

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Agenda Item

Meeting Date:	August 19, 2014
Title:	Recognize and Commend Harry Critzer Upon His Retirement After More than 36 Years of Service to the Citizens of Stafford County
Department:	Public Information
Staff Contact:	Shannon Howell
Board Committee/ Other BACC:	N/A
Staff Recommendation:	Approval
Budget Impact:	N/A
Time Sensitivity:	N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

1.	Background Report	2.	Proposed Proclamation P14-17
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	Discussion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Presentation		Work Session
	New Business		Public Hearing		Add-On

REVIEW:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County Administrator	
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DISTRICT:	N/A
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REQUESTED BY:	Jack Cavalier
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BACKGROUND REPORT

On August 30, 2014, Harry Critzer will retire after more than 36 years of service to the citizens of Stafford County.

Mr. Critzer started his career with Stafford County on August 7, 1978 as a Superintendent of Operations in the Department of Utilities. On July 10, 1989, he was promoted to Assistant Director of Operations and served 19 years in that position. On December 1, 2008, he was promoted to Director of Utilities.

When Mr. Critzer started with the County, there was a single water treatment facility in operation at Smith Lake, with a capacity of 0.8 million gallons per day (mgd). The County bought water from the City of Fredericksburg and although the Abel Lake reservoir existed, there was no water treatment facility there. There were two wastewater treatment facilities in operation with a total capacity of 4.5 mgd.

Under Mr. Critzer's direction, Stafford County now has the capability of producing 18 mgd of the highest quality drinking water, with the 10 mgd Rocky Pen Run water treatment facility about to go on-line. The County can also boast 18 mgd of wastewater treatment capacity, meeting some of the toughest regulatory standards in the United States.

During his time as Assistant Director for Operations, Mr. Critzer also developed and obtained approval for the Industrial Pretreatment Program, the Backflow and Cross-Connection Control Program, and the Water Supply Plan, and maintained excellent working relationships with members of state and federal regulatory agencies. As Director of Utilities, he has guided the completion of the County's third reservoir at Rocky Pen Run.

During Mr. Critzer's tenure, Aquia Wastewater Treatment Facility received recognition from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA)'s Peak Performance Awards at the Gold level performance six times, and Little Falls Run Wastewater Treatment Facility has received one silver, eight gold, and seven platinum level awards.

Mr. Critzer has a Bachelor of Arts, Economics from the University of Virginia, and a Master's of Business Administration from the University of Mary Washington. He is also a member of the American Water Works Association and the Virginia Association of Municipal Wastewater Agency.

PROPOSED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF STAFFORD
STAFFORD, VIRGINIA

PROCLAMATION

At a regular meeting of the Stafford County Board of Supervisors (the Board) held in the Board Chambers, Stafford County Administration Center, Stafford, Virginia, on the 19th day of August, 2014:

MEMBERS:

Jack R. Cavalier, Chairman
Gary F. Snellings, Vice Chairman
Meg Bohmke
Paul V. Milde III
Laura A. Sellers
Cord A. Sterling
Robert "Bob" Thomas, Jr

VOTE:

On motion of , seconded by , which carried by a vote of , the following was adopted:

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING MR. HARRY CRITZER UPON HIS RETIREMENT FOLLOWING MORE THAN 36 YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CITIZENS OF STAFFORD COUNTY

WHEREAS, Harry Critzer will retire on August 30, 2014, after more than 36 years as a dedicated public servant; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Critzer started his career with the County on August 7, 1978, as the Superintendent of Operations in the Department of Utilities; and

WHEREAS, on July 10, 1989, Mr. Critzer was promoted to Assistant Director of Operations in the Department of Utilities, a position in which he served for 19 years; and

WHEREAS, when Mr. Critzer began his career with Stafford County, there was a single water treatment facility in operation at Smith Lake, with a capacity of 0.8 million gallons per day (mgd), and 4.5 mgd wastewater treatment facility capacity; and

WHEREAS, during Mr. Critzer's tenure, he directed the expansion of the utility system to 18 mgd of water capacity and 18 mgd of wastewater treatment capacity; and

WHEREAS, all of these treatment facilities operate under, and comply with, some of the toughest treatment quality standards in the United States; and

WHEREAS, during his time as Assistant Director for Operations he developed and obtained approval for the Industrial Pretreatment Program, the Backflow and Cross-Connection Control Program, and the Water Supply Plan, maintaining excellent working relationships with members of state and federal regulatory agencies; and

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2008, Mr. Critzer was promoted to Director of the Department of Utilities. In his role as Director, Mr. Critzer continued to align the Department's activities with its mission, focused on maintaining reliability and sustainability of the County's water and sewer infrastructure, enhancing the knowledge skills and abilities of staff members, and ensuring that exemplary service was provided to customers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Critzer is recognized for his unassuming, professional manner and dedication to his Department's purpose and for his career-long devotion to improvement of the County's water and wastewater systems; and

WHEREAS, during Mr. Critzer's tenure, Aquia Wastewater Treatment Facility received recognition from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA)'s Peak Performance Awards at the Gold level performance six times, and Little Falls Run Wastewater Treatment Facility has received one silver, eight gold, and seven platinum level awards;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 19th day of August, 2014, that it be and hereby does recognize and commend Harry Critzer for more than 36 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Stafford County.

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