February 1, 2013

At a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held at the Court House, thereof, on Friday, the 1st day of February 2013; at 9:00 a.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

Absent: Pattie Cooper-Jones

Also present: Wade Bartlett, County Administrator; Sarah Elam Puckett, Assistant County Administrator; Jim Ennis, County Attorney, and Sheriff Wesley Reed.

Chairman Fore called the meeting to order, stating the purpose of the meeting is for a work session.

In Re: Closed Session

Supervisor Jones made a motion that the Board convene in Closed Session for consultation with legal counsel regarding a specific legal matter related to the Prince Edward County Sheriff’s Office that requires the provision of legal advice by counsel, pursuant to the exemptions provided for in Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia; the motion carried:

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

Nay: None

Supervisor Cooper-Jones entered the meeting during the closed session.
The Board returned to regular session by motion of Supervisor Campbell and adopted as follows:

Aye:  Howard M. Campbell  Nay:  None
       Pattie Cooper-Jones
       William G. Fore, Jr.
       Don C. Gantt, Jr.
       Robert M. Jones
       Charles W. McKay
       Howard F. Simpson
       Jim R. Wilck

On motion of Supervisor Jones and carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye:  Howard M. Campbell  Nay:  None
       Pattie Cooper-Jones
       William G. Fore, Jr.
       Don C. Gantt, Jr.
       Robert M. Jones
       Charles W. McKay
       Howard F. Simpson
       Jim R. Wilck

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.

In Re: FY 14 County Budget Guidance

Mr. Bartlett presented a FY14 General Fund Overview and stated there will be challenges in reducing funding in the existing budget due to the mandates in the core services. He stated some have limited control by the Board, as those departments are at least partially funded by the state or by a grant.

Discussion followed regarding the difference in revenues from last fiscal year. Mr. Bartlett stated the Treasurer has been implementing new strategies for the collection of delinquent taxes and has already
seen good results. He stated the Commissioner of Revenue will soon receive the Blue Book value changes for automobiles, and the assessor will be requested to place a fair-market value on non-profits.

Mr. Bartlett stated the other large budget item will be the Piedmont Regional Jail. Discussion followed.

Supervisor McKay left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Bartlett then said he is waiting to see what action the General Assembly will take, and nothing has yet been received regarding the costs of liability or health insurance. Discussion followed regarding the possibility of switching to self-insurance and review of the tax rate on aircraft.

Mr. Bartlett reviewed the proposed school capital improvements. Discussion followed on funding and the debt service. The school has requested an additional $1,450,309 for operations and a total of $10,752,139 for a five-year capital improvement program.

Mr. Bartlett said the fund balance, on a cash basis, increased $1,312,554 during Fiscal Year 2012 to $11,056,905. The General Fund increased $240,343, the Water Fund increased $621,823, the Landfill Construction Fund increased $327,273, and the VDOT Revenue Sharing Fund increased $128,215. Mr. Bartlett informed the Board that a new cell at the landfill will have to be built and funded in Fiscal Year 2014. This will cost well over $1 million and will cause a large decrease in the fund balance if the County pays for this work in cash. He also stated the fund balance in the VDOT Revenue Sharing Fund will fall in Fiscal Year 2013 as a result of the completion of the Route 786 Project.

On motion of Supervisor Wilck and adopted by the following vote:

Aye: Howard M. Campbell
     Pattie Cooper-Jones
     William G. Fore, Jr.
     Don C. Gantt, Jr.
     Robert M. Jones
     Howard F. Simpson
     Jim R. Wilck

Nay: None

Absent: Charles W. McKay

the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m