

January 13, 2026

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held at the Court House, thereof, on Tuesday, the 13th day of January, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., there were present:

Pattie Cooper-Jones
J. David Emert
Llew W. Gilliam, Jr.
Victor "Bill" Jenkins
E. Harrison Jones
Odessa H. Pride
Jerry R. Townsend
Cannon Watson

Also present: Douglas P. Stanley, County Administrator; Sarah Elam Puckett, Assistant County Administrator; Robert Love, GISP, Director of Planning & Community Development; Cheryl Stimpson, Director of Finance; Crystal Baker, Finance Manager; Trey Pyle, Emergency Management Coordinator; Jeff Jones, Solid Waste General Manager; Adam Mumma, and Chief Animal Control Officer; Brian Lokker, Assistant Residency Engineer, VDOT.

Chairman Jenkins called the January meeting to order.

Supervisor Pride offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Douglas P. Stanley, County Administrator, made the following statement:

I wish to recognize that Board Member Llew Gilliam is participating this evening via remote telephone access. As required by the Board of Supervisors' Electronic Meeting Policy and Section 2.2-3708.2 of the Code of Virginia, Supervisor Gilliam has provided notice that he would have to be physically absent from tonight's meeting, due to employment obligations. He has requested remote participation in tonight's meeting from his hotel room in Kissimmee, Florida. His request is in conformance with the Board's Electronic Meeting Policy and the requirements of the Code of Virginia.

Pending an objection from a member of this Board, Supervisor Gilliam's participation shall be approved, and noted in the minutes of this meeting.

In Re: Selection of Chair

At the organizational meeting in 2016, it was determined the selection of Chairman and Vice-Chair would be by rotation.

Supervisor Cooper-Jones made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Emert, to select the Chairman by rotation as set up during the 2016 organizational meeting, and approving the selection of Supervisor E. Harrison Jones as Chair for 2026; the motion carried:

Aye:	Pattie Cooper-Jones J. David Emert Llew W. Gilliam, Jr. Victor "Bill" Jenkins E. Harrison Jones Odessa H. Pride Jerry R. Townsend Cannon Watson	Nay: None	Abstain:
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The position of Chairman for 2026 is E. Harrison Jones.

In Re: Selection of Vice-Chair

Supervisor Emert made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Townsend, to select the Vice-Chair by rotation as amended during the 2024 organizational meeting, and approving the selection of Supervisor Cannon Watson as Vice-Chair for 2026; the motion carried:

Aye:	Pattie Cooper-Jones J. David Emert Llew W. Gilliam, Jr. Victor "Bill" Jenkins E. Harrison Jones Odessa H. Pride Jerry R. Townsend Cannon Watson	Nay: None
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The position of Vice-Chairman for 2026 is held by Supervisor Cannon Watson.

In Re: Date, Time, and Place of Board Meetings

Supervisor Townsend moved, seconded by Supervisor Emert, that the regular monthly meetings of the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors be held on the second Tuesday of each month, at 7:00 p.m., in the Board of Supervisors' Room on the third floor of the Prince Edward County Courthouse, 111 N. South Street, Farmville, Virginia, as the 2026 regular meeting schedule, except for the month of November, which shall be held on November 5, 2026. The motion carried:

Aye: Pattie Cooper-Jones
J. David Emert
Llew W. Gilliam, Jr.
Victor "Bill" Jenkins
E. Harrison Jones
Odessa H. Pride
Jerry R. Townsend
Cannon Watson

Nay: None

In Re: Adoption of Board By-Laws

Supervisor Townsend made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Emert, to approve the 2026 By-Laws, as edited, and establish that in the event of inclement weather/hazardous conditions, the date to which regular meetings shall be continued to the next/following Thursday, unless a holiday, in which case the meeting would be held on the following Thursday; the motion carried:

Aye: Pattie Cooper-Jones
J. David Emert
Llew W. Gilliam, Jr.
Victor "Bill" Jenkins
E. Harrison Jones
Odessa H. Pride
Jerry R. Townsend
Cannon Watson

Nay: None

COUNTY OF PRINCE EDWARD, VIRGINIA
2026 BYLAWS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

I. ATTENDANCE, MEETINGS AND ADJOURNMENT

All members shall make a reasonable effort to attend meetings of the Board. If unable to attend, a member shall notify the Chair or County Administrator.

A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum and must be present to proceed to business. A smaller number of members may adjourn or send for absentees.

Members may participate remotely in accordance with the Board's Electronic Meeting Policy and Section 2.2-3708.3 of the *Code of Virginia*, 1950, as amended.

The day, time, and place of regular meetings of the Board of Supervisors shall be determined at the January organizational meeting, to be held on the second Tuesday in January of each year at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room, Prince Edward County Courthouse, 111 N. South Street, 3rd Floor, Farmville, Virginia.

If the Chair, or the Vice Chair if the Chair is unable to act, in consultation with the County Administrator, finds and declares that weather or other conditions are such that it is hazardous for Supervisors to physically assemble and attend a regularly scheduled meeting, the meeting shall be continued to the Thursday immediately following the second Tuesday of that month. Such finding shall be communicated to the members of the Board, the news media

and the public as promptly and contemporaneously as possible. Pursuant to Virginia Code 15.2-1416, all hearings and other matters previously advertised shall be conducted at the continued meeting and no further advertisement is required.

Without further public notice, the Board may adjourn a regular meeting from day to day, time to time, or from place to place, but not beyond the time fixed for the next regular meeting, until the business of the Board is complete (*Section 15.2-1416, Code of Virginia*)

Special meetings of the Board may be called in accordance with Sections 15.2-1417 and 15.2-1418 of the *Code of Virginia, 1950*, as amended.

The Chair shall take the chair at the hour set by the Board for regular or special meetings. He shall immediately call the Board to order and determine if a quorum is present; if so, he shall have the minutes of the preceding meeting submitted. Any errors or omissions shall, upon motion and carried, then be corrected. The minutes, being found correct, shall be signed by the Chair and Clerk and shall be the authentic record of the proceedings of the Board of Supervisors.

II. CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Annually at the first meeting in January of the Board of Supervisors, the Board shall elect from its membership a Chair and Vice-Chair, each of whom shall serve a term for one year, expiring on December 31 of the year elected, or until their respective successors shall be elected. In the case of the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall preside at the meeting; in the absence of both the Chair and Vice-Chair, the members present shall choose one of its members as temporary Chair.

The position of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board shall be rotated annually among the Board members. The rotation process will commence with the most senior member, that is being the member from District 101 serving as Chair and the member from District 201 serving as Vice Chair. Seniority will be based on cumulative months/years of service on the Board of Supervisors, which need not be consecutive. In keeping with this policy, the selected Vice Chair will be elevated the following year to serve as Chair. Upon completion of serving a term as Chair that district's Board member would move to the end of the rotation list. A Board member shall have a minimum of one year of service on the Board prior to election as the Vice-Chair and two years of service prior to election as the Chair. Should a member of the Board decline to seek the nomination as Chair or Vice Chair that district's Board member would move to the end of the rotation list of seniority and the rotation would proceed to the next higher district number, unless the rotation is amended by a two-third vote of the Board of Supervisors. If a tie shall occur in the seniority of Board members, the Board member from the lower numbered district shall succeed as Vice Chair/Chair first.

Commencing with the organizational meeting held in January of 2016, a rotation for Chair and Vice Chair based upon the members in office shall be established at the annual organizational meeting of the Board. The rotation commencing January 1, 2026 is as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>District Number</u> <u>Chair</u>	<u>District Number</u> <u>Vice Chair</u>
2026	101	701
2027	701	301
2028	301	601
2029	601	401
2030	401	501
2031	501	801
2032	801	201
2033	201	101

The Board Chair and Vice Chair for prior years are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>District Number</u> <u>Chair</u>	<u>District Number</u> <u>Vice Chair</u>
2016	101	201
2017	201	801
2018	801	701
2019	701	301
2020	301	601
2021	601	401
2022	401	501
2023	501	801
2024	801	201
2025	201	101

III. CLERK

The County Administrator shall serve as Clerk to the Board. The minutes of the meetings of the Board shall be duly drawn by the Clerk and shall be submitted for approval at the next regular monthly meeting following their draft. The Clerk shall appoint a deputy as recording secretary if required or needed by the Board.

IV. ORDER OF BUSINESS

After the call to order the Board shall proceed to the agenda. The normal order of the agenda shall be as below, except at the January organizational meeting and as subject to rearrangement by the Chair, absent objection by the Board. At the organizational meeting in January, the first order of business shall be the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair and approval of the Board's operating procedures.

- A. Public Participation
- B. Consent Agenda
 - Approval of Minutes
- C. Highway Matters
- D. Business for Board Consideration
- E. County Administrator's Report
- F. Monthly Financial Reports
 - Acceptance of Treasurer's Report
 - Review of Warrant List
- G. Closed Session
- H. Correspondence
- I. Informational Items
- J. Upcoming Meetings
- K. Monthly Reports from Local Departments
- L. Adjournment

V. PREPARATION OF AGENDA

The County Administrator shall see that the preparation and printing of Board papers, ordinances, resolutions, petitions, and other applicable documents, be completed within such time that members of the Board may receive the documents at least 72 hours before the meeting of the Board.

The County Administrator shall close the upcoming Agenda on the Wednesday prior to the meeting of the Board. Any item submitted after this deadline will not be considered for action unless recommended by the County Administrator.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

The Chair and County Administrator shall style routine, non-controversial matters requiring Board action on a Consent Agenda. Items may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda on recorded

vote by a majority of the Board members present. Only one motion is necessary to adopt all recommendations and action items on the Consent Agenda.

There shall be no debate or discussion by any member of the Board or the public regarding any item on the Consent Agenda, beyond asking questions for simple clarification.

VII. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

The Chair shall preserve order and decorum. When two or more members speak at the same time, the Chair shall name the person who shall speak first.

A motion or proposition shall be reduced to writing, if desired by the Chair or any member. Any motion or proposition may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before a decision, amendment, or other action of the Board upon it, except a motion to reconsider, which shall not be withdrawn without leave of the Board. Otherwise, meetings shall be conducted in accordance to Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (Procedures for Small Boards).

VIII. TAKING THE VOTE

When a motion in order is made, a second shall be required. The Chair shall then state the exact motion and indicate that it is open to debate. After the motion has been debated, the Chair shall put the question in the following forms: "As many as agree that, etc. (as the question may be) let it be known by raising your right hand", and "Those opposed by the same sign."

According to the Constitution of Virginia, a majority of all elected members shall be necessary to adopt any ordinance or resolution appropriating money exceeding the sum of \$500.00, imposing taxes, or authorizing the borrowing of money. Otherwise, a resolution, ordinance, or other proposition shall be adopted by vote of the majority of Board members present and voting. A tie vote shall mean the defeat of the motion voted on.

A member may abstain and be entered in the minutes as present and abstaining.

The *Code of Virginia*, 1950, as amended, Title 2.2, Chapter 31, (State & Local Government Conflict of Interest Act) shall control with respect to a member's participation and voting.

IX. RECONSIDERATION

After a question has been decided, it may be reconsidered on the motion of any member who voted with the prevailing side, provided the motion is made on the same day as the decision carried. All motions to reconsider shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present and voting.

X. WITHDRAWAL OF EXHIBITS

Original papers, filed as exhibits with any ordinance or resolution, may be withdrawn by the patron or upon his order. In such case, he shall leave attested copies, and shall pay the Clerk for the cost of copying.

XI. MANUAL AND RULES

The rules of parliamentary practice in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the Board in all cases to which they are applicable, except when they are inconsistent with the rules established by the Board.

The Rules of the Board shall be reviewed and adopted in January of each year. These Rules may subsequently be suspended or amended by a two-third vote of the entire Board. Upon a motion to suspend or amend, the mover shall be allowed two minutes to state the reasons for his motion, and one member opposed to the motions shall be allowed an equal time to object.

XII. APPOINTMENTS

All appointments of Board representatives to commissions, authorities, committees, etc. shall be made once the individual leaves the position or on expiration of his term, and not later than two meetings after the individual has left. The Board shall attempt to honor appointments from representative districts and shall not discriminate based on sex, age, handicap, race, or origin.

At the January meeting of each year, the Board shall vote whether to operate with a system of standing committees during the year. If it does, the Board shall specify the name, composition, and function of each of the several committees. The committees shall meet at the regular times and in conformity with the *Virginia Freedom of Information Act*. In selecting members of committees, the Chair of the Board shall make nominations after soliciting from members of the Board their preferences as to committee assignments. The Board may amend the Chair's nominations and shall confirm the assignments. Standing committees shall consider such matters as referred by the Board, and shall report at regular meetings of the Board.

If the Board votes not to have standing committees, it may act as a committee of the whole on matters normally referred to standing committees. However; the Chair after consulting with the County Administrator, may appoint special (ad hoc) committees to carry out specific tasks. This shall be done after soliciting from members of the Board their preferences as to committee assignments. A special committee shall automatically cease to exist once it has completed its specific task.

XIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Chair may, at his/her discretion, set an appropriate and consistent time limit on all speakers at a public hearing. All speakers shall come forward and identify themselves by name and address before stating their position. If a public hearing becomes disruptive, the Chair may adjourn or continue, in accordance with the *Code of Virginia*.

XIV. CLOSED SESSIONS

All discussions held in Closed Session as outlined in the *Virginia Freedom of Information Act* shall represent privileged information held by those involved. Release of such information by a Board member outside the session shall be considered a breach of these by-laws, and the member shall be subject to censure. Specific purposes of a closed session shall be stated in accordance with Section 2.2-3711 of the *Code of Virginia*, 1950, as amended.

In open session, a roll call vote shall be recorded in the minutes, certifying that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and only such business matters as were identified in the motion were discussed or considered. Any member of the public body who believes there was a departure from the requirements shall so state prior to the vote. The statement shall be recorded in the minutes.

ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, NEWLY REVISED

PROCEDURE IN SMALL BOARDS

In a board meeting where there are not more than about a dozen members present, some of the formality that is necessary in a large assembly would hinder business. The rules governing such meetings are different from the rules that hold in other assemblies, in the following respects:

--Members are not required to obtain the floor before making motions or speaking, which they can do while seated.

--There is no limit to the number of times a member can speak to a question, and motions to close or limit debate generally should not be entertained.

--Informal discussion of a subject is permitted while no motion is pending.

--Sometimes, when a proposal is perfectly clear to all present, a vote can be taken without a motion having been introduced. Unless agreed to by general consent, however, all proposed actions of a board must be approved by vote under the same rules as in other assemblies, except that a vote can be taken initially by a show of hands, which is often a better method in such meetings.

--The Chair need not rise while putting questions to vote.

--The Chair can speak in discussion without rising or leaving the chair; and, subject to rule or custom within the particular board (which should be uniformly followed regardless of how many members are present), he usually can make motions and usually votes on all questions.

EFFECT OF PERIODIC PARTIAL CHANGE IN BOARD MEMBERSHIP

In cases where a board is constituted so that a specific portion of it is chosen periodically (as, for example, where one third of the board is elected annually for three-year terms), it becomes, in effect, a new board each time such a group assumes board membership. Consequently, all unfinished business existing when the outgoing portion of the board vacates membership falls to the ground; and if the board is one that elects its own officers or appoints standing committees, it chooses new officers and committees as soon as the new board members have taken up their duties, just as if the entire board membership had changed. The individual replacement of persons who may occasionally vacate board membership at other times, however, does not have these effects.

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As amended and/or readopted: 1/8/08, 1/14/14, 1/12/16, 1/9/18, 1/8/19, 1/14/20, 1/12/21, 1/11/22, 1/10/23, 1/9/24, 1/14/25, 1/13/26.)

In Re: Adoption of Electronic Meeting Policy

Supervisor Emert made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cooper-Jones, to approve the Electronic Meeting Policy, as presented, for 2026; the motion carried:

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

Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors Electronic Meeting Policy

It is the policy of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Prince Edward, Virginia, that individual members of the Board of Supervisors may participate in meetings of the Board of Supervisors by electronic means as permitted by *Virginia Code §2.2-3708.3*. The procedure, as outlined below, shall apply to the entire membership and without regard to the identity of the Board member(s) requesting remote participation or the matters that will be considered or voted on at the meeting.

1. An individual Board member may participate from a remote location only if a quorum of the Board of Supervisors

is physically assembled at the primary or central meeting location, and the Board has made arrangements for the voice of the remote participant to be heard by all persons at the primary or central meeting location.

2. Remote participation in a meeting due to a personal matter may be approved only if, on or before the day of the meeting, the requesting Board member notifies the Chair of the Board and/or County Administrator that he/ she is unable to attend the meeting due to a personal matter and identifies with specificity the nature of the personal matter.
3. Remote participation in a meeting due to: (a) a temporary or permanent disability or other medical condition that prevents the Board member's physical attendance, or (b) a medical condition of a member of the Board member's family that requires the Board member to provide care that prevents the Board member's physical attendance, may be approved only if, on or before the day of the meeting, the requesting Board member notifies the Chair of the Board and/or County Administrator that he/she is unable to attend the meeting due to (a) or (b) above.
4. As required by law, in the event of any such participation by a Board member from a remote location, the Board shall record in its minutes the specific nature of the personal matter, temporary or permanent disability or other medical condition of the Board member or family member, and the location, by general description, from which the Board member participated remotely.
5. As required by law, remote participation that is due to a personal matter shall be limited in each calendar year for each individual Board member to two (2) meetings or 25 percent of the meetings held per calendar year rounded up to the next whole number, whichever is greater. This limitation shall apply separately with respect to the meetings of each of the Board's Standing Committees.
6. An individual Board member's request for participation from a remote location under this policy shall be considered approved upon receipt of the request by the Chair of the Board unless such request is in violation of this policy or §2.2- 3708.3, *Code of Virginia*, as amended. If a Board member's participation from a remote location is disapproved, such disapproval shall be recorded in the minutes with specificity.

In Re: Selection of Operating System – Committees or Committees-of-the-Whole

The Rules of the Board state that “at the January meeting of each year, the Board shall vote whether to operate with a system of standing committees during the year. If it does, the Board shall specify the name, composition, and function of each of the several committees.” If the Board would vote not to have standing committees, it may act as a “committee of the whole.”

Supervisor Watson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Emert, to operate with a system of standing committees; the motion carried:

Aye: Pattie Cooper-Jones
J. David Emert
Llew W. Gilliam, Jr.
E. Harrison Jones
Odessa H. Pride
Cannon Watson

Nay: Victor “Bill” Jenkins
Jerry R. Townsend

Chairman Jones set forth the following recommendations for committee membership, as follows:

- Finance Committee: Supervisor Jones (Chair), Supervisor Cooper-Jones (Chair), Supervisor Watson
- Properties Committee: Supervisor Emert (Chair), Supervisor Gilliam, Supervisor Townsend
- Strategic Planning Committee: Supervisor Jones (Chair), Supervisor Pride, Supervisor Watson
- Personnel Committee: Supervisor Jones (Chair), Supervisor Cooper-Jones, Supervisor Pride
- Audit Committee: Supervisor Cooper-Jones (Chair), Supervisor Jenkins, Supervisor Pride, Supervisor Watson
- Public Safety Committee: Supervisor Gilliam (Chair), Supervisor Emert, Supervisor Townsend
- Ordinance Committee: Supervisor Jones (Chair), Supervisor Emert, Supervisor Gilliam

Supervisor Watson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Emert, to accept the Committee assignments as presented; the motion carried:

Aye:	Pattie Cooper-Jones J. David Emert Llew W. Gilliam, Jr. E. Harrison Jones Odessa H. Pride Cannon Watson	Nay:	Victor "Bill" Jenkins Jerry R. Townsend
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In Re: Adoption of Board Rules of Procedure for Public Hearings

Supervisor Cooper-Jones made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Townsend and carried:

Aye:	Pattie Cooper-Jones J. David Emert Llew W. Gilliam, Jr. Victor "Bill" Jenkins E. Harrison Jones Odessa H. Pride Jerry R. Townsend Cannon Watson	Nay:	None
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the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors re-adopted the following procedures to govern public hearings, as amended:

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PUBLIC HEARINGS
RULES OF PROCEDURE – 2026**

PUBLIC HEARING SPEAKING ORDER

1. The order of presentation shall be as follows, unless varied by the Board Chair.
 - a. Staff report.
 - b. Applicant's presentation.
 - c. Questions of the applicant by members of the Board of Supervisors.
 - d. Comments from members of the public. Speakers shall be heard in the order in which they registered on the public sign-in sheet.
 - e. Rebuttal by applicant/applicant's representative (time determined by Chair).
 - f. Questions by the Board members of speakers.

2. Following discussion of all matters to be considered and once the public hearing has been closed, the Board will consider one of the following three actions regarding each matter:
 - a. Approval (with conditions, as applicable);
 - b. Denial; or
 - c. Table for further review.

PUBLIC HEARING GUIDELINES

- Individuals wishing to speak should register using the sign-in sheet posted outside the Board of Supervisors room on the night of the meeting. Individuals wishing to participate remotely may register in advance with the Deputy Clerk or call into the meeting and remain on the line until acknowledged by the Board Chair.
- Speakers will be asked to stand at the lectern and address the Board, if able, unless participating remotely, and to provide their name and district.
- Speakers arriving after the commencement of the hearing or who are participating remotely, and who are not on the sign-up sheet, will be recognized after the registered speakers have finished and at the discretion of the Chair.
- The Chair may establish a time limit for each speaker and to limit or decrease time for any portion of the public hearing due to the number of potential speakers, or repetition, or any other concern.
- All comments shall be directed to the members of the Board of Supervisors. Debate is prohibited. This includes debate among speakers or speakers/Board members/staff. Citizen comments may be supplemented by written comments and/ or handouts and should bring ten copies for distribution to the Board of Supervisors.
- Speakers are asked to keep comments brief and to avoid repetitive testimony. Each speaker may speak once at a hearing. Remarks shall be confined to the matter under discussion and shall be relevant.
- The Chair has the authority to vary these guidelines as may be necessary and to end a presentation or comments that violate the rules or for other cause. The Board will not tolerate personal attacks by anyone on any participant in the proceedings.
- Once the public comment period has been closed, no further public input will be permitted unless clarification is requested by a Board member. The response shall address only those questions raised by the member.

In Re: Adoption of Board Protocol for Public Participation

On motion of Supervisor Townsend, seconded by Supervisor Cooper-Jones and carried:

Aye:	Pattie Cooper-Jones J. David Emert Llew W. Gilliam, Jr. Victor “Bill” Jenkins E. Harrison Jones Odessa H. Pride Jerry R. Townsend Cannon Watson	Nay: None
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the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors readopted the following Protocol for Public Participation:

Protocol for Public Participation

- The Board of Supervisors sets aside twenty (20) minutes near the beginning of each regular board meeting for citizen comment.
- This regular agenda item is termed "Public Participation." During this period, the Board receives comment from any citizen of Prince Edward County on any matter not scheduled for a public hearing.
- This is an opportunity for citizens to speak and the Board to listen carefully to citizen expressions of concern and opinion.
- Citizens may ask questions of the Board or individual Board members; however, Public Participation is not designed to allow debate between Board members and citizens.
- Citizens are expected to conduct research on topics prior to Board meetings and this forum provides citizens with an opportunity to inform elected officials of their findings and positions on matters of public interest and concern.
- Citizens wishing to speak during Public Participation are asked to please sign the Public Participation register prior to the beginning of the meeting.
- Citizens may also participate remotely by using the call-in information: 1-844-890-7777, Access Code: 390313. Citizens participating remotely are asked to pre-register by calling the County Administrator's Office at 434-392-8837, prior to 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.
- Citizens are respectfully requested to state their full name and address for the record.
- The Chairman of the Board will establish the order of speakers and will maintain decorum.
- Citizens shall speak for a maximum of five (5) minutes, unless more time is granted by the Chair.
- In the event that more than four (4) speakers wish to be heard during citizen's time, the Chairman shall allocate the twenty (20) minutes among speakers in an equitable manner. An extension to the twenty (20) minute limit can be granted by the Chair.
- Comments from citizens who are not residents of Prince Edward County will be entertained once all County residents are heard.
- The Board asks that citizens remain seated during the meeting unless called upon to stand for recognition as a speaker, official duties, physical necessity, or to enter or leave the meeting.
- All persons attending or participating in a Board of Supervisors meeting are expected to conduct themselves in a professional and collegial manner that demonstrates respect for others and is not disruptive.
- Citizens are requested to turn off or deactivate the sound from all cell phones, pagers, or other electronic communication devices.
- Should you require special accommodations in order to participate in a Board meeting, please contact the Prince Edward County Administrator's Office at 434-392-8837.

In Re: Adoption of Protocol for Board of Supervisors Comments

On motion of Supervisor Townsend seconded by Supervisor Emert, and carried:

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

the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors readopted the Protocol for Board of Supervisors Comments:

Protocol for Board of Supervisors Comments

- The Board of Supervisors sets aside ten (10) minutes near the beginning of each regular board meeting for each member of the Board of Supervisors to respond to comments made by citizens during "Public Participation," if he/she so desires.
- This is an opportunity for each individual member of the Board to express his/her own personal opinion in response to a citizen's concerns on matters of public interest.
- "*Board of Supervisors Comments*" is not designed to allow debate between Board members and citizens.
- The Chairman of the Board will establish the order of speakers and will maintain decorum.
- Each Board member shall be allotted an opportunity to speak for a maximum of one (1) minute; unless additional time is yielded by another member of the Board. In the event a Board member or member(s) shall be absent, unallocated time shall not be allocated to Board members in attendance.
- Following each Board member's comment period, the remaining two (2) minutes shall be set aside for appropriate response, and shall be divided equally between those members of the Board wishing to respond, and as directed by the Chairman.

In Re: Recognitions

"Recognitions" is an opportunity for the Board of Supervisors to recognize achievements in our community, with a focus on the accomplishments of students, employees and our citizen volunteers who serve the County of Prince Edward.

We are proud to recognize Thomas McDaniel as the December Employee of the Month. Thomas is a Convenience Site Worker at Prospect and was nominated by a County resident for his outstanding attitude and dedication. Thomas is always friendly, helpful, and quick to take initiative. He is seen regularly picking up trash at the convenience site, to include behind the dumpsters and outside the fence line. His energy, positivity, and strong

work ethic have made a noticeable difference and are appreciated by both staff and the community. Congratulations, Thomas!

The Board also recognizes Shawn Howard, IT Director, as the January Employee of the Month. Mr. Howard was nominated for his outstanding customer service, quick reaction time, extensive technical knowledge, and exceptional ability to troubleshoot and resolve issues efficiently. Since joining Prince Edward County in June 2023, he has consistently demonstrated professionalism, reliability, and a strong commitment to supporting County departments and operations. Thank you for all you do, Shawn!

Mr. Stanley then presented Supervisor Jenkins, the outgoing Chairman, for his efforts over 2025. He said it was an extremely busy year, and listed a few accomplishments made during 2025: Approved funding for mile-markers on U.S. 360; recognized Prince Edward County and the Town of Farmville as a storm-ready community by the National Weather Service; the Board approved creation of a joint Emergency Communications Center with the Town of Farmville, Longwood and Hampden-Sydney; the Board approved the contract of Elite Recycling Services for the County Waste Facilities; PEVRS started a 90-day trial implementation, putting a truck at the Prospect Fire Station; the County implemented the new Landfill Billing software; staff completed the Worsham Convenience site renovation; the Board approved a Special Use Permit for Dogwood Properties in Green Bay for a restaurant; and adopted the 2045 “Forward Together” Comprehensive Plan. He said Capital Improvements included adopting the 2025-2027 Capital Improvements Plan; opened Cell F at the landfill; completed the web site upgrade, and approved funding for the renovation of the Barbara Rose Johns Auditorium at Prince Edward County High School. He said the master agreement and the purchase and sale agreement was signed for the HIT Park; Wawa and Harbor Freight have been welcomed to the community; the County adopted the new Economic Development Strategic Plan; and held the grand opening at Five Pillars Meats; in addition, the County was able to collect over \$1.4 million in grant funding in 2025.

Mr. Stanley thanked the citizen volunteers who served on the County Board of Equalization for 2025: Bob Timmons, Gene Watson, Bernetta Watkins, Cheryl Whirley, and Joyce Yeatts. During 2025, the Board convened a number of times and heard 33 appeal cases; we thank them for their service and a job well done, and hope to see them back in four years. He also recognized Robert Love and Karen Fulcher who served as staff to the Board of Equalization.

In Re: Public Participation

Public Participation is a time set aside for citizens to share their thoughts, ideas and concerns. An official record is made of each person's contribution tonight and will be directed to the County Administrator for follow-up; any necessary follow-up will be noted and tracked. Follow-up may consist of an immediate response, or planned action by the County Administrator or Board, or by placement on a future Board agenda. Tonight's agenda cannot be changed, because the public needs advance knowledge of and the opportunity to review related materials regarding items addressed by the Board. To further assist public information, the Board requests the Administrator, Attorney or county staff to immediately correct any factual error that might occur.

Allison Crews, Farmville, presented information on Squad Care through the Prince Edward County Volunteer Rescue Squad, adding the cost is \$50, and information is available on their website. She asked that drivers use their headlights to see and be seen. She thanked the Board for holding the public hearing on the school construction financing, adding that she is grateful for Superintendent Chip Jones. Ms. Crews then said she likes the no-phones policy at the schools and here at the Board meeting. She then reported a friend had been deported after having been here for 21 years and worked with a large company as a crane operator; she said he has been detained locally since June and said he missed his wife and three children, the oldest is 17 and has numerous college acceptances and the youngest is severely autistic. She said the local facility is not housing immigrant criminals, but is housing "a lot of hard-working humans, just like us."

Howard Armistead, Farmville, presented his report on virus research and his newsletter highlighting flu information for Winter 2026. He stated the worst influenza in 25 years is currently going around; he advised all to take preventive measures and to treat it seriously. He presented several recommendations for effective treatment.

In Re: Board of Supervisors Comments

The Board members welcomed all in attendance and thanked everyone for their involvement.

Supervisor Emert said that if anyone wishes to contact him, they should call his cell, 315-3259.

Supervisor Gilliam apologized for not being present; he asked constituents to contact him at his office or via cell phone.

Chairman Jones said it is an honor to serve and asked all to hold the Board accountable.

In Re: Consent Agenda

On motion of Supervisor Emert, seconded by Supervisor Townsend, and carried:

Aye: Pattie Cooper-Jones
J. David Emert
Llew W. Gilliam, Jr.
Victor "Bill" Jenkins
E. Harrison Jones
Odessa H. Pride
Jerry R. Townsend
Cannon Watson

Nay: None

the Board accepted the minutes of the meeting held December 9, 2025.

In Re: Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Audit Report

The County's lead Auditor, Josh Roller, CPA, Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associate (RFC) presented the County's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Audit. The Audit Committee met on January 8, 2026. RFC presented and reviewed with the committee the primary exhibits of the audit. The audit committee recommended presentation of the completed audit to the Board of Supervisors for their approval.

Mr. Roller reviewed the Governance Letter, stating there is new accounting guidance this year. He said they found no difficulties in the audit and no disagreements with management. He said the opinion is clean. He reviewed the balance sheet, stating that there were no issues and it is a clean report, with no issues of non-compliance.

Mr. Stanley stated the County has made significant strides in the past five years.

Supervisor Townsend made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cooper-Jones, to approve and accept the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Audit as presented; the motion carried:

Aye: Pattie Cooper-Jones
J. David Emert
Llew W. Gilliam, Jr.
Victor "Bill" Jenkins
E. Harrison Jones
Odessa H. Pride
Jerry R. Townsend
Cannon Watson

Nay: None

In Re: Public Hearing – Tobacco Trail Solar, LLC – Special Use Permit

This was the date and time scheduled for a public hearing to receive citizen input prior to considering a Special Use Permit request filed by Tobacco Trail Solar, LLC for the proposal to construct and operate a 150MWac solar energy facility on land totaling 2,324 +/- acres denoted as Tax Map Parcels 111-A-28, 111-A-3, 112-A-19A, 112-A-40, 120-A-2, 120-A-3, 120-A-4, 120-A-7, 120-A-8, 120-A-15, 120-A-20, 120-A-21, 120-A-29, 121-A-9, 120-A-1, 120-A-46, 120-A-5, 120-A-6, 120-A-42, 120-A-43, and 120-A-10 located north of Patrick Henry Highway (State

Route 360), east of Farmville Road (State Route 15), and just west of New Bethel Road (State Route 634), which is zoned Agricultural Conservation (A1) District. Notice of this hearing was advertised according to law in the Wednesday, December 31, 2025 and Wednesday, January 7, 2026 editions of THE FARMVILLE HERALD, a newspaper published in the County of Prince Edward.

Mr. Robert Love, Director of Planning and Community Development, stated the County has received an application request by Tobacco Trail Solar, LLC for a Special Use Permit to construct and operate a 150MWac solar energy facility on land totaling 2,324 +/- acres denoted as Tax Map Parcels 111-A-28, 111-A-3, 112-A-19A, 112-A-40, 120-A-2, 120-A-3, 120-A-4, 120-A-7, 120-A-8, 120-A-15, 120-A-20, 120-A-21, 120-A-29, 121-A-9, 120-A-1, 120-A-46, 120-A-5, 120-A-6, 120-A-42, 120-A-43, and 120-A-10 located north of Patrick Henry Highway (State Route 360), east of Farmville Road (State Route 15), and just west of New Bethel Road (State Route 634), which is zoned Agricultural Conservation (A 1) District.

The Board members were provided a list of adjoining property owners and the sample letter sent to each along with the letter sent to Charlotte County and Lunenburg County.

The purpose of the Special Use is to allow for the location of a solar energy facility. The applicant has stated that the proposed facility will not be seen nor heard and will not impact adjacent properties. Water quality will be addressed according to Virginia Stormwater Management Permit requirements and the site will not generate any significant amount of traffic, with the main traffic occurring temporarily during the construction phase, estimated to be nine months from start until completion.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on November 18, 2025, where there were letters submitted and citizens that spoke who were either in support or in opposition to the project. The Commission deemed the proposal to be substantially in accord with the 2045 Comprehensive Plan and recommended approval with conditions, forwarding the request to the Board of Supervisors for Public Hearing. The Board was presented a list of Potential Conditions as recommended by the Planning Commission.

AgriVoltaics:

Tobacco Trail Solar aims to employ the practice of agrivoltaics where practical on site. Agrivoltaics, also known as agrisolar or dual-use solar, is the practice of collocating solar facilities and agriculture on the same land. The most common forms of agrivoltaics are raising livestock, creating pollinator habitats, or growing crops.

Third Party Engineering/Planning Review:

The County enlisted The Berkley Group to perform a full analysis of the application submitted by Tobacco Trail Solar, LLC. As part of their review, it was noted that the application met the minimum requirements set forth in the Prince Edward County Code, Appendix B, Article VII. - Alternate Energy Facilities (Zoning Ordinance) and the 2045 Prince Edward County Comprehensive Plan. It was their conclusion that Tobacco Trail Solar, LLC has made a good faith effort to meet the requirements of the County's applications and procedures for utility scale alternative energy facilities. The Board was presented with the full report.

Michael Zehner, Berkley Group [County Project Consultant], stated all requirements were met and the applicant is compliant with the policies outlined in the Comprehensive Plan. He said the County has a robust set of conditions and the applicant has met all 44 conditions.

Whitney St. Charles, Development Manager Tobacco Trail Solar, stated they received comments from the citizens that have been taken seriously; she said they will avoid traffic on specific roads, increased setbacks, to name a few changes. She presented a brief company overview and project overview; she said they have 26 approved solar projects, seven of which are currently under construction. They held four community meetings for the project; she said comments were received regarding rising energy costs, fire and emergency response, visibility and viewshed, impact on agriculture, stormwater management and wildlife management. She said the project is a 150MW project in the southern portion of the County; there are approximately 2,300 acres included in the application, but only 610 acres will be under panels, with an additional 500 acres disturbed for stormwater controls, but there will be 1,100 acres of conserved open space. She said there is no battery storage included in the project. She described the silicon solar panels, containing silicon wafers with silver conductors providing the channel for the electricity. Those are encapsulated in waterproofing with tempered glass on the outside, all in an aluminum frame. She said there are trackers moving the panels as the sun moves across the sky, and those are on steel posts driven into the ground.

Ms. St. Charles stated the revenue share would reach \$11.6 million over the life of the project; she said \$4 million would be made in direct payments prior to getting power on the grid. She said as it currently stands, Virginia is on track to be in deficit for power by the summer of 2026, with the potential for rolling blackouts. This project could provide 70% of the current demand of Prince Edward County. She added they worked with the Emergency Management Coordinator to provide the Safety & Emergency response to the site, with improved access [to the site].

Heather McAllister, Permitting Manager, Tobacco Trail Solar, reviewed how the project meets and exceeds standards [set by the County]. She said there would be no negative impact on the County, the screening and buffers

would be provided throughout the site, and replanting would be done where necessary to enhance the buffer which would render the site not visible.

Ms. McAllister said the use of agrivoltaics throughout the site would help Virginia farmers. She added the vegetation management, both temporary and permanent, would provide stabilizations and pollinators. She said there are 1,100 acres of reserved buffers throughout, with setbacks from all wetlands and streams; she said the setbacks of 250 feet are well over the setback requirements of 75 feet. The wildlife would be able to move safely through the acreage.

The decommission plan was reviewed; 90% of the materials will be recycled and any waste will be taken to a permitted landfill. There will be \$16.5 million in surety put in place for the decommissioning of the site.

Supervisor Gilliam questioned the public being able to receive a discount on their electric bill, and the plan to leave out 1,100 acres. Ms. St. Charles stated they did not state the public would receive a discount; she said by leaving out 1,100 acres, they are complying with the state and federal regulations with relation to wetlands, setbacks, and constraints related to topography, and the Commonwealth of Virginia has conserved open space requirements.

Supervisor Emert asked where they have a project in North Carolina. Ms. St. Charles said Strata had more than 300 projects in North Carolina.

Supervisor Emert then asked the cost in labor per acre, and stated the decommissioning cost in 30 years will be substantially more than it is currently. Ms. Tiffany Severs, Tobacco Trail Project, stated the cost is reviewed every five years in order for the costs to be updated.

Mr. Zehner stated Condition #40 states that the amount of the surety shall be 100% of the estimated decommissioning cost at each surety review date. Discussion followed.

Supervisor Gilliam questioned a section of the project being south of the train tracks. Ms. St. Charles said there are no sections for this project south of the train tracks.

Chairman Jones opened the public hearing.

Michael Johnson, Meherrin, stated this project offers the opportunity for employment and economic growth. He said there would be 300 construction jobs along with welders, carpenters, businesses and vendors. He added this would provide a direct impact to the area. These people could then find other jobs [elsewhere] and this could add jobs to other businesses.

Marcus Gray, Pittsylvania County, said he is a sheep farmer, seeking to bring business to this area. He has sheep to graze on solar farms; he said he started with 25 sheep and now has 1,300 on several fields. He is also seeking

local employees to help manage his flocks; he said sheep do well out there [on solar farms] and they have never lost an animal to the equipment. He said there is a lot of forage out there, and could support 300-400 ewes depending on the season and how long the project has been in existence; he said lambs and rams add to the flocks.

Lane Gunn, Charlotte County, presented statistics about solar projects. He said his company has worked on 11 solar projects, and said there were nine employees four years ago and now there are 44 employees that can move from project to project, having gained experience. He said these employees will look after the community because they are neighbors and friends; he said the South Central Virginia Business Alliance works with Dominion and Strata and several other EPCs across the state and understand what it means to local communities to utilize local businesses. He stated they can assist on this project and cover anywhere from aggregates to grading, to apprenticeship programs to meet the specifications. He said there is an apprenticeship program with SVCC in Keysville, and it is all generated from these projects.

Dawn Wilkerson, Leigh District, requested the Board's support said this project would benefit her and would generate revenue for the County. She said she and her late husband own 2,100 acres and had a logging business; she said Strata is an excellent company and asked the Board to support this project.

Joel Cathey, Charlotte County, said he is two miles from the site and a forester by trade. He said pine prices are less than previous years. He then stated people have private property rights, stated there are adequate buffers in place in this project. He said Virginia imports more electricity than any other state, and will need to produce more power itself, and solar is a good answer to this issue.

Allison Wickham, Fluvanna County, said she is the founder of a pollinator-focused small business. She said they are bee-keepers and install pollinators for solar projects, actively keeping bees on solar farms and producing honey, which is a bona fide agricultural activity.

Francis Hodsall, Arlington, stated he is a founder and CEO of an energy developer of solar projects. He discussed the economic opportunity that is available from these projects and how local communities benefit.

Jody Hobgood, Leigh District, thanked Supervisor Townsend for holding the town meeting as it was very informative. She said there are farmers still against losing prime agricultural land for food [growth]. She said [these projects] change the landscape, lower property value and higher taxes and utility bills. She said they say there will be lower electric bills but they are higher, stating net meter credits are less valuable than the grid power can cost. She said panels get dirty, need multiple upgrades, and leave toxic chemicals. She said there is a \$15 million lawsuit against Dominion Energy and two contractors in Louisa County.

Robin Simpson, Prospect, stated solar farms affect and ruin land forever with toxins when the solar farm is over [its usefulness]. She said the crops being pollinated will be full of this toxic waste. She said she would like to talk with others at the end of their projects, and asked the Board to vote no.

Charles Garnett, Lockett District, said the County should conserve the land and not ruin it with solar panels. He said he fights for farmers and asked the Board to vote no.

Steven Kotowisz, Cumberland County, stated he is a naturalist and is in favor of solar projects. He said he considers them protection of the land and is good for the farmland which sometimes disappears in developments. He said grazing and pollinators will help feed people.

Dorothy Zimolong, Leigh District, said she owns 26.5 acres and was just notified today [about this public hearing], and stated she did not receive a letter. She said her land is directly connected to the land [in the project], and she sees the trees that will be affected; she said deer and turkey visit the stream that crosses both properties and feeds two ponds on her property with fish. She asked how the solar project will affect the water supply and her land value. [Staff later determined this property was not adjacent to the site.]

Carl Zimolong, Leigh District, questioned the environmental impact on the open field and watershed due to the trees being cut down and land cleared. He said the property floods now, and asked where they will get the water to extinguish fires that occur on the site. He said the entrance [to the solar project] is 50-feet from his driveway.

Seth Cogbill, Henrico County, Energy Right, stated he is available to provide clear, factual information about solar power. He said Virginia is the #1 energy importer; solar provides long-term revenue, preserves farm land, and is good for the local economy.

David Peterson, Executive Director, SHINE, Richmond, said the Solar Hands-On Instructional Network of Excellence (SHINE) is a Virginia-based non-profit construction project and founded by Southside Virginia Community College (SVCC). He said currently there are 275 employees who will be able to work anywhere once they gain the skills.

Jim Bezdan, Farmville, stated this is looking at the immediate future but not looking into other energy generation technology. He then questioned the surety bonds, and said coal had similar but the cost-burden fell on the landowner. He said we need to look to the future and are putting a burden on tomorrow's children.

Stacy Wilkerson, Darlington Heights, spoke about the solar lease and said Strata has done an outstanding job putting the project together.

Denise Mayberry, Leigh District, asked the Board to protect the soil and water in the area. She said the panels do leach chemicals. She said studies have proven that toxic elements are released into the water. She said there will be 300,000 panels leaching toxins, and the County needs to require full metal and chemical spectrum testing reviews, publish those results, and must dispose of damaged panels.

David Mayberry, Leigh District, said there are two flood-control dams in the area and there will still be problems [with flooding]. He said these feed the Bush River which goes into the Appomattox River. He then stated solar reduces property value for neighbors, revenue sharing does not meet expectations, and adds to energy cost escalation. He asked the Board to say no.

Dee Hobgood, Leigh District, said his dairy farm on just under 1,000 acres on the Bush River, and there is a watershed dam which has flooded one time when there was 14" of rain in a few hours. He said he has cattle fences below the dam and they are protected. He said he is in support of this project because it will help the County and his family. He added the panels are safe.

Ann Bowman, Leigh District, stated she lives 1 ½ miles downstream [along the] Bush River and the dam; she said the dam has been beneficial in helping with the flooding. She said that 70% of these 2,000 acres in this project will still be green with trees, grass and pollinators, and the buffers will keep this project from being seen. She said the state needs electricity and other places will cut us off.

Shawn Dowler, Leigh District, stated the Meherrin Fire & Rescue neither supports nor opposes this project. He said they have received third-party training on considerations and hazard mitigation from Strata, with hands-on training on emergency response needs for the site. They have also worked to review site access and layout to ensure emergency vehicle access around and between panels; they will provide hands-on, on-going training for fire and rescue personnel following the project completion. He said Strata has understanding of the emergency response needs and on-going willingness to coordinate with the fire services.

Patrick Murphy, Prospect, State Director for the local area Virginia Farm Bureau and Executive State Board, said they are adamantly opposed to a solar project of this particular size. He said a power source that is 22-28% efficient is not acceptable on a large magnitude of land such as this. He said the majority of speakers in favor of this project have an economic interest but not a guarantee that they will be employed by the solar company. He said by locking up 1,700 acres of forested land not in solar panels is just physically unacceptable. Five hundred acres in runoff containment [will be difficult] to get stabilization. He said the logging industry as a whole, \$2 million in stumpage turn into \$21 million of economic revenue to this entire area. He said this is not a responsible way to utilize the

property. A much smaller size project could help suit to help fund the family and in turn, do great things as far as providing power. He then said 70% of power goes into the transmission line, and said that during the decommissioning process, every panel must go outside of Prince Edward County.

Karl Shaffer stated he has been in the energy industry for 60 years. He said he worked with every power generator along the east coast; he stated that currently, projections from the Department of Energy state that the demand for power is going to double in the next ten years, and if you add some of the projections for the data centers, it will be much more than that. Currently, we only have 7-10% for a total demand on solar, and it is projected by the year 2030, it could be as much as 50%. He said there are several distinctive advantages of solar, insulation costs are less expensive, it is by far the most efficient way to generate power, it is the least costly per kilowatt hour for generating electric power, and it is by far the most environmentally efficient way of generating power.

Stacie Havens stated she is 100% in favor of this project. She said she is a landowner and part of the project site. She said with the data centers already here and coming, sustainable energy is a must; she said this project would cause no harm to herself or her neighbors and will protect us in the future by providing energy to all of us, and hopefully keep energy prices lower. She said this is her property and no one wants to be told what to do with their own property. She said there are buffers and wildlife, and asked for the Board to vote yes.

William Keplinger stated he is involved in this project and walked on a few project sites; he said Mrs. Wilkerson has three-quarters of the 2,100 acres already cut and done.

Howard Armistead, Farmville, stated this is the highest and best use for the land and is revenue for the County. He said solar is a cheap, clean energy and is environmentally safer. He said this will increase the tax base and it still has agricultural function, and animals will have a path through the property.

Cornell Goldman, Cullen, said he is a small vegetable farmer in Charlotte County, and supports this project. He said landowners ought to have the right to use their land in a peaceful manner, particularly when it meets the zoning ordinance, requirements and regulations. Some want to raise cattle, or corn, or soybeans or wheat, and if a person wants to raise solar energy on their farm, it is their right to do. He said as County leaders, [the Board] is charged to bring revenue into the county; he said solar is an industry begging to be brought into rural areas, which needs open space, and low population densities.

Chantry Ranck, Leigh District, said the solar project has too much negative impact on wildlife, stating bats and birds can be hurt. He asked even if solar is clean energy, is it efficient and eco-friendly. He said according to one

source, the average efficiency for solar only reaches 15-25% annually. He said there are too many problems with [solar], and asked the Board to reject the project.

Carolyn Bowman, Lockett District, asked about the Board of Supervisors' Code of Ethics.

Donald Barber stated he is a cattle farmer and realizes that some of the land that he rents could be sold. He said he would rather look across the field and see a cow than a solar panel. He said the landowner has rights; he said the land has a lot of runoff. He stated there are turkey, bear, and deer on that land and expressed his opposition to the project.

Lorraine Agee, Lockett District, said she is one of the closest property owners, and that even with the setback of 500', she is still opposed to the project. She said a study from Virginia Tech has shown that a home within a half-mile loses resale value of 7.2%. She said there is noise and heat radiated from the solar farm. She said only 15% of the solar created goes into energy.

Dr. Mool Gupta stated he is a professor at the University of Virginia, and has been working on solar energy research for about 20 years. He said he has received funding from the federal government and from the Department of Energy to do research. He said he is willing to answer, scientifically, any questions residents may have. He said he heard from citizens that solar is toxic and efficiency is low. He said he would like to share information obtained from his scientific research.

Will Wheeler stated he has worked with solar sites for over 30 years. He said there are five pillars of construction – sediment, erosion, water, and working communication, which are the final two pillars and tie together. He discussed each briefly. He said Strata is organized, proactive, easy to communicate with, and have proven time and time again that they are great to work with and came prepared.

Del Fuller, stated he is from this area and cares deeply about the future, economic strength, and energy infrastructure. He said he is a strong supporter of the proposed solar farm project. He said this project is more than an energy development, it is an investment opportunity that doesn't come around every day. When fully built, the solar farm will have capacity to provide the majority of the County's current electrical demand. He said the project is projected to provide more than \$15 million in payments directly to the County, which is revenue that can support schools, emergency services, roads and long-term infrastructure without raising taxes on local families. He said the project will provide millions in wages and benefits, supporting new jobs for electricians, engineers, and laborers; he said this construction will also benefit local businesses, and urged the Board to support this project.

Ryan Romack, Charlotte County, said he has livestock that would benefit from agrivoltaics in the area. He stated he grazes livestock, primarily sheep, on about 1,600 acres of solar lands across Virginia, and said that every 500 acres of solar grazing has provided a full-time job to a local shepherd or multiple part-time jobs. He said long time grazing benefits the soil and environment. He said when he sees a solar facility, he sees a 30-year land use lease preserving that parcel from urban sprawl, sustainable power production and jobs for the technicians to maintain them, a pasture and the farmers that manage it, the landscapers that trim around the posts and every other local role that supports the operation.

Dr. Quincy Handy, Leigh District, stated he works with the Health Department and IDA, and said he has heard a lot of things, but stated current solar panels won't give cancer or leak toxins into the soil. This is from research coming from MIT, the #1 university in the country today. The project would help the climate and reduce greenhouse gases, bring jobs, revenue, and allows infrastructure projects; he said this is a great opportunity to bring energy and reduce costs.

Mary Whitlock, Charlotte County, stated concerns including runoff, habitat loss, property values, moisture levels and temperatures. She said her main concern is economic as the sunlight is only available 219-220 days of the year, and the jobs are not permanent. She is concerned about noise, heat and likes to look across to see the forest.

Eileen Ranck, Leigh District, said the lake effect is something that has been researched extensively by reputable research and is an issue in large industrial solar sites, because birds will dive down thinking it is a body of water. She said bat population has been decreasing near solar sites. She said that Dominion Electric has numerous violations and which Strata has some projects in, and asked the Board to vote no.

Tiffany Severs, Tobacco Trail Solar, Director of Permitting, stated they are committed to setbacks and are staying out of the flood plains and there will be no infrastructure, from roads to panels, and it is set forth in the conditions as to what may be placed there. She said for soil management, no more than 50% of the land can be disturbed at a time; she said highlights presented told of their "above and beyond" measures in trying to limit in and around the erosion and sediment control. She stated they are providing redundant measures. All plans will go to the County for review, and they will exceed all requirements. She then discussed the process used to not only meet the standards from the regulatory standpoint but also to prevent flooding downstream and prevent erosion. She said the panels have come a long way, and the panel components do not use toxic substances and do not allow broken panels. She said the agricultural land has multiple dual-use.

Ms. Severs then reviewed the decommissioning, stating assurity is an insurance policy and requires the company to follow through. She said that [the assurity] is on the company and not the landowner; all is specified in the Decommissioning Plan. She added that soil sampling is required.

Ms. St. Charles stated the Economic Impact Analysis included in the application sets forth the impact on property values in the community. She said the University of Texas surveyed appraisers across the country and found that in their professional experience, there was no impact on property values. She said that it substantiated by the University of Rhode Island, and Georgia Tech found that while there is no depreciation on value, there is often an increase in value of properties largely adjacent to transmission lines for speculative development.

There being no one further wishing to speak, Chairman Jones closed the public hearing.

Supervisor Gilliam asked if there will be a well drilled on this property for the sheep grazing on the land or will they haul water to the site, and if there will be drain tile installed. Ms. St. Charles said the site will be evaluated for the needs of the grazers, and water will be provided for agrivoltaics. She added there is no planned drain tile.

Supervisor Townsend thanked all participants; he said he toured some of the site and most [of the site] has already been cut over. He said the buffer from Route 15 is over 250' and the site cannot be seen. He added that Strata has been diligent to requests and that the Planning Commission recommended approval based on the new Comprehensive Plan; he said there are additional proffers and increased setbacks. Supervisor Townsend added there is flooding at Mt. Pleasant now, and the solar project will not cause any additional [flooding].

Supervisor Gilliam asked about the transmission lines with the railroad company and wanted to ensure it will not interfere with the track. Mr. Stanley said the 230 KV transmission line is located on the east side of this site and north of the railroad track; they will be able to interconnect to that 230 KV line without interfering in any way with the railroad track. Discussion followed.

Supervisor Townsend made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cooper-Jones, to approve the request by Tobacco Trail Solar, LLC for a proposed 150MWac solar energy facility as described in the Special Use Permit application with the conditions as recommended by the Planning Commission, and as amended by the Board of Supervisors to include the additional proffers and to guarantee waste and recycling outside Prince Edward County; the motion carried:

Aye:	Pattie Cooper-Jones	Nay:	J. David Emert
	Victor "Bill" Jenkins		Llew W. Gilliam, Jr.
	Odessa H. Pride		E. Harrison Jones
	Jerry R. Townsend		
	Cannon Watson		

**Tobacco Trail Solar, LLC
PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY, VIRGINIA
Special Use Permit Conditions**

SECTION I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. This Special Use Permit applies to the following properties for which a special use permit application was submitted: Tax Map Parcel Identification Numbers: 111-A-2B, 111-A-3, 112-A-19A, 112-A-40, 120-A-1, 120-A-15, 120-A-2, 120-A-20, 120-A-21, 120-A-29, 120-A-3, 120-A-4, 120-A-42, 120-A-43, 120-A-46, 120-A-5, 120-A-6, 120-A-7, 120-A-8, 121-A-9, 121-A-10. The Special Use Permit application was submitted on 07/15/2025 by Tobacco Trail Solar, LLC on behalf of the owners of the said properties, and compliance with these conditions is the express duty of, and these conditions shall bind, the Applicant and any assignee of the Applicant who operates the Solar Facility

2. The Site shall be developed, constructed, operated, and decommissioned in compliance with all of the following:
 - a. All applicable federal, state, and local laws, statutes, ordinances, and regulations.
 - b. All written agreements entered into between the Applicant and the County, expressly including, but not limited to, a Solar Facility Siting Agreement.
 - c. The Site Plan approved by Prince Edward County.
 - d. The Decommissioning Plan approved by Prince Edward County.
 - e. The Emergency Response Plan approved by Prince Edward County.
 - f. The Construction Traffic Management Plan approved by Prince Edward County.
 - g. The Erosion and Sediment Control Plan approved by Prince Edward County.
 - h. The Stormwater Management Plan approved by Prince Edward County and/or DEQ.

Violation by the Applicant or by any one or more of Applicant's agents, employees or contractors of any terms, conditions, or provisions of any of the foregoing shall constitute a violation of this Special Use Permit if Applicant has failed to begin and diligently pursue (or has failed to cause its agents, employees or contractors, as applicable, to begin and diligently pursue) correction of the violation within thirty (30) days after written notice by the County to Applicant.

3. The following terms shall have the following meanings if or when used in these Conditions:
 - a. **"Abandoned"** means the discontinuation of power generation by the Solar Facility for a period of at least 180 consecutive days, except in the event of a force majeure event requiring reconstruction.
 - b. **"Applicant"** means Tobacco Trail Solar, LLC.
 - c. **"Approved Site Plan"** means the detailed drawing showing all equipment, excavation, landscaping, and other changes or improvements to be made to the real property or properties for the development of the Project following approval of the Special Use Permit Application by the Prince Edward County Planning Commission, and the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors and administrative review and approval by Prince Edward County staff.
 - d. **"Board"** means the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, Virginia.
 - e. **"Commercial Operation"** means the period beginning on the date that the sale of electricity generated from the Solar Facilities to a third party through the Grid commences pursuant to a

- Power Purchase Agreement or offtake by an investor-owned utility or Independent Power Producer and terminating contemporaneously with the commencement of Decommissioning.
- f. **"County"** means Prince Edward County, Virginia.
 - g. **"County Administrator"** means the county administrator of Prince Edward County, Virginia.
 - h. **"Decommission" or "Decommissioning" or "Decommissioning Activities"** means the work on the Solar Facility to remove improvements on the real property and to otherwise comply with the Decommissioning Plan.
 - i. **"Decommissioning Commencement Date"** means the earliest date on which Decommissioning is required to begin under the terms set forth in these Special Use Permit Conditions.
 - j. **"Decommissioning Plan"** means the plan for Decommissioning Activities submitted by Tobacco Trail Solar, LLC and approved by the County.
 - k. **"Grid"** means the interconnected network for delivering electricity from producers to consumers (consisting of generating stations, electrical substations, high voltage transmission lines, and distribution lines that connect individual customers) to which the Project is connected and provides power.
 - l. **"Investor Owned Utility Company"** means an electric utility as defined in Section 56-576 of the Code of Virginia.
 - m. **"Operator"** means any party which undertakes the management, maintenance, and operation of the Solar Facility, including, but not limited to, as assignee of the Applicant.
 - n. **"Power Purchase Agreement"** means the written agreement pursuant to which electricity generated from the Solar Facilities is sold to a third party.
 - o. **"Project"** means the Solar Facility on the parcel, including the following: (i) the development, design, procurement, construction, installation, commissioning, testing, interconnection, and start-up of the Solar Facility on the Site; (ii) the operation, repair, replacement, and maintenance of the Solar Facility on the Site; and (iii) the decommissioning and removal of the Solar Facility from the Site.
 - p. **"Related Entity" or "Related Entities"** means any two or more entities described in I.R.C. § 267(b).
 - q. **"Site" or "Solar Facility Site"** means all properties to be leased or purchased by the Applicant or any Related Entity for development in connection with the Project, identified as follows: Prince Edward County Tax Map Identification Numbers 111-A-2B, 111-A-3, 112-A-19A, 112-A-40, 120-A-1, 120-A-15, 120-A-2, 120-A-20, 120-A-21, 120-A-29, 120-A-3, 120-A-4, 120-A-42, 120-A-43, 120-A-46, 120-A-5, 120-A-6, 120-A-7, 120-A-8, 121-A-9, 121-A-10.
 - r. **"Site Plan"** means the detailed drawing showing all equipment, landscaping, roads, retention facilities, fencing, buffers, and other changes or improvements to be made to the real property or properties for the development of the Project.
 - s. **"Solar Facility" or "Solar Facilities"** means the Site together with all equipment, apparatus, or other items of personal property used for the construction, operation, or decommissioning of the Project.
 - t. **"Surety Review Date"** means the date by which the Applicant will update the cost estimate in the Decommissioning Plan every five (5) years and reimburse the County for the actual and reasonable, out-of-pocket costs of each such independent review and analysis by a licensed engineer of each decommissioning cost estimate revision.
4. The Site shall be developed in general conformance with the information and exhibits submitted with the Special Use Permit application (the "SUP" Application), except as modified by associated conditions, the Approved Site Plan, and as required by the land development ordinances of Prince Edward County. The Site shall employ the practice of agrivoltaics where practical on site.
 5. This Special Use Permit (SUP) is issued to the owners of the properties for which the special use permit application was submitted (the Properties) and shall run with the land unless and until this SUP is revoked, expires, or is voided.
 6. An Approved Site Plan shall be required for this use.

7. Prior to the issuance of construction permits, the Applicant shall record in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office of Prince Edward County, Virginia a plat of survey delineating the property boundary and total acreage.
8. The Applicant shall submit an Emergency Response Plan (the "ER Plan") with the submission of the Site Plan. The ER Plan shall include fire suppression methods that can be deployed during both the construction and operation of the project. The ER Plan shall also include a program of education and training to be provided for County emergency response staff covering onsite emergency response.
9. Unless approved in writing by the County, no signage shall be permitted on the Site; except that signage containing notices, warnings, or other information, if required by law or by applicable codes and standards, or deemed by the County to be in the interest of the safety and welfare of the community, shall be required.
10. Tobacco Trail Solar, LLC will reimburse, or cause to be reimbursed, to the County all reasonable, out-of-pocket costs and fees incurred for professional services engaged for purposes of assisting the County during the application process and during construction, including, but not limited to, legal fees and consulting fees; however legal fees shall not be assessed to Tobacco Trail, LLC after construction is completed. The purpose of the reimbursement payments is to defray the costs and expenses incurred by the County in connection with (i) the zoning and permitting processes related to the approval of the Solar Facility, (ii) the permitting process with federal and state agencies, as applicable, and (iii) the construction of the Solar Facility. Should the special use permit application submitted by Tobacco Trail Solar, LLC for the Project not be approved by the County, no reimbursement under this paragraph will be owed by Tobacco Trail Solar, LLC to the County.
11. The Project owner or operator will, in coordination with Prince Edward County Emergency Management, provide education and training on how to respond in the event of a fire or other emergency on the premises. "Knox Boxes" or coded padlocks will be added at access gate locations, so that emergency services resources can gain access inside the security fence during the construction phase of the project.
12. Terms and conditions pertaining to revenue share payments and voluntary payments shall be set forth in a siting agreement between Applicant and the County.

SECTION II. BUFFERS, HEIGHTS, AND SETBACKS

13. Buffers throughout the Site shall include the following:
 - a. All setbacks shall be no less than those shown on the site plan approved by Prince Edward County.
 - b. The Site Plan will identify the maximum extent of the Project area, outside of which solar panels or other equipment will not be located. The solar panels other equipment of the Solar Facility will not be located within the standard setbacks established by Section 7-110 (D) of the County Ordinance.
 - c. The Site Plan will include a vegetative buffering plan (the "Vegetative Buffer Plan") that will limit the visibility of the Solar Facility from the public rights-of-way adjacent to the Site. For purposes of this Condition, "Solar Facility" does not include the perimeter security fencing, gravel access road, or interconnection equipment. Also, the "Solar Facility" is not an objectionable feature, within the meaning of County Ordinance Section 7-110.
 - d. All vegetative buffering areas, as shown on the Vegetative Buffer Plan, shall enable insolation of the Solar Facility and may be both natural and planted, shall be a part of the

approved Project, and should be protected from harvest so long as the Site is operated as a solar facility.

- e. Vegetative buffering areas shall be installed and, as necessary, managed to ensure health and preservation of the vegetation. Any vegetative buffering that is dead during the operating period shall be removed and replaced in conformance with the approved site plan, within a six (6) month time period during a typical planting period. The type and height of replacement vegetation shall be similar to that of which was originally planted during construction. In the event that the vegetative buffering is severely damaged due to an unusual weather occurrence or natural catastrophe, the Project shall have one year or one growing season, whichever is sooner, to replace or replant.
- f. A 15' screening buffer shall be maintained with any bordering standing timber harvested after construction of the solar facility.
- g. The Applicant shall set back all solar panels at least 500 feet from the outer boundary line of parcel 111-A-4A and at least 250 feet from the right of way of U.S. Route 15 (Farmville Road).
- h. Electrical lines leaving the solar facility shall be underground until the point of reaching the first pole outside of the facility as to not impact the screening plan unless: (a) otherwise approved by the County in the final site plan; (b) otherwise approved by the County in connection with building permit approvals, including electrical permits; (c) underground lines conflict with other applicable permitting standards, including environmental permits; or (d) underground lines are not reasonably practical given site constraints.
- i. Historical resources noted in the Virginia Department of Historic Resources Map that are listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places must be identified, marked, and preserved at a setback approved by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, as reflected on the Site Plan.
- j. The maximum height of ground mounted systems, equipment, and structures, as measured from the grade or base of the improvements to the highest point, shall not exceed eighteen (18) feet in height. Excluded from this height requirement are overhead electric distribution and transmission lines and poles, project substation, and utility switchyard.

SECTION III. CONSTRUCTION, TRAFFIC, and ROAD REPAIRS

- 14. Subject to compliance with applicable site safety requirements and upon reasonable prior notice, the County Administrator, building official, zoning administrator, or environmental codes and compliance officer, or any party or parties designated by any one or more of those county officials, including other federal, state, or local government officials, shall be allowed to enter the Site at any time during construction. Once the facility has commenced Commercial Operation, subject to compliance with applicable Site safety requirements, County officials may enter the Site upon at least one week's advance notice to the Solar Facility liaison.
- 15. All construction entrances for the Site shall be in general conformance with the information and exhibits submitted with this Special Use Permit application and must be authorized and approved by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT).
- 16. All construction activity shall be conducted during daylight hours Monday- Saturday. Activities allowed on Sundays include only the following: onsite planning, walking, and riding the Site by passenger vehicle (not heavy construction trucks or equipment), office work, and other activities that do not produce large quantities of traffic on the surrounding roads or loud construction noises within

the Site. The Applicant shall comply with the Prince Edward County Noise Ordinance Chapter 46, Article II during operation but shall not be required to do so during construction.

17. All heavy construction traffic, including, but not limited to, dump trucks, tractors and trailers, supplier vehicles, and trucks hauling equipment shall enter the site at the designated private driveway entrances.
18. The Applicant shall submit a Construction Traffic Management Plan (“CTMP”) as part of the Site Plan. The CTMP shall address traffic control measures, an evaluation of the condition of the public roads along the Delivery Routes prior to construction, and a description and an estimate of any anticipated repairs to public roads that may arise due to damages attributable to construction of the Solar Facilities. The CTMP must be reviewed by a third-party selected by the County and paid by, and at the sole cost of, the Applicant.
19. No burning of stumps and/or debris will be allowed onsite at the subject solar facility.
20. The Solar Facilities shall be enclosed within chain link security fencing not less than six (6) feet in height.
21. The Project will not utilize permanent lighting. If installed at a later date, lighting will be downward facing, motion activated security lighting located at the Project entrance gate or at the control panels near the equipment pad. Lighting of the substation and switchyard shall be limited to that minimally required for safety and operational purposes and shall be full cut-off type fixtures.
22. Prior to commencement of construction, the Applicant shall provide the County a bond equal to 100% of the cost of the anticipated repairs to be made to the public road along the Delivery Routes, as defined in paragraph 23 below, including the entire public right of way along the Delivery Route. The bond may be in the form of a letter of credit, a surety bond, or a cash bond given to the County, to be held by the County without interest, but the form of any surety bond must be approved by the County Administrator. The County will release, return, and terminate the roadway surety upon completion of construction and Commercial Operation of the Project.
23. Subject to the CTMP, Delivery Routes to the site will include a portion of U.S. Route 15 (Farmville Road), a portion of U.S. Route 360 (Patrick Henry Hwy), Cabbage Patch Road, and Ole Briery Station Road, to the proposed four (4) entrances as shown in Attachment B - Conceptual Site Plan of the SUP application.
24. The Applicant shall not use the public right-of-ways of State Route 634 (New Bethel Road), State Route 633 (Virso Road) & (Mt. Pleasant Road), State Route 721 (Dempsey Road), or State Route 737 (CC Camp Road) as a means of access for construction of the Facility.
25. The Solar Facilities shall have received Final Site Plan approval from the County within four (4) years of approval. The Board of Supervisors may approve one extension of up to one (1) year each upon written request from the Applicant detailing the need for an extension.
26. Solar panels will be constructed, maintained, and operated in accordance with national industry standards and regulations including the National Electrical Code, International Fire Code of the International Code Council, and the National Fire Protection Association Fire Code, as provided in Va. Code 15.2-2286. In the event of a conflict between the national industry standards and these Conditions, the national industry standards shall control so that as technology advances, updated technology may be used by the Applicant. Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, the use of any of the following materials at any time, whether in construction, maintenance, or operation of the facility, is expressly prohibited: cadmium telluride, cadmium, tellurium, GEN X, field-applied Teflon[®] coating, or any other materials prohibited by federal or state agencies.

27. No panels, inverters, pyranometers, substations, or any other component of the Solar Facility, except fencing, shall be located in a FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area.
28. Upon completion of the construction of the Solar Facilities, the Applicant shall submit a post-construction evaluation of the condition of the roads along the Delivery Routes to the County Administrator for approval. The post-construction evaluation shall include a plan for repairing any damage caused to the public roads along the Delivery Route directly attributable to the Applicant. The Applicant shall be responsible for causing such repairs to be completed to the satisfaction of the VDOT and shall be responsible for coordination of repairs with VDOT. All roadway repairs along the Delivery Routes shall be made at the sole expense of the Applicant. Once repairs are completed, the performance bond shall be released.

SECTION IV. ENVIRONMENTAL

29. The Applicant shall submit a Stormwater Management Plan and an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan as part of the Site Plan. The Applicant shall reimburse, or cause to be reimbursed to, the County all reasonable, out-of-pocket costs incurred by the County related to retaining such third-party inspectors, plan reviewers, and advisors as reasonably necessary for project review and inspections. All such payments shall be remitted to the County within thirty (30) days of invoicing. The County shall retain the right to inspect the Site to verify the findings of the third-party inspectors upon reasonable, prior notice and subject to compliance with Site safety requirements. The phasing of land disturbance shall be detailed in the Erosion and Sediment Control plan and accompanying project narrative.
30. Stabilization of the Site shall be maintained at all times in compliance with Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) standards, rules, requirements, and regulations. The Applicant and the Operator, or either one of them, shall notify the County within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving any DEQ notice of less than full compliance by the Project and shall, within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt, provide the County with a copy of the notice. Thereafter, the Applicant and the Operator, or either one of them, shall provide to the County within forty-eight (48) hours of transmission or receipt copies of all correspondence with DEQ regarding Project noncompliance issue until such time as the matter is fully resolved to the satisfaction of DEQ. In order to ensure orderly development of the Solar Facility and to protect the stabilization and environmental integrity and quality of the Site, no more than fifty percent (50%) of the total site development area shown on the Approved Site Plan may be disturbed at any point in time. For purposes of this condition an area for which one or more of the following is true is not considered to be disturbed: the area has established ground cover, the County has determined that the area is not disturbed, an area where temporary stabilization measures have been implemented, gravel driveways, or laydown areas.
31. Soil testing shall be conducted on the Site as follows:
 - a. Testing shall be conducted in no less than ten (10) locations on the Site, at least one location being within proximity to panels of each different type or manufacturer. Samples will be collected from a depth of six inches below ground surface.
 - b. Testing shall be conducted prior to the issuance of a land disturbance permit and annually thereafter. Testing also shall be conducted immediately prior to Decommissioning and immediately following the termination of Decommissioning.
 - c. Samples shall be analyzed for Priority Pollutant 13 Metals (arsenic, antimony, beryllium, cadmium, chromium, copper, lead, mercury, nickel, selenium, silver, thallium, and zinc) in accordance with EPA methods SW 6020, SW 6020A, SW1312, and 200.8.
 - d. Testing shall be performed by a service provider retained by the Operator but approved by the County.

- e. A test report for each testing event, including an executive summary, shall be provided to the Prince Edward County zoning administrator within ten (10) days of the completion of such report.
 - f. No costs shall be incurred by Prince Edward County for soil testing or reports of soil testing provided to Prince Edward County.
32. Any damaged solar components or portions thereof shall be collected by the facility operator and removed from the site or stored on site in a location protected from weather and wildlife and from any contact with ground or water until removal from the site can be arranged; storage shall not exceed sixty (60) days. If not returned to the manufacturer, damaged components shall be transferred directly to an approved recycling facility or disposal site in accordance with local, state, and federal laws.
33. The Applicant or the Operator shall not dispose of or recycle any solar components or portions thereof in the Prince Edward County landfill or within the boundary of Prince Edward County, Virginia.

SECTION V. DECOMMISSIONING

34. Decommissioning shall be conducted in accordance with the Decommissioning Plan approved by Prince Edward County.
35. The Applicant or the Operator shall provide a Notice of Decommission to the County Administrator of Prince Edward County within thirty days (30) of a determination to cease Operation of the Solar Facility.
36. Prior to the commencement of construction, the Applicant shall submit to the County and receive County approval of a Decommissioning Plan. The Applicant shall comply with all terms and conditions of the Decommissioning Plan as approved by the County. The Decommissioning Plan at a minimum shall include provisions regarding the following:
- a. Specifications for the removal of all solar equipment, buildings, cabling, electrical components, pads or foundations, pilings, and fencing.
 - b. A requirement that all Site real property must be restored to the condition of the property as of the date Construction commences (reasonable wear and tear excepted).
 - c. A requirement that the property must be stabilized so as to adequately control, prevent, and minimize any and all erosion or sediment runoff, consistent with the approved Erosion and Sediment Control Plan.
37. Decommissioning shall begin immediately after the Facility has, for a period of six (6) consecutive months, ceased operating as a solar energy facility distributing energy to the electrical grid and shall be diligently pursued, as determined by the County in its sole discretion, and completed within eighteen (18) months from the Decommissioning Commencement Date. Prior to its expiration, the County may extend this Decommissioning period by six (6) months if the County finds that the Operator commenced Decommissioning the Solar Facility diligently and continuously worked to Decommission the Facility throughout the Decommissioning period, and is reasonably expected to complete the Decommissioning within the additional six-month period.
38. Periods during which the Facility is not operational for maintenance, repair, repowering, or due to a catastrophic event beyond the control of Tobacco Trail Solar, LLC during which time Tobacco Trail Solar, LLC works diligently to return the Facility to full Commercial Operation, shall not constitute the cessation of operations requiring the initiation of Decommissioning requirements herein. Tobacco Trail Solar, LLC

must provide written notice and evidence of the Solar Facility status and repair efforts to the County Administrator during the period in which the Solar Facility is not fully operational. Such notice shall identify the last day on which the Facility was fully operational. Regardless of the efforts of Tobacco Trail Solar, LLC to return the Solar Facility to full Commercial Operation, if the Solar Facility does not operate as a solar energy facility distributing energy to the electrical grid after the catastrophic event for a period of eighteen (18) months, the Project shall be deemed Abandoned and Tobacco Trail Solar LLC shall commence Decommissioning no later than the 548th day after the catastrophic event unless the County Administrator finds that Tobacco Trail Solar, LLC is diligently proceeding with repairs to return the facility to operation.

39. Any change of party responsible for Decommissioning of the facility, or change in any part of the contact information, shall be reported to the County Administrator within sixty (60) days of the change(s).
40. If Decommissioning Activities are not completed within the allotted time, or if the Project is Abandoned, the County may complete or have completed at its expense the Decommissioning Activities required under the terms of the Decommissioning Plan and may recover all costs of completing those Decommissioning Activities from the surety provided as set forth herein.
41. To secure the costs of Decommissioning, Tobacco Trail Solar, LLC, or its successor shall at all times, beginning at commencement of construction and until the termination of Decommissioning, provide financial surety in a form and in an amount approved by the County.
42. The amount of the surety required shall be 100% of the estimated Decommissioning costs estimated at each Surety Review Date. The estimated costs and surety to meet the above requirements shall be reviewed by the County Administrator on each Surety Review Date, at which time the County Administrator shall determine if the estimates adequately reflect the Decommissioning costs and any scrap or repurposing value and that the surety will guarantee performance. Should the County Administrator determine that estimated costs and surety are insufficient, the County Administrator and Tobacco Trail Solar, LLC shall mutually agree to determine the correct surety amount; and Tobacco Trail Solar, LLC shall then provide the agreed, adequate surety within one hundred eighty (180) days following the Surety Review Date or, if later, within thirty (30) days after the County Administrator and Tobacco Trail Solar, LLC agree on the adequate surety amount.
43. Surety must be provided in the form of a cash bond deposited with the County; by an irrevocable letter of credit provided for the County's benefit; or by a surety bond listing the County as the obligee, a hypothecated account, an escrow account, or a guaranty issued by a credit-worthy entity, or as otherwise provided in Section 15.2- 2241.2 of the Code of Virginia.
 - a. A cash bond shall be in the form of a cashier's check or certified check deposited with the County which has cleared all issuing institutions. Any interest accruing on such funds shall be added to the total amount and retained by the County for Decommissioning. The deposit shall be accompanied by a letter agreement, acceptable to, and issued by, the County Administrator, confirming that the cash deposit is to be held by the County to guarantee the performance of the Decommissioning work required herein, and should the Solar Facility be Abandoned or should the Decommissioning work not be diligently undertaken or performed according to the requirements herein, or should the Special Use Permit be revoked, lapse, expire, or be voided due to violation thereof, the County may expend the deposited funds to undertake the Decommissioning work required herein, without more, after providing written notice to the person identified as owner of the property in the land records of Prince Edward County as of the date of the notice. Within six (6) months of the completion of the Decommissioning work required herein by a person or entity other than the County or a contractor engaged by the County, as confirmed by the County Administrator, the cash bond and accrued interest, less any amounts expended by the County as allowed herein, shall be released and paid to Tobacco Trail Solar, LLC or, if the Project has been Abandoned, to the person identified as owner of the property in land records of Prince Edward County as of the date of the completed Decommissioning or as otherwise directed by that owner of the property.

- b. An irrevocable letter of credit shall mean an instrument provided by a lending institution guaranteeing payment to the County within seventy-two (72) hours of the County's written notice to the institution that the Solar Facility has been Abandoned or the Decommissioning Activities have not been diligently undertaken or performed according to the requirements herein and demand to the institution for the funds, without more. The letter of credit shall have no expiration date or required renewal and shall remain in effect for the benefit of the County and shall under no circumstances be withdrawn before the Decommissioning Activities required herein are completed or the amount guaranteed has been fully drawn by the County. The letter of credit shall require that the County be notified thirty (30) days prior to any cancellation or alteration of the letter of credit. Should the County receive notice that the letter of credit will be cancelled or otherwise become unavailable or decrease, or should this Special Use Permit be revoked, lapse, expire or be voided due to violation thereof by Tobacco Trail Solar, LLC, the County may, immediately draw down the entirety of the letter of credit and convert the surety to a cash bond to be deposited with the County and subject to the terms herein; this shall be specifically reflected in the language of the irrevocable letter of credit. The County may expend the guaranteed funds, without more, to undertake the Decommissioning Activities required herein and required pursuant to the terms of the Decommissioning Plan after providing written notice to Tobacco Trail Solar, LLC or, if the Project is Abandoned, to the person identified as the owner of the Property in the land records of Prince Edward County as of the date of the notice. Within six (6) months following the completion of the Decommissioning Activities required herein and required pursuant to the terms of the Decommissioning Plan by a person or entity other than the County or a contractor engaged by the County, as confirmed by the County Administrator, the letter of credit shall be released by the County and any amounts drawn on the letter of credit, less any amounts expended by the County as allowed herein, shall be released and paid to Tobacco Trail Solar, LLC or, if the Project has been Abandoned, to the person identified as owner of the property in land records of Prince Edward County as of the date of the completed Decommissioning or as otherwise directed by that owner of the property.
- c. A surety bond shall mean a bond issued by a company with an AM Best rating of A++, that is treasury listed, and that is licensed to do business in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The surety bond shall list the County as an obligee and shall remain in effect for the benefit of the County and shall under no circumstances be withdrawn or cancelled before the Decommissioning Activities required herein and required by the terms of the Decommissioning Plan are completed or the amount guaranteed has been fully paid to the County. The surety bond shall require that the County be notified thirty (30) days prior to any cancellation or alteration of the bond. Should the County receive notice that the surety bond will be cancelled or otherwise become unavailable or decrease below the limits required herein, or should the Special Use Permit be revoked, lapse, expire or be voided due to violation thereof by Tobacco Trail Solar, LLC, the County may, immediately file a claim, for the entirety of the amount of the bond, the guarantor shall pay the amounts guaranteed and the County shall convert the surety to a cash bond to be deposited with the County and subject to the terms herein; this shall be specifically reflected in the language of the surety bond. The County may expend the guaranteed funds, without more, to undertake the Decommissioning Activities required herein and required pursuant to the terms of the Decommissioning Plan, after providing written notice to Tobacco Trail Solar, LLC, or, if the Project is Abandoned, to the person identified as the owner of the Property in the land records of Prince Edward County as of the date of the notice. Within six (6) months following the completion of the Decommissioning Activities required herein by a person or entity other than the County or a contractor engaged by the County, as confirmed by the County Administrator, the surety bond shall be released by the County, and the bond funds paid to the County less any amounts expended by the County as allowed herein, shall be released and paid to Tobacco Trail Solar, LLC or, if the Project has been Abandoned, to the person identified as owner of the property in land records of Prince Edward County as of the date of the completed Decommissioning or as otherwise directed by that owner of the property.
44. Should this Special Use Permit be revoked, lapse, expire, or be voided due to violation thereof, the County may immediately draw down all of the surety funds and convert them into a cash bond for purposes of Decommissioning as set forth hereunder and as set forth in the Decommissioning Plan. In such case, no contractual agreement shall be required for the cash bond. This shall be reflected in

the surety provided.

45. Should the funds guaranteed for the Decommissioning Activities for any reason not be sufficient for the County to complete the Decommissioning Activities as allowed for herein and as set forth in the Decommissioning Plan, Tobacco Trail Solar, LLC or its successor, shall be and shall remain liable to the County for the difference between the guaranteed funds and the amounts required to Decommission the Solar Facility and shall pay the difference to the County upon demand. The County shall not be liable to any party in any way for the funds drawn pursuant to the conditions set out herein and expended in relation to Decommissioning.

46. Should the Facility be Abandoned, or should the Special Use Permit be revoked, lapse, expire, or be voided due to violation thereof, or should the Decommissioning Activities not be diligently undertaken or performed, and should the County draw down the funds for the purpose of performing the Decommissioning Activities and mobilize its contractors to perform the Decommissioning Activities or otherwise incur liability to its contractors for the performance of the Decommissioning Activities, Tobacco Trail Solar, LLC, its successor or agent, shall have no right to perform the Decommissioning Activities unless specifically authorized by the County in writing that confirms that the County has incurred no liability to any contractors to perform the Activities or that any such liability is transferrable as deemed acceptable to the County. The Applicant or the Operator shall immediately, upon written demand by the County or any person or entity authorized to act on behalf of the County, without more, grant or release to the County, or any person or entity authorized to act on behalf of the County, under terms deemed acceptable by the County, all necessary real property rights, personal property rights, either or both, as determined solely by the County, other than fee simple ownership or a leasehold interest of the real property, so that the County or any person or entity authorized to act on behalf of the County may undertake any required Decommissioning Activities that have not otherwise been performed as required. This shall include, but may not be limited to, releasing any interest in the personal property, facilities, fixtures, and structures which are to be removed and recycled, disposed of, or otherwise demolished.

In Re: Public Hearing – Tobacco Trail Solar, LLC – Siting Agreement

It was announced that this was the date and time scheduled for a public hearing to receive citizen input prior to considering, pursuant to §15.2-2316.8(B) of the Code of Virginia, consideration of a siting agreement by Tobacco Trail Solar, LLC, related to a 150MWac solar energy facility on land totaling 2,324 +/- acres denoted as Tax Map Parcels 111-A-28, 111-A-3, 112-A-19A, 112-A-40, 120-A-2, 120-A-3, 120-A-4, 120-A-7, 120-A-8, 120-A-15, 120-A-20, 120-A-21, 120-A-29, 121-A-9, 120-A-1, 120-A-46, 120-A-5, 120-A-6, 120-A-42, 120-A-43, and 120-A-10 located north of Patrick Henry Highway (State Route 360), east of Farmville Road (State Route 15), and just west of New Bethel Road (State Route 634), which is zoned Agricultural Conservation (A1) District. Notice of this hearing was advertised according to law in the Wednesday, December 31, 2025 and Wednesday, January 7, 2026 editions of THE FARMVILLE HERALD, a newspaper published in the County of Prince Edward.

The County has been in negotiations with Tobacco Trail Solar, LLC for a siting agreement related to construction and operation of a 150MWac solar energy facility on land totaling 2,324 +/- acres denoted as Tax Map Parcels 111-A-28, 111-A-3, 112-A-19A, 112-A-40, 120-A-2, 120-A-3, 120-A-4, 120-A-7, 120-A-8, 120-A-15, 120-

A-20, 120-A-21, 120-A-29, 121-A-9, 120-A-1, 120-A-46, 120-A-5, 120-A-6, 120-A-42, 120-A-43, and 120-A-10 located north of Patrick Henry Highway (State Route 360), east of Farmville Road (State Route 15), and just west of New Bethel Road (State Route 634), which is zoned Agricultural Conservation (A 1) District.

Pursuant to §15.2-2316.S(B) of the Code of Virginia, the host locality shall schedule a public hearing, pursuant to subsection A of § 15.2-2204, for the purpose of consideration of such siting agreement. If a majority of a quorum of the members of the governing body present at such public hearing approve of such siting agreement, the siting agreement shall be executed by the signatures of (i) the chief executive officer of the host locality and (ii) the applicant or the applicant's authorized agent. The siting agreement shall continue in effect until it is amended, revoked, or suspended.

The list of adjoining property owners and the sample letter sent to each was provided to each Board of Supervisors member.

The agreement for the 150MWac solar site includes upfront voluntary payments of \$3,750,000 (\$25,000 per MWac) plus an annual payment of \$1,540 per MWac. In addition, once the project is operational, the applicant has proffered a payment of up to \$100,000 to benefit the Meherrin Volunteer Fire and Rescue for reimbursement of capital purchases necessary for fire equipment related to mitigating fire risks of the project. Additionally, there are proffered Community Payments that total \$472,000 to be contributed to organizations that support parks and recreation opportunities in the area of the project. The total of all of these revenue payments and the proffered payments over the life of the project equal \$15,937,143.00. Note that this excludes the value of the real estate in the panel array area which is approximately 610 acres which will be taxed at commercial/industrial land use rate instead of the current agricultural rate.

Chairman Jones opened the public hearing.

There being no one wishing to speak, Chairman Jones closed the public hearing.

Supervisor Emert questioned why only 600 acres being taxed at the commercial instead of the 2,100 acres. Mr. Love stated, pursuant to the State Code, only the paneled land; he said the open acreage cannot be assessed because Prince Edward County has land-use taxation, and forest land and open space cannot be assessed at a commercial rate. Discussion followed.

Supervisor Townsend made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cooper-Jones, to approve the Siting Agreement with Tobacco Trail Solar, LLC for the proposed 150MWac solar energy facility; the motion carried:

Aye: Pattie Cooper-Jones
Victor “Bill” Jenkins
E. Harrison Jones
Odessa H. Pride
Jerry R. Townsend
Cannon Watson

Nay: Llew W. Gilliam, Jr.
J. David Emert

In Re: Public Hearing – Elementary School Construction Financing

It was announced that this was the date and time scheduled for a public hearing to receive citizen input prior to considering a resolution authorizing the issuance of up to \$25,000,000 principal amount of general obligation school bonds of the County for the purpose of financing the design, acquisition, construction, and equipping of public school facilities. Notice of this hearing was advertised according to law in the Friday, December 26, 2025 and Friday, January 2, 2026 editions of THE FARMVILLE HERALD, a newspaper published in the County of Prince Edward.

As the Board is aware, the Elementary School renovation/construction is being funded through three different sources, including a State Construction Grant of \$8.655 million, Virginia Literary Loan bond funding of \$25 million and Virginia Public School Authority General Obligation Bond.

The Board was asked to consider the draft ratifying resolution and specimen bond.

Chairman Jones opened the public hearing.

Superintendent Donald “Chip” Jones II, Prince Edward County Public Schools, requested support of this resolution, stating this is a powerful project. He thanked the Board for its support.

There being no one further wishing to speak, Chairman Jones closed the public hearing.

Supervisor Cooper-Jones made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Townsend, to approve the Ratifying Resolution Application for a Loan from the Literary Fund of Virginia for Renovation of Prince Edward County Elementary School; the motion carried:

Aye: Pattie Cooper-Jones
J. David Emert
Llew W. Gilliam, Jr.
Victor “Bill” Jenkins
E. Harrison Jones
Odessa H. Pride
Jerry R. Townsend
Cannon Watson

Nay: None

**RESOLUTION OF PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RATIFYING
RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR LOAN FROM THE LITERARY FUND OF VIRGINIA
FOR RENOVATION OF PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOLLOWING A
PUBLIC HEARING**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the “**Board of Supervisors**”) of the County of Prince Edward, Virginia (the “**County**”) determined that there is an urgent need to make capital improvements to the County’s school facilities, specifically the design, acquisition, construction and equipping of Prince Edward County Elementary School and related capital improvements to school facilities (the “**Project**”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors at its regular public meeting on May 14, 2024 adopted a resolution (the “**Original Resolution**”) approving an application (the “**Application**”) addressed to the Virginia Board of Education through its Department of Education (“**VDOE**”) for the purpose of borrowing in a loan from the Virginia Literary Fund through the Virginia Literary Loan Program (the “**Literary Loan**”) of \$25,000,000 to be paid over approximately 30 years, and the interest thereon at not more than 3 percent paid annually and be treated as general obligation bonds of the County for the purpose of financing the Project for school purposes;

WHEREAS, the County held a public hearing, duly noticed, on January 13, 2026, on the issuance of the Bond (as defined below) reflecting the Literary Loan and ratifying the Original Resolution, in accordance with the requirements of Section 15.2-2606, Code of Virginia 1950, as amended (the “**Virginia Code**”);

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF PRINCE EDWARD, VIRGINIA:**

1. **Application for Literary Loan.** The Application of the School Board for a Literary Loan for the Project in the amount of \$25,000,000 is hereby ratified and approved.

2. **Authorization of the Bond and Documents.** The Board of Supervisors hereby affirms the findings set forth in the Original Resolution and determines that it is advisable and in the best interests of the County to enter into a Literary Loan by contracting a debt and issue and sell its general obligation bond in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, or such other form required by VDOE (the “**Bond**”) for the purpose of financing the Project and costs of issuing the Bond. The Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Literary Loan and in connection therewith, the issuance and sale of the Bond in accordance with the terms established pursuant to this Resolution.

3. **Details of the Bond.** The Board of Supervisors hereby approves (a) the maximum aggregate principal amount of the Bond of \$25,000,000 with a fixed interest rate not to exceed 3.00% and for an amortization of approximately 30 years from its date of issuance, subject to other terms as set forth therein with such changes, including but not limited to changes in the amounts, dates, amortization, payment dates and redemption premiums or prepayment penalties and rates as may be approved by the officer executing it whose signature shall be conclusive evidence of his approval of the same.

4. **Pledge of Full Faith and Credit.** The Bond shall be issued under the provisions of Article VII, Section 10(a) of the Constitution of Virginia. The Bond will be secured by the full faith and credit of the County. For the prompt payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bond as the same shall become due, the full faith and credit of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged. Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-2624 and as provided hereafter, there shall be levied and collected an annual tax upon all taxable property in the County subject to local taxation sufficient to provide for the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bond as the same shall become due, which tax shall be without limitation as to rate or amount and shall be in addition to all other taxes authorized to be levied in the County to the extent other funds of the County are not lawfully available and appropriated for such purpose.

5. **Ratification of Original Resolution and Other Actions.** All other actions of officers of the County taken heretofore or hereafter conforming with the purposes and intent of the Original Resolution or this Resolution and in furtherance of entering into the Literary Loan, the issuance and sale of the Bond and the financing of the Project are approved, ratified and confirmed. The officers and representatives of the County are authorized and directed to execute and deliver all documents, agreements, undertakings, certificates and other instruments and to take all such further action as may be considered necessary or desirable in connection with the issuance, sale and delivery of the

Bond and the financing of the Project, including without limitation entering into a loan or financing agreement, if necessary, execution of any appropriate documents confirming the County's acceptance of the proposal from VDOE, execution and delivery of IRS Form 8038-G as determined necessary by bond counsel and execution and delivery of any requisitions or other documentation of costs related to the Project and conversion of the Literary Loan from a temporary note to a permanent loan.

6. **Bond Counsel and Financial Advisor.** The Board of Supervisors hereby confirms the appointment of Sands Anderson PC to serve as Bond Counsel to the County and Davenport & Company, LLC as Financial Advisor to the County in connection with the issuance of the Bond.

7. **Limitation of Liability of Officials of the County.** No covenant, condition, agreement or obligation contained herein shall be deemed to be a covenant, condition, agreement or obligation of any officer, employee or agent of the County in his or her individual capacity, and no officer of the County executing the Bond shall be liable personally on the Bond or be subject to any personal liability or accountability by reason of the issuance thereof.

8. **Filing of Resolution.** The Clerk or any Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or other agent or employee of the County, is hereby authorized and directed to cause a certified copy of this Resolution to be filed with the Circuit Court of Prince Edward County, Virginia.

9. **Effective Date.** This Resolution and the provisions contained herein shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION

The undersigned Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Prince Edward, Virginia hereby certifies that the Resolution set forth above was adopted during an open meeting on January 13, 2026, by the Board of Supervisors with the following votes:

Aye: Pattie Cooper-Jones
J. David Emert
Llew W. Gilliam, Jr.
Victor "Bill" Jenkins
E. Harrison Jones
Odessa H. Pride
Jerry R. Townsend
Cannon Watson

Absent:

Nay:

Signed this 13th day of January,
2026.

Abstentions:

By: _____
Clerk, Board of Supervisors

No. R-1

\$ _____

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF PRINCE EDWARD, VIRGINIA

GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BOND, SERIES 2026

<u>INTEREST RATE</u> 3.00%	<u>MATURITY DATE</u> _____, 1, 20__	<u>DATED DATE</u> _____, 2026	<u>ISSUE DATE</u> _____, 2026
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REGISTERED HOLDER: VIRGINIA LITERARY LOAN FUND (the “Lender”)

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: [TWENTY-FIVE MILLION AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$25,000,000.00)]

THE COUNTY OF PRINCE EDWARD, VIRGINIA, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia (the “County”), for value received hereby promises to pay to the registered holder (named above), or assigns, on the Maturity Date (specified above), subject to prepayment or prior redemption as hereinafter provided, the Principal Sum (specified above) by wire transfer to the registered holder on the payment dates set forth below by the Prince Edward County Treasurer, Prince Edward, Virginia, (the “Paying Agent”), and to pay interest on said Principal Sum, from the date of authentication hereof until the payment of said Principal Sum by wire transfer to the registered holder on the payment dates set forth below, at the rate per annum (specified above) payable as follows:

Commencing on _____ 1, 20__ and on each _____ 1 [and _____ 1] thereafter to and including the Maturity Date (each an “Interest Payment Date”), interest shall be payable at the rate set forth above. Principal of this Bond shall be payable in annual installments in the amounts and on the dates set forth in Schedule A-1 attached hereto beginning _____ 1, 20__.

Principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, this Bond are payable in any coin or currency of the United States of America which at the time of payment is legal tender for public and private debts.

This Bond is issued under and pursuant to and in compliance with the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, including Chapter 26, Title 15.2 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended (the “Code”), the same being the Public Finance Act, and Chapter 10, Title 22.1 of the Code, the same being the Literary Fund Act, the provisions of Article VII, Section 10(a) of the Constitution of Virginia and resolutions duly adopted under the Public Finance Act and the Literary Fund Act, by the Board of Supervisors of the County on May 14, 2024 and January 13, 2026 (the “County Resolution”) and the Prince Edward County School Board on May 8, 2024 (the “School Board Resolution”).

This Bond shall bear interest from the date on which the Bond is authenticated. Interest on this Bond shall be computed on the basis of 30-day months and 360-day year.

This Bond is transferable only upon the registration books kept at the office of the Registrar by the registered holder hereof, or by his duly authorized attorney, upon surrender of this Bond (together with a written instrument of transfer, satisfactory in form to the Registrar, duly executed by the registered holder or its duly authorized attorney, which may be the form endorsed hereon) and subject to the limitations and upon payment of the charges, if any, as provided in the County Resolution, and thereupon as provided in the County Resolution a new Bond or Bonds, in the aggregate principal amount and in the authorized denominations and of the same series, interest rate and maturity as the Bond surrendered, shall be issued in exchange therefor. The County and the Registrar shall deem and treat the person in whose name this Bond is registered as the absolute owner hereof for the purpose of receiving payment of, or on account of, the principal hereof and interest due hereon and for all other purposes whatsoever.

This Bond is subject to optional redemption on any date, in whole or in part upon payment of a prepayment price equal to 100% of the outstanding principal amount of the Bond so prepaid or redeemed, plus interest accrued to the redemption date upon written notice to the holder of this Bond prior to the date fixed for redemption.

Literary Fund loans are general obligation debt of the issuer and thereby subject to the provision of state aid intercept under Section 15.2-2659 of the Code. All acts, conditions and things required or contemplated by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, including, but not limited to Sections 22.1-141 through 22.1-161 of the Code, to happen, exist or be performed precedent to and in the issuance of this Bond have happened, exist and have been performed in due time, form and manner as so required.

THIS BOND IS A GENERAL OBLIGATION OF THE COUNTY FOR THE PAYMENT OF WHICH THE COUNTY'S FULL FAITH AND CREDIT ARE IRREVOCABLY PLEDGED. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS AUTHORIZED AND REQUIRED TO LEVY AND COLLECT ANNUALLY AT THE SAME TIME AND IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER TAXES OF THE COUNTY ARE ASSESSED, LEVIED AND COLLECTED, A TAX UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE COUNTY, OVER AND ABOVE ALL OTHER TAXES AUTHORIZED OR LIMITED BY LAW AND WITHOUT LIMITATION AS TO RATE OR AMOUNT, SUFFICIENT TO PAY WHEN DUE THE PRINCIPAL OF AND PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON THE BOND, TO THE EXTENT OTHER FUNDS OF THE COUNTY ARE NOT LAWFULLY AVAILABLE AND APPROPRIATED FOR SUCH PURPOSE.

This Bond shall not be valid or obligatory for any purpose unless the certificate of authentication hereon has been duly executed by the Registrar and the date of authentication inserted hereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County of Prince Edward, Virginia, by its Board of Supervisors has caused this Bond to be signed by the Chairman and attested by the Clerk of said Board and the Prince Edward County School Board has caused this Bond to be signed by its Chairman and attested by the Clerk of the School Board, each by their manual or facsimile signatures, and their seals to be impressed or imprinted hereon, and this Bond to be dated as set forth above.

(COUNTY SEAL)

Clerk, Board of Supervisors

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

(SCHOOL BOARD SEAL)

Clerk, School Board

Chairman, School Board

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This Bond is the Bond described in the within-mentioned Resolution.

REGISTRAR – PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY TREASURER

By: _____
County Treasurer

DATE OF AUTHENTICATION:

_____, 2026

[FORM OF ASSIGNMENT]

For value received, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns, and transfers unto

Please insert social security number or other tax identification number of assignee:

[_____]

Name and address of assignee, including zip code: _____

_____ the within -mentioned Bond and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints _____ attorney -in-fact, to transfer the same on the registration books thereof maintained in the office of the within-mentioned Registrar with the full power of substitution in the premises.

DATED: _____

NOTE: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name of the registered holder that is written on the face of the within Bond in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatsoever.

Signature Guaranteed

NOTICE: Signature(s) must be guaranteed by a member firm of the New York Stock Exchange or a commercial bank or trust company.

Schedule A-1

In Re: Highway Matters

Brian Lokker, VDOT Assistant Resident Engineer, presented a report on general maintenance activities done throughout the County. He said ditching, drain work and patching was done; flashing beacons are being installed on Route 460 heading westbound at its intersection with Route 307 and should be complete by the end of January. Signs will also be posted heading eastbound prior to the intersection of Routes 460 and 307. Paving and surface treating will be done in the spring; Five Forks Road is being evaluated for updates in the GPS and signage. He said Trashmore Road (Route 773) and the abandonment is upcoming; he said Convenience Center signs are being placed. He said citizens may call or report concerns on the VDOT website or call.

Supervisor Pride reported potholes on Poorhouse Road and the road is in need of work.

Supervisor Jenkins reported Pisgah Church Road and Rice Depot Road near Tharpe Trucking in Rice are very rough roads, and the shoulders on Gully Tavern Road need work.

Supervisor Gilliam reported that in Charlotte Court House at the traffic circle, the GPS sends people across the bridge and wants people to take the second exit and not the third.

Supervisor Emert asked when crews will be finished with mowing. Mr. Lokker stated they are wrapping up and will start again in the spring; he added that if there are areas that need attention, to please call.

In Re: Proposed Abandonment of State Route 773 (Trashmore Road)

As the Board is aware, the replacement of the Prince Edward County Landfill Scale House is Priority #4 on the County's FY 25-27 Capital Improvements Plan. The current scale house was installed + 10 years ago and was a "used construction trailer" when purchased. It is very old and in very poor shape and has many leaks and holes that staff are continually fixing. Dust is a very big issue, especially now with the new financial software and hardware. The doors do not close properly, which is a security/ safety issue. The restroom is not up to code. There is no central heat and air in the building and there are no floors, only plywood. The building also has problems with bugs and rodents entering.

One issue the County will have to address before replacing the scale house is the possibility that the VDOT right-of-way for State Route 773 (Trashmore Road) extends 0.23 miles into the landfill (see attached aerial map of landfill). Interestingly, at this time, neither VDOT nor that County can find where the "road right-of-way" from its intersection with State Route 648 (Hardtimes Road) to the End of State Maintenance (0.23 miles) was ever surveyed and recorded. There are Board minutes and there are also deed and plat references to RT 773.

As RT 773 solely serves as the entrance to the Prince Edward County Landfill/Tuggle Convenience Site and the County is the sole adjoining property owner, the Board may consider directing staff to coordinate with VDOT and have the County follow the abandonment process outlined in Section 33.2-909 of the Code of Virginia (copy attached). Abandonment means that the public's right to use the public right-of-way has been extinguished, and the County would resume the sole control and ownership of the land.

The process the County would follow and a proposed timeline is outlined below:

1. Board approves the attached "Resolution -Intent to Abandon" at its January meeting.
2. Board authorizes the posting and publishing of the Public Notice/Public Hearing Notice on RT 773 (per Code 33.2-909). (see attached draft public notice.)
3. At the March meeting, the Board hold a public hearing on its intent to abandon.

4. Following the PH, the Board will adopt the "Resolution -Abandonment of RT 773" (attached).
5. A copy of all documents and Board action are shared with VDOT.

Supervisor Cooper-Jones made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Emert, to approve the draft Resolution for Notice of Intent to Abandon Route 773 (Trashmore Road) and authorize the County Administrator to coordinate with VDOT and follow the abandonment process as outlined above and in accordance with Section 33.2-909 of the *Code of Virginia*; the motion carried:

Aye:	Pattie Cooper-Jones J. David Emert Llew W. Gilliam, Jr. Victor "Bill" Jenkins E. Harrison Jones Odessa H. Pride Jerry R. Townsend Cannon Watson	Nay: None
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**RESOLUTION
Notice of Intent to Abandon**

WHEREAS, it appears to the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors that State Secondary Route 773 (Trashmore Road) from its intersection with Route 648 (Hardtimes Road) to the end of state maintenance, a distance of approximately 0.23 miles, serves no public necessity as a public roadway and is no longer necessary as part of the Secondary System of State Highways; and

WHEREAS, the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors, as the sole landowner whose property abuts Route 773 (Trashmore Road), intends to request of VDOT the conveyance of said section of abandoned highway to the County of Prince Edward for a public use;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Clerk of the Board is directed to coordinate with VDOT and to post and publish notice of the Board's intent to abandon Route 773 (Trashmore Road), pursuant to §33.2-909 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Transportation.

**§33.2-909 – Notice of Intent to Abandon
And Public Hearing Notice**

Pursuant to §33.2-909 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, 111 N. South Street, 3rd Floor, Farmville, VA 23901, to receive public input prior to considering the County's intent to abandon State Route 773 (Trashmore Road) as further explained below, to enable the County to make improvements to the entrance and scale house operations of the Prince Edward County Landfill.

At its regular meeting on January 13, 2026, the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors adopted the following resolution:

Notice of Intent to Abandon

WHEREAS, it appears to the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors that State Secondary Route 773 (Trashmore Road) from its intersection with Route 648 (Hardtimes Road) to the end of state maintenance, a distance of approximately 0.23 miles, serves no public necessity as a public roadway and is no longer necessary as part of the Secondary System of State Highways; and

WHEREAS, the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors, as the sole landowner whose property abuts Route 773 (Trashmore Road), intends to request of VDOT the conveyance of said section of abandoned highway to the County of Prince Edward for a public use;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Clerk of the Board is directed to coordinate with VDOT and to post and publish notice of the Board's intent to abandon Route 773 (Trashmore Road), pursuant to §33.2-909 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Citizen input for Public Hearings will be received through: (1) in-person participation; (2) remote participation by calling 1-844-890-7777, Access Code# 390313; or (3) by written comments mailed to: Board of Supervisors, P.O. Box 382, Farmville, VA 23901; or emailed to: board@co.prince-edward.va.us; or faxed to: 434-392-6683. Written comments must be received by 2:00 p.m. the day of the public hearing. Based on the number of speakers, the Chair will determine the time allotted to each speaker. Citizens may view the monthly Board of Supervisors meetings live (no public input) at the County's YouTube channel by using the [link](#) on the County website under Meetings & Public Notices.

Additional information regarding the proposed abandonment of Route 773 is available for public review on the County's website at www.co.prince-edward.va.us or in the Prince Edward County Administrator's Office, 111 N. South Street, 3rd Floor, Farmville, VA. It is the County's intent to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Should you have questions or require special accommodations, please contact the County Administrator's Office at 434-392-8837.

**§33.2-909 – Secondary Route Abandonment
With No Replacement Road Final Resolution**

**Resolution #2
(March 2026 Board of Supervisors Meeting)**

WHEREAS, as prescribed under §33.2-909 of the *Code of Virginia*, the County of Prince Edward posted and published a public notice announcing this Board's intention to abandon from the Secondary System of State Highways, the segment of Route 773 (Trashmore Road) described below; and

WHEREAS, the County of Prince Edward published a notice and conducted a Public Hearing on March 10, 2026 to receive citizen input regarding this Board's intention to abandon from the Secondary System of State Highways, the segment of Route 773 (Trashmore Road) described below; and

WHEREAS, after considering all evidence available, to include that the County of Prince Edward is the sole landowners whose property abuts said highway, the Board is satisfied that no public necessity exists for the continuance of the segment of Secondary Route 773 from its intersection with Route 648 (Hardtimes Road) to the end of state maintenance, a distance of 0.23 miles; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Transportation was provided the prescribed notice of this Board's in tent to abandon the subject segment of road; and

WHEREAS, the segment of Route 773 identified on the attached Form AM 4.3, is no longer needed as part of the Secondary System of State Highways;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this Board abandons the above described segment of road and removes it from the Secondary System of State Highways, pursuant to §33.2-909, *Code of Virginia*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said section of abandoned highway shall be conveyed to the County of Prince Edward for a public use; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Resident Engineer of the Virginia Department of Transportation.

In Re: Department Year-End Updates

Solid Waste

Jeff Jones, Solid Waste General Manager, reported that the new computer system at the landfill makes figuring everything much easier. He said that during the second quarter of 2025, the County collected 864.57 tons of trash; in the third quarter, there were 10,296.40 tons of trash; and in the fourth quarter, there were 9,004.469 tons of trash. He said that over 700 tons accumulated just over the Christmas holiday of just in-county trash. Mr. Jones said Virso [Convenience Center] has been regraded and lights have been installed. He reported they recently graded the Prospect site and they will continuously keep grading and pressure washing as the weather will allow. He said the new computer system is making things easier on them and on Mrs. Stimpson in getting the bills out. He thanked the Board for their support.

Planning & Community Development

Robert Love, Director of Planning and Community Development, reported there were 202 zoning permits in 2025, 45 homes were homes, and of those, 20 were site-built, 16 manufactured homes, and 9 modulars. He said there were more than 550 permits. He said there were six regular Planning Commission meetings; one was to amend an ordinance to allow commercial kennels in a residential area; there was a rezoning on the Ellington property to allow a mini-warehouse which is still going through permitting. He said there were 10 Special Use Permit applications. He stated there were more commercial permits this year. He closed by stating they are 98% ready to take online payments.

Animal Control

Adam Mumma, Chief Animal Control Officer, reported this has been the largest year, with an intake of 533 dogs and cats. He said there were 2,300 calls (voicemails) to the shelter. He said enforcement has been stepped up throughout the County, with over 179 citations were issued from January 2025 through November 2025. He stated the three officers drove approximately 40,000 miles. He then stated Ariel Witmer, Deputy Animal Control Officer, has been working with Prince Edward County high school students for a work-based learning program, teaching them animal husbandry; and Caitlyn Moore, Deputy Animal Control Officer, completed ACO School.

Chief ACO Mumma then stated all three officers have completed three separate firearms training courses. He thanked the Board for moving ahead with the plans for the new shelter.

Finance & Human Resources

Cheryl Stimpson, Director of Finance, reported the FY25-26 budget and the FY25 Audit are complete; she said 3,400 AP checks were sent out to vendors, totaling over \$83 million, with \$23 million for the School Construction Fund, \$1 million for the Worsham Convenience Site. She said that HR has hired 21 full-time staff, 20 part-time staff; she said there were 19 employees leave or retire. Mrs. Stimpson said that the landfill billing is working well and bills were sent out in one day; she thanked the Board for approving that software. She said 2026 is already busy, and the W2s will be distributed by the end of the month.

In Re: FY26 School Appropriation

The Board of Supervisors has received a request from the Prince Edward County School Board to appropriate state funds totaling \$67,158.58 in state and federal funds to the school operating budget. There is no local match required for this appropriation.

FY26 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Rev/Exp	Fund	Dept	Object	Description	Debit	Credit
3 (Rev)	250	024020	0099	Other State Funds		\$23,583.19
3 (Rev)	250	024020	0031	Career & Technical		\$2,209.08
3 (Rev)	250	024020	0013	Industry Certification		\$2,839.40
3 (Rev)	250	024020	0109	STEM Grant		\$1,533.41
3 (Rev)	250	024020	0054	CTE/STEM Grant		\$575.84
3 (Rev)	250	024020	0128	Workplace Readiness		\$355.47
3 (Rev)	250	033020	0003	Title II – Part A		\$36,062.19
4 (Exp)	250	061000	0001	Instruction	\$67,158.58	

Supervisor Emert made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Townsend, to approve and appropriate the FY26

Budget Amendment as outlined; the motion carried:

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

On December 2, 2025, Prince Edward County was awarded a Personal Protective Assistance Grant from the Virginia Department of Fire Programs in the amount of \$69,906. The grant funds will be provided on a reimbursement basis, and matching funds are not required. The Board is asked to appropriate as follows:

FY26 BUDGET SUPPLEMENT

Rev/Exp	Fund	Dept	Object	Description	Debit	Credit
3 (Rev)	100	24040	0008	Fire Services PPE Grant		\$69,906.00
4 (Exp)	100	32200	8206	Fire Services PPE Grant	\$69,906.00	

Supervisor Townsend made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Emert, to approve and appropriate the FY26

Budget Supplement as outlined; the motion carried:

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

The following positions require re-appointment:

<u>Granite Falls CDA</u>	Term Expires
Jerry R. Townsend	12/31/2029
Llew W. Gilliam, Jr.	12/31/2029
J. David Emert	12/31/2029
Cannon Watson	12/31/2029

Va's Heartland Water & Sewer Authority

Jerry R. Townsend	12/31/2029
Llew W. Gilliam, Jr.	12/31/2029
J. David Emert	12/31/2029
Cannon Watson	12/31/2029

Supervisor Cooper-Jones made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Pride, to approve the appointments as presented; the motion carried:

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

In Re: County Administrator's Report

Mr. Stanley presented his County Administrator's report:

- *Prospect/PEVRS 90-Day Trial* – The 90-day trial that the County requested for PEVRS to place their weekday/daytime 12-Hour ambulance at the Prospect Volunteer Fire has been completed. The Public Safety Committee received a report from County EM, Trey Pyle, at their meeting on December 17th. EMS call times were cut in half (8.9 minutes vs. 18 minutes) for calls handled out of the Prospect Station. The Prospect unit provided tighter response times, predictable EMS arrival and better reliability. Calls handled out of the PEVRS Station for that portion of the County experienced a wider variation in response times, response times frequently exceeding 20 minutes. The Public Safety Committee requested that PEVRS continue to operate the unit out of the Prospect Station. PEVRS leadership indicated that they would need to meet with their Board prior to making that commitment. Most of their concerns centered on burnout and overworking the 24-hour crew still stationed at PEVRS. It was the general consensus of the Public Safety Committee that the County needs to continue working on a permanent solution in the coming FY 27 Budget deliberations.
- *Rt. 307 Lighting Project* – VDOT is close to completing a project to provide lighting and advance warning flashing signs at the 307/460 intersection. The project includes the installation of ten 30' poles and LED fixtures. The project is part of a \$1.1 million project to install lights at two locations (other is on Route 29 in Amherst) and is being paid for with District Highway Safety Improvement funds. Project expected to be operational by the end of the month.
- *School Sales Tax Bill* – County Administrator has spoken with Delegate Wright and he has pre-filed the bill to add Prince Edward County to the list of localities authorized for the \$0.01 sales tax for school capital improvements. If there is a state-wide bill entered, he will withdraw the bill (it would get merged as it has in the past). He also supports the County's other legislative requests.
- *Bobcat Attack* – On Monday, December 29th, a resident of Monroe Church Road was bitten by a bobcat. The animal was shot and the head was sent to the Health Department for rabies testing, which was positive. County Animal Control and Solid Waste assisted the Health Department with the case.

- *Worsham Convenience Site* – The renovated Worsham Convenience site was opened to the public on January 8th. Project was completed on budget and on schedule.
- *Growth and Opportunity Grant* – The Governor announced an Industrial Skills Trades Regional expansion grant of \$1,346,786 that will support the Danville Community College and Southside Virginia Community College to deliver industry-aligned programs.
- *Upcoming BOS Engagement Opportunities* – Upcoming opportunities within the community for BOS engagement include:
 - o Meherrin Volunteer Fire & Rescue Annual Banquet – 1/17 @ 6:00 PM
 - o Prospect Volunteer Fire Annual Banquet – 2/1 @ 5:00 PM
 - o STEPS Housing Project community meetings – 2/16 and 3/23 @ 4:30-6:30 PM, Woodland Community Center.
- *Industrial Skills Trades Regional Expansion Grant* - Governor Youngkin announced last week that an Industrial Skills Trades Regional Expansion Grant, approximately \$1.3 million that would support Danville Community College and Southside Virginia Community College, to deliver industry-aligned programs such as welding, electrical, carpentry, HVAC, plumbing, and industrial maintenance.

In Re: Treasurer’s Report

Donna Nunnally, Treasurer, submitted a report for the month of November 2025, which was reviewed and ordered to be filed with the Board papers.

Prince Edward Treasurer's Report - November 2025

Name of Bank	Ref #	Int. Rate	Int. Paid	Bank Balance	Available Balance
Benchmark Pooled Fund Account	7654	2.25%	\$29,769.90	\$22,174,692.26	
Benchmark Social Services	9746			\$280,894.83	
Benchmark School Fund	3352			\$2,078,410.92	
Benchmark Food Service	3742			\$133,683.47	
TOTAL (Bank Balance)					\$26,667,681.48

*Note: School Fund and Cafeteria Fund balances shown above are estimated balances due to end of the fiscal year.

Certificates of Deposit

	Ref #	Int. Rate	Maturity	Bank Balance	Available Balance
Benchmark	0994	1%	1/15/2026	\$125,995.00	
	0995	1%	1/15/2026	\$125,995.00	
Recreation Fund	0998	3.55%	2/14/2027	\$18,724.19	
Benchmark 5 Yr CD-letter of credit	0632	1%	1/4/2026	\$681,565.66	\$952,279.85
Farmers Bank					
Underground Storage	2478	2.48%	10/27/2027	\$23,797.20	\$23,797.20
Virginia Investment Pool	184	4.28%		\$13,078,752.40	\$13,078,752.40
TOTAL					\$14,054,829.45
GRAND TOTAL					\$38,722,510.93

In Re: Review of Accounts & Claims, Board Mileage, County Attorney Invoices

Crystal Baker, Finance Manager, submitted a report for the month of December 2025, Mileage Reports and County Attorney Invoices, which were reviewed and ordered to be filed with the Board papers.

In Re: Salaries

The County Administrator reported that checks have been issued pursuant to the order of the Board of Supervisors as to salaries, etc., the amount of which salaries have been heretofore approved.

In Re: Animal Warden's Report

Mr. Adam Mumma, Chief Animal Control Officer, submitted reports for the months of November 2025 and December 2025, which were reviewed and ordered to be filed with the Board papers.

In Re: Building Official's Report

Mr. Phillip Moore, Building Inspector, submitted reports for the months of November 2025 and December 2025, which were reviewed and ordered to be filed with the Board papers.

In Re: Cannery - Home

Mr. Rodney Scott, Cannery Manager, submitted a report for the month of December 2025, which was reviewed and ordered to be filed with the Board papers.

In Re: Emergency Communications Center

Mr. Trey Pyle, Emergency Management Coordinator, submitted a report for the month of December 2025, which was reviewed and ordered to be filed with the Board papers.

In Re: Tourism and Visitor Center Report

Ms. Chelsey White, Director of Economic Development and Tourism, submitted reports for the months of November 2025 and December 2025, which were reviewed and ordered to be filed with the Board papers.

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

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

the meeting was adjourned at 10:42 p.m.