April 26, 2011

At a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held at the Court House, thereof, on Tuesday, the 26th day of April, 2011; at 3:00 p.m., there were present:

Howard M. Campbell
William G. Fore, Jr.
Don C. Gantt, Jr.
Robert M. Jones
Charles W. McKay
Howard F. Simpson
Jim R. Wilck
Mattie P. Wiley

Also present: Wade Bartlett, County Administrator; Sarah Elam Puckett, Assistant County Administrator.

Chairman Fore called the special meeting to order, stating the purpose of the meeting was to discuss budget items and a few non-budget items.

In Re: Approval of FY12 School Budget

Mr. Wade Bartlett, County Administrator, reviewed the School Budget and the request for an additional $250,760 for a 1.5% bonus for the schools. He said a 1.5% raise for the schools would cost $275,000. Discussion followed.

Supervisor Simpson made a motion that the FY 12 Prince Edward County School Budget be approved as follows:

School Fund – the total for the School Fund is $26,761,457, of which $7,880,132 is local revenue as a transfer from the County General Fund

School Cafeteria Fund – the total for the School Cafeteria Fund is $1,087,070, of which $0.00 is local revenue as a transfer from the County General Fund

Bonus – provide $226,520 for the 1.5% bonus for the school employees
This provides for an overall FY 12 Prince Edward County School Budget in the amount of $28,075,047.

Chairman Fore restated Supervisor Simpson’s motion, stating the School Fund is $26,987,977, of which $8,106,652 is local revenue and includes the funds requested for a 1.5% bonus; the School Cafeteria stands at $1,087,070; this provides for an overall school budget of $28,075,047.

Following further discussion, Supervisor Gantt made a substitute motion to approve funding the School Budget as recommended by the County Administrator, and to table consideration of a 1.5% bonus at a later date; the motion failed:

Aye:  Don C. Gantt
      Robert M. Jones
      Jim R. Wilck

Nay:  Howard M. Campbell
      William G. Fore, Jr.
      Charles W. McKay
      Howard F. Simpson
      Mattie P. Wiley

Supervisor Wiley stated for the record that the Board is not promoting a pay raise for the County School Board, feeling that it would be unfair to do so. She stated the Board of Supervisors is proposing to give them the money for a bonus.

Chairman Fore then called for Supervisor Simpson’s motion, to approve the overall FY 12 Prince Edward County School Budget, stating the School Fund is $26,987,977, of which $8,106,652 is local revenue and includes the funds requested for a 1.5% bonus; the School Cafeteria stands at $1,087,070; this provides for an overall school budget of $28,075,047. The motion carried:

Aye:  Howard M. Campbell
      William G. Fore, Jr.
      Charles W. McKay
      Howard F. Simpson
      Mattie P. Wiley

Nay:  Don C. Gantt
      Robert M. Jones
      Jim R. Wilck

In Re: County Health Insurance Renewal

Supervisor Campbell read a Statement of Disclosure regarding a potential conflict of interest.

Mr. Bartlett stated the Board of Supervisors approved changing the two insurance plans offered to the County employees, including Social Services and the Constitutional Officers. The Board of Supervisors was willing to pay the entire rate for the single employee for the Key Advantage 500, saving the County approximately $91,000 per year.
Supervisor McKay made a motion to rescind action taken regarding the County Health Insurance at the meeting held April 12, 2011; the motion carried:

Aye: Howard M. Campbell  
William G. Fore, Jr.  
Robert M. Jones  
Charles W. McKay  
Howard F. Simpson  
Jim R. Wilck  
Mattie P. Wiley

Nay: Don C. Gantt

Supervisor McKay made a motion to maintain the same health insurance the County currently has in force, and to have the County Administrator look at other companies for better insurance at a better cost for next year; the motion carried:

Aye: Howard M. Campbell  
William G. Fore, Jr.  
Robert M. Jones  
Charles W. McKay  
Howard F. Simpson  
Jim R. Wilck  
Mattie P. Wiley

Nay: Don C. Gantt

In Re: Review of Modifications to FY 12 County Budget

Mr. Bartlett reviewed the changes to the proposed County Budget made by the Board of Supervisors at the previous meeting; he stated the amount for the proposed budget changed by $6,650.

YMCA: There was discussion concerning the request of an additional $23,000 to be used for the Summer Program at the YMCA.

Supervisor Wilck made a motion to approve the request for an additional $23,000 to be used for the Summer Program at the YMCA; the motion carried:

Aye: Howard M. Campbell  
William G. Fore, Jr.  
Don C. Gantt  
Robert M. Jones  
Charles W. McKay  
Howard F. Simpson  
Jim R. Wilck  
Mattie P. Wiley

Nay: Mattie P. Wiley

Youth Empowerment: Supervisor Jones made a motion to not fund Youth Empowerment or any new programs; the motion carried:
Three Percent Bonus: Supervisor Simpson made a motion to approve the 3% bonus to County employees on earnings of up to $50,000, to be given on December 1, 2011; the motion carried:

    Don C. Gantt          Howard F. Simpson
    Robert M. Jones       Mattie P. Wiley
    Charles W. McKay
    Jim R. Wilck

In Re: Approval of FY 12 County Budget and Tax Rates

Supervisor Jones made a motion that the Fiscal Year 2012 Prince Edward County Budget of $57,529,024 be approved in accordance with Section 15.1-160 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, and the tax levies for tax year 2011 be set at the following amounts per $100.00 assessed valuation:

- $0.42 Real Estate
- 0.70 Merchant’s Capital
- 4.20 Machinery & Tools
- 4.50 Personal Property
- 0.00 Farm Machinery & Livestock

excepting therefrom such segregated property as set forth in Section 58.1-3600 et. seq. (Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended) upon which the tax shall be zero.

The motion carried:

Aye: Howard M. Campbell  Nay: Don C. Gantt
    William G. Fore, Jr.  Robert M. Jones
    Charles W. McKay
    Howard F. Simpson
    Jim R. Wilck
    Mattie P. Wiley

Chairman Fore called a five-minute recess.
Chairman Fore called the meeting back to order.

In Re: PPEA Comprehensive Agreement

After some discussion, Supervisor Simpson made a motion to advertise a public hearing on the PPEA Interim Agreement to be held on Thursday, May 12, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Room in the County Courthouse; the motion carried:

Aye: Howard M. Campbell
    William G. Fore, Jr.
    Don C. Gantt
    Robert M. Jones
    Charles W. McKay
    Howard F. Simpson
    Jim R. Wilck
    Mattie P. Wiley

Nay: None

Supervisor McKay made a motion to hire Randall C. Allen, Attorney; the motion carried:

Aye: Howard M. Campbell
    William G. Fore, Jr.
    Don C. Gantt
    Robert M. Jones
    Charles W. McKay
    Howard F. Simpson
    Jim R. Wilck
    Mattie P. Wiley

Nay: None

In Re: Response to Town Resolution

Supervisor McKay stated for the record that he did not receive a copy of the Town letter and Resolution in the mail prior to the meeting. Supervisor Wiley stated she also did not receive the documents prior to the meeting.

Supervisor Simpson made a motion to send Chairman Fore’s letter to the Town of Farmville; the motion failed:

Aye: William G. Fore, Jr.
    Charles W. McKay
    Howard F. Simpson
    Mattie P. Wiley

Nay: Howard M. Campbell
    Don C. Gantt
    Robert M. Jones
    Jim R. Wilck

On motion of Supervisor Gantt and adopted by the following vote:
Aye:  Howard M. Campbell  
      William G. Fore, Jr.  
      Don C. Gantt  
      Robert M. Jones  
      Charles W. McKay  
      Howard F. Simpson  
      Jim R. Wilck  
      Mattie P. Wiley  

Nay: None

the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.