April 17, 2008

At a reconvened meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held at the Court House, thereof, on Thursday the 17th day of April, 2008; at 5:00 p.m., there were present:

William G. Fore, Jr.
Sally W. Gilfillan
Charles W. McKay
James C. Moore
Howard F. Simpson
Lacy B. Ward
Mattie P. Wiley

Absent: Robert M. Jones

Also present: Wade Bartlett, County Administrator; Sarah E. Puckett, Assistant County Administrator; Jim Ennis, County Attorney; and David Rose, Davenport Representative.

Chairman Fore called the meeting to order, stating that it was a continuation of the recessed meeting from Tuesday, April 15, and its purpose was to cover a few budget items for the 2008-09 fiscal year, and then go into closed session.

In Re: FY 08-09 Budget

Mr. Bartlett presented information regarding the summer youth program; he said he spoke with Dan Albert, who said the USDA Program is run by the county schools and has been for some time, and that the schools are willing to work with whomever is the County's representative.

Mr. Bartlett said he also spoke with Mrs. Kitty Smith at HOPE regarding the “CPAC” workers; Mrs. Smith said no CPAC/HOPE funding has gone to pay for youth workers at that program for several years. The Recreation Association did not provide transportation, and the children had to be transported to the program by their parents. Mr. Bartlett went on to say that Dr. Watkins, Division Superintendent, told him the schools have run an eight-week academic camp during the summer that was not associated with the
Recreation Association, and that the program would continue as it has as in the past. He added the YMCA has been in touch with Dr. Watkins and they will work together; the YMCA also will have interns from Longwood University to have academic labs, computers, algebra, and the like. Mr. Bartlett said that the Board’s main concern was that all children could attend, including the disabled. He said the new YMCA building is fully ADA compliant, they will allow all children, no matter what the disability. He added the pool is ADA accessible as well, and the YMCA has aquatic wheelchairs for any wheelchair-bound children. Mr. Bartlett said he just received information regarding the income and the scholarships; Mr. Albert told him there is a national YMCA formula on obtaining scholarships, and all YMCAs use that formula. It has some local options to include information for the locality, such as “median income.” Mr. Bartlett said that Mr. Albert can attend the meeting on Tuesday, April 22, to better explain the criteria for the scholarships, if the Board desired.

Mr. Bartlett said, in regards to the Piedmont Area Transit, he spoke to Jennifer Beck. He said that while it is located in Blackstone, in Nottoway County, the bus does not serve Nottoway except as it goes through, as Nottoway has its own transit. Piedmont Area Transit is asking Amelia, Prince Edward, Buckingham, and Cumberland Counties to participate in the funding of a new bus, and is requesting $2,500 from each county. Cumberland and Buckingham County Administrators have included it in their requests to the Boards for funding; Amelia County is undecided at this time. Mr. Bartlett said the $2,500 figure was based on a local match of 20%, which is on the low side; the state historically has paid 95% for buses. Funding has been reduced from the state, but it has not been as low as 80%; currently there is no information on how low it will be. If the required match is less, the Piedmont Area Transit would request less. They have two buses currently; they connect in Farmville at the Longwood Visual Arts Center, and include the Farmville Area Bus at the same location. They provide transportation quite often to people with disabilities, but some others come to Farmville from Blackstone for shopping. Both of the buses have over 100,000 miles on them, and the buses are driven a few hundred miles each day.

In Re: Closed Session

Sally Gilfillan made a motion that the Board convene in Closed Session for consultation with legal counsel regarding the provision of water and sewer service to County residents and boundary and revenue
issues related to the Town of Farmville, which would be subject to review of the Commission on Local Government, pursuant to the exemptions provided for in Section 2.2-3711(A)7 and 15.2-2907(D) of the Code of Virginia. The motion carried:

Sally W. Gilfillan
Charles W. McKay
James C. Moore
Howard F. Simpson
Mattie P. Wiley

Absent: Robert M. Jones

Sally Gilfillan left the meeting during closed session.

The Board returned to regular session by motion of Mr. Moore and adopted as follows:

Aye: William G. Fore, Jr. Nay: None
Charles W. McKay
James C. Moore
Howard F. Simpson
Lacy B. Ward
Mattie P. Wiley

Absent: Sally W. Gilfillan
Robert M. Jones

On motion of Mr. McKay, seconded by Mrs. Wiley, and carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: William G. Fore, Jr. Nay: None
Charles W. McKay
James C. Moore
Howard F. Simpson
Lacy B. Ward
Mattie P. Wiley

Absent: Sally W. Gilfillan
Robert M. Jones

the following Certification of Closed Meeting was adopted in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act:

WHEREAS, the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and
WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Board of Supervisors that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that to the best of each member’s knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors.

Mr. McKay made a motion that the Board request the County Administrator send a letter of inquiry to Farmville Town Council requesting a status report from the Town on the Memorandum of Agreement and the draft water and sewer agreement and also request a joint meeting within the next two weeks of the Sandy River Committee of the Town and County. The motion carried:

Aye: William G. Fore, Jr.  Nay: None
Charles W. McKay
James C. Moore
Howard F. Simpson
Lacy B. Ward
Mattie P. Wiley

Absent: Sally W. Gilfillan
Robert M. Jones

On motion of Mr. McKay and adopted by the following vote:

Aye: William G. Fore, Jr.  Nay: None
Sally W. Gilfillan
Charles W. McKay
James C. Moore
Howard F. Simpson
Lacy B. Ward
Mattie P. Wiley

Absent: Robert M. Jones

the meeting was recessed at 6:50 p.m., and will reconvene at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 22, 2008.