May 3, 2007

At a reconvened meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held in the Third Floor Conference Room of the Court House, on Thursday the 3rd day of May, 2007; at 12:00 noon, there were present:

William G. Fore, Jr., Chairman
Howard F. Simpson, Vice-Chairman
Pattie Cooper-Jones
Sally W. Gilfillan
Robert M. Jones
Charles W. McKay
Lacy B. Ward

Also Present: Sarah Puckett, Acting County Administrator.

Chairman William G. Fore, Jr., called the meeting to order.

In Re: FY 07-08 Budget

Acting County Administrator Sarah E. Puckett presented the proposed County budget with the adopted school budget and County figures discussed during the previous work session. Chairman Fore said the Board discussed increases to fees and taxes at that work session, and asked if the Board was satisfied with the budget and ready to advertise it for public hearing.

Vice-Chairman Simpson made a motion to hold the June regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 13th, 2007. The motion carried:

Aye: Pattie Cooper-Jones
     William G. Fore, Jr.
     Sally W. Gilfillan
     Robert M. Jones
     Charles W. McKay
     Howard F. Simpson
     Lacy B. Ward

Nay: None

Absent: James C. Moore
On motion of Mr. McKay and adopted by the following vote:

Aye: Pattie Cooper-Jones
    William G. Fore, Jr.
    Sally W. Gilfillan
    Robert M. Jones
    Charles W. McKay
    Howard F. Simpson
    Lacy B. Ward

Nay: None

Absent: James C. Moore

the County budget will be advertised as presented on the 25th of May, 2007, with the public hearing scheduled on Monday, June 4th, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

In Re: Consent Agenda

Chairman Fore stated that at the previous work session, the Board discussed going to a consent agenda format. He said if the Board elects to do so, an amendment to the bylaws might be necessary. Chairman Fore stated the consent agenda is designed to take care of routine matters with a single vote to be more time-efficient. He added if the Board elects to use the consent agenda and a Board member has a question on an item, the Board member can contact the staff for clarification prior to the meeting.

Supervisor Gilfillan stated she was in favor of the consent agenda as it would take care of routine matters quickly to allow the Board to focus on the other agenda items.

Mrs. Puckett asked for direction from the Board members on which items to include in the consent portion of the agenda. Discussion followed regarding consent agenda procedures and items to be included.

In Re: Closed Session

Supervisor Sally Gilfillan made a motion that the Board convene in Closed Session to discuss prospective candidates for employment for the position of County Administrator, as provided for in Section 2.2-3711(A)1 of the Code of Virginia. The motion carried:
Aye: Pattie Cooper-Jones  Nay: None
William G. Fore, Jr.
Sally W. Gilfillan
Robert M. Jones
Charles W. McKay
Howard F. Simpson
Lacy B. Ward

Absent: James C. Moore

(Supervisor James C. Moore entered the meeting during closed session.)

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

Aye: Pattie Cooper-Jones  Nay: None
William G. Fore, Jr.
Sally W. Gilfillan
Robert M. Jones
Charles W. McKay
James C. Moore
Howard F. Simpson
Lacy B. Ward

On motion of Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mrs. Cooper-Jones, and carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Pattie Cooper-Jones  Nay: None
William G. Fore, Jr.
Sally W. Gilfillan
Robert M. Jones
Charles W. McKay
James C. Moore
Howard F. Simpson
Lacy B. Ward

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.

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

Aye: Pattie Cooper-Jones
William G. Fore, Jr.
Sally W. Gilfillan
Robert M. Jones
Charles W. McKay
James C. Moore
Howard F. Simpson
Lacy B. Ward

Nay: None

the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.