March 10, 2020

At a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held at the Court House, thereof, on Tuesday, the 10th day of March, 2020; at 5:30 p.m., there were present:

Beverly M. Booth
Pattie Cooper-Jones
J. David Emert
Robert M. Jones
Odessa H. Pride
Jerry R. Townsend
James R. Wilck

Absent: Llew W. Gilliam, Jr.

Also present: Wade Bartlett, County Administrator; Sarah Elam Puckett, Assistant County Administrator; Kate Puckett, Economic Development Director; Terri Atkins Wilson, County Attorney; Bradley Watson, IDA; Joyce Yeatts, IDA; and Tim Tharpe, IDA.

Chairman Townsend called the special meeting to order.

In Re: Closed Session

Chairman Townsend made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Emert, that the Board convene in Closed Session for discussion of the acquisition of real property and for the disposition of real property for the public purpose of economic development, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position of the County, pursuant to the exemption provided for in Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) of the Code of Virginia, and for the discussion concerning a prospective business where no previous announcement has been made of the interest in locating in Prince Edward County, pursuant to the exemption provided for in Section 2.2-3711(A)(5) of the Code of Virginia; the motion carried:

Aye: Pattie Cooper-Jones
     J. David Emert
     Robert M. Jones
     Odessa H. Pride
     Gene A. Southall
     Jerry R. Townsend
     James R. Wilck

Nay: None

Absent: Llew W. Gilliam, Jr.
Supervisor Gilliam entered the meeting during closed session.

The Board returned to regular session by motion of Supervisor Emert, seconded by Supervisor Jones, and adopted as follows:

Aye: Pattie Cooper-Jones
     J. David Emert
     Llew W. Gilliam, Jr.
     Robert M. Jones
     Odessa H. Pride
     Gene A. Southall
     Jerry R. Townsend
     James R. Wilck

Nay: None

On motion of Supervisor Emert, and seconded by Supervisor Cooper-Jones, and carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Pattie Cooper-Jones
     J. David Emert
     Llew W. Gilliam, Jr.
     Robert M. Jones
     Odessa H. Pride
     Gene A. Southall
     Jerry R. Townsend
     James 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.
On motion of Supervisor Cooper-Jones, seconded by Supervisor Wilck, and adopted by the following vote:

Aye: Beverly M. Booth  
Pattie Cooper-Jones  
J. David Emert  
Llew W. Gilliam, Jr.  
Robert M. Jones  
Odessa H. Pride  
Jerry R. Townsend  
James R. Wilck  

Nay: None

the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.