

February 22, 2024

At the special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held at the Court House, thereof, on Thursday, the 22nd day of February, at 6:00 p.m., there were present:

Pattie Cooper-Jones
J. David Emert
Victor “Bill” Jenkins
Odessa H. Pride
Jerry R. Townsend
Cannon Watson

Brad Fuller
Clifford Jack Leatherwood
Whitfield Paige
John “Jack” W. Peery, Jr.
John Pregarman
Teresa Sandlin
Rhett Weiss
Henry Womack

Absent: Llew W. Gilliam, Jr., E. Harrison Jones

Also present: Douglas P. Stanley, County Administrator; Robert Love, Director of Planning & Community Development; Tori Haynes, Senior Planner, Berkley Group; and Cecile Newcomb, AICP, Senior Planner, Berkley Group.

Board of Supervisors Chair Cooper-Jones called the special meeting to order.

Planning Commission Chairman John Pregarman called the special meeting to order.

In Re: Joint Comprehensive Plan Work Session

Mr. Stanley, County Administrator, stated this is the first of six bi-monthly meetings on the Comprehensive Plan update. He said a lot of work has gone into this update; he introduced Tori Haynes and Cecile Newcomb, Senior Planners with Berkley Group. He said responses have been received from citizens and stakeholders in the community, and all are pleased with the progress and appearance of the Comprehensive Plan to date. Mr. Stanley added this Plan will help define how the County will grow over the next 20+ years.

Tori Haynes opened the presentation with a review of the process and schedule to date. She presented a draft Vision Statement: *“Prince Edward County is a progressive, diverse, and inclusive community committed to educational excellence, innovative economic development opportunities, diversified healthcare, and preservation of its natural assets for a high quality of life for all residents.”*

Ms. Haynes said there were several consistent themes from the feedback received: negative perceptions about the County’s public education system and the need for the schools to be updated, and

limited career paths. She reviewed the activities of the Focus Groups and the public workshops that were held, and presented a survey showing strengths and challenges in Prince Edward County.

Ms. Haynes reviewed the Plan overview; discussion followed on the proposed Vision Statement, which will be worked on to better represent the direction of the County. Ms. Haynes led discussion on “Chapter 1. About the Plan” and “Chapter 2. About the County.” Data was gathered from the census, Weldon Cooper, Virginia Employment Commission, County Health Rankings, from state and federal sources.

Mr. Stanley said the challenge with the population projection is that the growth is not there. Some discussion followed.

Supervisor Gilliam entered the meeting at this time.

Ms. Haynes led discussion on the next steps in the process. She asked that the Board and Planning Commission members review the information presented and provide feedback by Friday, March 1. She said the next work session will be held Thursday, April 18, 2024.

On motion of Supervisor Emert, seconded by Supervisor Gilliam, and adopted by the following vote:

Aye:	Pattie Cooper-Jones	Nay: None
	J. David Emert	
	Llew W. Gilliam, Jr.	
	Victor “Bill” Jenkins	
	Odessa H. Pride	
	Jerry R. Townsend	
	Cannon Watson	
Absent:	E. Harrison Jones	

the Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

On motion of Commissioner Peery, and seconded by Commissioner Gilliam, and adopted by the following vote:

Aye:	Brad Fuller	Nay: None
	Clifford Jack Leatherwood	
	Whitfield M. Paige	
	John “Jack” W. Peery, Jr.	
	John Prengaman	
	Teresa Sandlin	
	Rhett Weiss	
	Henry Womack	

the Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.