted General Fund budget. Other amendments are not known at this time but may be identified prior to presenting the Board with final amendments at the April 8, 2026 Board meeting

FY27 All Funds Budget

Fund Description	FY27 Proposed	Amendments	FY27 Adopted
Airport CIP Fund	2,310,000		2,310,000
Airport Fund	654,237		654,237
County Improvements Fund	56,309,662		56,309,662
Debt Service Fund	35,626,300		35,626,300
Economic Development Authority	224,675		224,675
General Fund	427,250,123	110,644	427,360,767
Public Utilities CIP Fund	74,614,241		74,614,241
Public Utilities Fund	58,206,760		58,206,760
School Improvements Fund	15,827,750		15,827,750
School Nutrition Services Fund	10,598,189		10,598,189
Schools Operating Fund	272,403,720		272,403,720
Self-Insurance Fund	64,394,572		64,394,572
Interfund Transfers	(221,060,511)		(221,060,511)
Total	797,359,718	110,644	797,470,362

FY27 Budget - Public Hearings

Continuing, Mr. Highfield shared that the Five-Year Capital Improvements Program covers Fiscal Years 27 to 31. There is \$149M budgeted in the Fiscal Year 27 and another \$537M planned for the remaining four years. Mr. Highfield reminded Board members and guests that the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) includes \$181M under the County Improvements Fund for Roadway Improvements, as well as funding toward park enhancements and replacement of two fire stations. In addition, the School Improvements Fund includes \$101.5M for replacement of two elementary schools. The largest Public Utilities project is an expansion of the Totopotomoy Wastewater Treatment Plant, with design funded in FY27 and construction planned for FY30 and the Airport CIP Fund includes several projects to prepare for and construct additional T-Hangers, as well as a project to Extend Taxiway B.

Mr. Highfield concluded his review of the Budget, Tax Rates and Ordinances for the first public hearing.

Mr. Herzberg asked about funds within the budget that are not funded with county dollars, such as funds being received from the Virginia Department of Transportation for funding on a specific project or grant funding being received for the mental health counselor. Mr. Highfield discussed how the All Funds Budget consists of multiple funds, which are funded by a variety of revenue sources.

Before opening the public hearing, Chair Davis recognized Fire-EMS Chief Chris Anderson and Deputy Fire Chief Joe Powers.

Mr. Davis opened the public hearing and announced that the topics for this public hearing would include the 2026 Property Tax Rates and Fees, FY2027 Proposed Budget, FY27-FY31 Five-Year Capital Improvements Program, FY27-31 Five-Year General Fund Financial Plan, Ordinance to Increase Erosion & Sediment Control Fees, and an Ordinance to Increase Water & Sewer Fees. He called speakers to the podium.

- **Mr. Mike Morris** – Beaverdam Magisterial District – Mr. Morris shared that he was representing the Superintendent’s Business Council. Mr. Morris shared insights as a resident of Hanover, parent of children who had graduated from Hanover County Public Schools (HCPS), coach, and business leader. He shared compliments to HCPS leadership and spoke in favor of the Schools’ budget.
- **Ms. Mary Butler Eggleston** – South Anna Magisterial District – Ms. Eggleston represented the Community Services Board. She was complimentary of staff and leadership at the CSB and County. The CSB launched the Naloxone By Mail program and have distributed 1,059 boxes to Hanover County households since January 2025 with the regional Opioid Abatement Authority grant they received. Continuing, Ms. Eggleston shared that the CSB implemented the Marcus Alert program nine months ahead of schedule and did so in conjunction with the County’s public Safety and Emergency Communications Departments. She spoke in favor of the budget as she noted that demand for services continually grows.
- **Mr. Derek Kildoo** – Mechanicsville Magisterial District – Mr. Kildoo discussed the average budget increase which he noted was 9.25% annually. He shared that the average increase in wages during the same time period has only been 2% to 3% excluding individuals living on Social Security. He shared that Hanover County should be able to lower the tax rate to six or seven cents. He added that spending is out of control and predicted that the housing market will crash again. He ended by sharing two areas the Board of Supervisors should work on immediately: 1) provide real estate relief programs for citizens who qualify to be exempt or have reduced rates if on fix Social Security income and 2) lower the rates overall from 81 cents to 75 cents.
- **Mr. Mike Dellaripa** – Henry Magisterial District – Mr. Dellarippa shared that he is a proponent of public safety. He added that he was speaking on behalf of the officers that have no voice – the K9s. He described a fundraiser that a 12-year-old held to provide a vest for one of the K9s. He asked the Board not cut any funding for dog safety. He shared that he had spoken with both Chief Anderson and Sheriff Six and learned that all of the K9s have protective vests. In addition, Mr. Dellaripa suggested that the county begin paying volunteers. He ended by sharing that the most important job of the Board of Supervisors is to ensure the

safety in the schools and throughout Hanover County.

- **Ms. Bertelle Bunyard** – Chickahominy Magisterial District – Ms. Bunyard spoke regarding the vehicle tax rate and acknowledged that elimination of that tax is incumbent upon the state. She shared that the Commissioner of Revenue values vehicles based on the “clean trade-in level” and not the “clean loan level” that neighboring counties use. She explained that makes it more expensive for Hanover County residents. Continuing, she added that her home was recently appraised during a loan request at \$100k lower than the County appraisal. Ms. Bunyard also asked that the Board of Supervisors seek opportunities to collaborate. She shared that the County Extension Office should have been involved to handle the bamboo along the property line when the new Washington Henry building was built. In closing, Ms. Bunyard shared that all playgrounds in the County – parks and schools – should be fully accessible.

With no one further to speak, Chair Davis closed the public hearing and called for a brief recess. The meeting resumed at 6:49 p.m.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED 2026 REAL PROPERTY TAX RATE

Mr. Highfield announced that the second public hearing was specific to maintaining the 2026 real property tax rate at 81 cents per \$100 of assessed value. Given the growth in assessments, he noted that a tax rate of 76 cents would generate the same amount of revenue as the current year. The difference between the proposed rate and the lowered rate is proposed to fund the growth in County obligations. He noted that 7% is the total reassessment rate and individual property taxes may increase at a percentage greater than, less than, or equal to this rate.

Mr. Davis opened the public hearing. There was no one to speak in favor or opposition to the 2026 Real Property Tax Rate. He closed the public hearing.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements from Board members or County staff.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT AT 6:52 P.M. TO 2:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026 FOR A REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE HANOVER COUNTY BOARD ROOM, LOCATED IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7516 COUNTY COMPLEX ROAD, HANOVER, VA. A PUBLIC HEARING TO ACCEPT NAMES INTO NOMINATION FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD - MECHANICSVILLE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT WILL FOLLOW AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE SAME LOCATION.

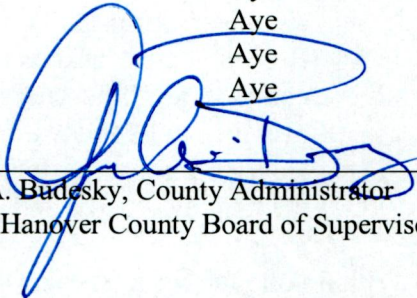
On motion of Ms. Prichard, seconded by Ms. Dibble, the members of the Board of Supervisors voted to **APPROVE** these minutes as presented.

Mr. Davis – Chair
Mr. Stoneman – Vice-Chair
Ms. Dibble
Ms. Floyd
Mr. Herzberg
Mr. Hudson
Ms. Prichard

Vote:

Aye
Aye
Aye
Aye
Aye
Aye
Aye

Dated: April 8, 2026



John A. Budesky, County Administrator
Clerk, Hanover County Board of Supervisors