

March 10, 2026

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held at the Court House, thereof, on Tuesday, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 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: Sarah Elam Puckett, Assistant County Administrator; Cheryl Stimpson, Director of Finance; Crystal Baker, Finance Manager; Trey Pyle, Emergency Management Coordinator; Phillip Moore, Building Official; and Scott Frederick, PE, VDOT Resident Engineer.

Chairman Jones called the March meeting to order.

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

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.

Prince Edward County recognizes Mackenzie Tate, Senior Permit Technician, as the March Employee of the Month for her outstanding customer service and dedication to her work. Ms. Tate joined the Prince Edward County team in July 2024 and has quickly made a positive impact within the department.

The Community Development Department regularly receives compliments from customers regarding the professionalism, patience, and assistance Ms. Tate provides. She consistently exceeds expectations, demonstrates a strong work ethic, and takes the initiative to go the extra mile when assisting both customers and fellow employees.

We would like to thank Ms. Tate for the dedication, professionalism, and positive attitude she brings to her work each day. Her commitment to serving our residents and supporting her coworkers makes her a valued member of the Prince Edward County family.

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.*

(None)

In Re: Board of Supervisors Comments

The Board members thanked everyone in attendance for their participation and support.

Chairman Jones thanked Assistant County Administrator Sarah Puckett for filling in for Mr. Stanley, as he is under the weather; he thanked the staff assisting and helping other staff members. He said, "It takes a lot of hands to make this ship run and we are thankful for each one."

Supervisor Watson thanked and congratulated Chief Mason of the Prospect Fire Department, and thanked him for inviting the Board to their Annual Banquet and congratulated him for multiple awards received personally. He said one of their firemen answered 82% of their calls, and they had record volume of 280 calls. Supervisor Watson said their volunteerism across the county and what they do for the County cannot be replicated.

Chairman Jones stated that over the past weekend, the Board attended a retreat where they crafted a Vision Statement and a Mission Statement of where the Board believes Prince Edward County needs to be in the year 2040. He said they took a lot of time to hash out priorities, which went into drafting a new vision statement, and they will be able to share that next month. He said it was an excellent time of collaboration and for all Board members to come together; he said the Board members learned more about each other, and said his favorite quote was from Supervisor Jenkins, that his hobby in his free time is to pass out smiles.

In Re: Consent Agenda

On motion of Supervisor Emert, seconded by Supervisor Cooper-Jones, 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 Board accepted the minutes of the meetings held February 10, 2026 and February 17, 2026.

In Re: Community Partner Spotlight

C. Scott Davis, LP.D., ICMA-CM, Farmville Town Manager, presented an update of the Town's activities. He said the Town's Planning Commission is working on their five-year review of their Comprehensive Plan, adding the Town as a whole, as an Urban Development area. He said they will look at the changes to Zoning ordinance that was revamped and adopted in 2020, and will update as necessary because of changes that have occurred. He reported that projects include the fire station expansion and renovation, and working with Hurt & Proffitt on a study to add the existing sidewalks in GIS and making sure they meet current standards.

Dr. Davis then stated they are working with TRC to find infiltration issues at the High Street Pump Station and in looking at other needs in the facility, and will look at the storm tunnel and hole on Venable Street. He said they are updating the wastewater treatment plant; they will continue to work on the Emergency Communications Center, with the plan to relocate next to Emergency Operations.

Dr. Davis stated he will present the Town budget to the Town Council next month. He said bids are out now for a fixed base operator at the airport, street paving will be done this spring and summer, and the Smart Scale Project roundabout project at Oak, Griffin and High Streets will be advertised by VDOT in June and should begin in October of this year.

Supervisor Watson asked if there will be any traffic through there at all during that construction; Dr. Davis stated that for a period of time, there will be no vehicular traffic through that area.

Supervisor Gilliam suggested adding sidewalk near the water park as there is a lot of foot traffic.

Supervisor Townsend asked if there is a TJ Maxx coming to Farmville; Dr. Jones said there is not at this time.

Chairman Jones asked how the Town intends to address the aging water infrastructure. Dr. Davis said that improvements will be included in their Capital Improvements Program; he noted, [on High Street,]when there are temperature changes, lines sometimes break. He said many pipes are older and some of the oldest [pipes] will be replaced in the roundabout area when that work occurs. He said there are also stormwater issues being addressed as funding is available and where it falls in the CIP.

Jeffrey D. Crawford, CJM, Warden, Farmville Detention Center, reported on the operations at the Farmville Detention Center. He said staffing at the facility includes 270 jobs at the Center; 67 of these are held by Prince Edward County citizens, more than any other locality. He stated that two years ago, there was a vacancy rate of 51% [of employment]; currently it is only 13% and they expect to be fully staffed in few months. He said CoreCivic took over the operations last year, and from July through December 2025, the facility generated \$3.1 million in revenue, and returned \$2.86 million in spending back into the economy through payroll, benefits, taxes, utilities, repairs, food and vendor purchases. He added that includes just over \$2 million in wages and benefits paid to staff; \$40,000 in property taxes, and \$767,000 in vendor and operating purchases, including utilities, repairs to the institution, maintenance and food service and supplies.

Mr. Crawford stated that since July 1, [2025] approximately 3,900 detainees were admitted to the facility, and just over 3,900 detainees have been released. He said that over the last eight months, they have averaged approximately 16 admissions and releases daily. He said that of those being released, 55% are removed to another country; 24% are released into the custody of another federal or law enforcement agency; 15% are released on bond, and 6% people are transferred to another ICE location in the country. Mr. Crawford said the current population is approximately 600 detainees representing 47 different countries, staying on average 33 days.

Mr. Crawford then stated they are in the process of establishing a Community Relations Board through the facility; he said this Board will consist of local stakeholders who comprise the local business owners, civic and community leaders, and local government representatives who will meet with them quarterly to discuss any community concerns, share feedback, and stay informed about facility operations and outreach efforts. He said the goal is to strengthen communication and maintain an open, constructive relationship with the community. He stated that as the Board is assembled, they will continue to coordinate with county leadership to ensure the representatives on the board reflect the needs and interests of the community served; he said he hopes to have the first Community Relations Board meeting in two weeks.

Mr. Crawford reported the start of a “Reboot Recovery Program” which is a nationally recognized peer-led trauma healing curriculum designed for First Responders and military personnel, and individuals impacted by critical incident stress. He said “Reboot” has indicated significant improvements in participant well-being, including reductions in anxiety, depression and fatigue, along with increase in resilience, purpose and overall quality of life. He said it is a 12-week program, and they hope to implement a version of that for the detainees, but it is also highly applicable to the staff. He mentioned that there are staff members who are interested in becoming facilitators of the program, and this program would be good for their emotional and mental well-being, and help to continue to build a healthier and more supportive work environment. He stated they value the relationship with the County and take seriously their responsibility to operate safely and professionally, and in support of the broader community.

In Re: Highway Matters

VDOT Resident Engineer, Scott Frederick, PE, reviewed work being done by the crews; he said they are fixing potholes and will be working with a patching contractor on Route 15 on all four corners of the [Route 460] bridge. He said they will also work on the dip on Route 307, and will replace a section on Route 15 South near Route 790. He said work will be done on Route 460 near Route 751, work will be done in the right lane, heading east-bound.

Crews will then work on surface treating 40 miles of secondary roadways, in June and July; he said latex will be used in April and May on Route 360 near the Charlotte County/Prince Edward County line to Route 704, on the west-bound lane. He said plant mix will be put down on 26 miles of roadway, including Route 360 eastbound, from Route 704 to Route 630; Route 460 eastbound from Route 656 to Route 751; the west-bound lane of Route 460, from two and one-half miles west of Route 751 to Route 752; and the west-bound lane from Route 645 to the Route 460 ramp; and Route 607 from Route 612 to Route 360.

Mr. Frederick said the pruning work that was done last year on Route 460 has cut down on the work needed this year but they will do the same on the following: Route 630, Route 632, Route 694, Route 679, Route 629, Route 696, Route 613, and a portion of Route 671. He said as those projects get approved, he will keep the Board updated.

Mr. Frederick said grass cutting will begin in May; the contractors will do litter-removal first. He said they are cutting brush on Route 460 behind the guardrails.

Supervisor Pride reported a large pothole between the Valero and Sheetz in town.

Supervisor Jenkins stated there are major holes on Piney Grove Road. He also reported the shoulders of Gully Tavern Road are breaking, and there are spots on Hubbard Road that need attention.

Supervisor Townsend said there are potholes in Virso along Mt. Pleasant Road, and there are spots on Virso Road, where the logger broke the edges of the road, near Walton Road and Miller Road. He added that the trash bags [picked up by the PRJ detainees] are left out far too long before they are picked up. Mr. Frederick stated he would address this with staff.

Supervisor Gilliam reported signs down; he said he will get the addresses to Mr. Frederick.

In Re: Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Month

Annually, the Board of Supervisors adopts a proclamation designating April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Prince Edward County. Natasha Parker, Family Services Specialist with the Prince Edward County Department of Social Services spoke on Child Abuse Prevention Month and present to the Board the draft proclamation for 2026.

Ms. Parker stated there are four million children annually that are subject to abuse and neglect to be addressed by Child Protective Services; she stated that in Prince Edward County, in Fiscal Year 2025, there were 155 referrals for Protective Services, some of which were asking for assistance and not all of them were not Adult or Child Protective Services. Some asked for referrals. She said there were 245 children in Prince Edward County were involved with Child Protective Services in 2025.

Ms. Parker stated the activities to promote Child Prevention Month include April 1 as Wear Blue Day, pinwheel gardens in various locations around the county, to include the Courthouse lawn, at the school, and at Centra. She stated there will also be Mandatory Reporter posters distributed.

Supervisor Emert made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cooper-Jones, to adopt the proclamation designating April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Prince Edward County; the motion carried:

Aye:	Pattie Cooper-Jones	Nay: None
	J. David Emert	
	Llew W. Gilliam, Jr.	
	Victor “Bill” Jenkins	
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	Odessa H. Pride	
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**COUNTY OF PRINCE EDWARD, VIRGINIA**

**A Proclamation of the Board of Supervisors**

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

**April 2026**

**WHEREAS**, nationally, over **four million** children annually are subject to abuse and neglect allegations with Child Protective Services; and

**WHEREAS**, in Fiscal Year 2025, Prince Edward County's Child Protective Services' 24-hour hotline received approximately **155** referrals for protective services; many calls were from people seeking help, guidance, and referrals to parenting programs and other supportive services; and

**WHEREAS**, also in Fiscal Year 2025, over **245** children in Prince Edward County were involved with Child Protective Services; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends on involvement among all people; and

**WHEREAS**, the Prince Edward County Department of Social Services, other community human services agencies, the Prince Edward County Public Schools, and community partners work together to offer programs and services to strengthen resilience and support families and protect children from abuse and neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, all Prince Edward County residents, community agencies, faith groups, and businesses are encouraged to renew their commitment to preventing child abuse, supporting families, and promoting the safety, family resilience, and child well-being;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all residents of Prince Edward County, does hereby proclaim the month of April 2026 as **Child Abuse Prevention Month** in Prince Edward County and urges all residents to **wear blue on April 1st- Virginia's Wear Blue Day, plant a pinwheel garden to show support, and find ways to support families and help all children** in our community be safe.

In Re: Public Hearing – Resolution of Abandonment for State Route 773 (Trashmore Road)

This was the date and time scheduled for a public hearing to receive citizen input prior to considering the County's intent to abandon State Route 773 (Trashmore Road) to enable the County to make improvements to the entrance and scale house operations of the Prince Edward County Landfill. Notice of this hearing was advertised according to law in the Friday, February 20, 2026 and Friday, February 27, 2026 editions of THE FARMVILLE HERALD, a newspaper published in the County of Prince Edward.

Sarah Elam Puckett, Assistant County Administrator, stated that at its January meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved a Resolution for Notice of Intent to Abandon RT 773 (Trashmore Road) and authorized the County to advertise a public hearing for the March meeting on the proposed abandonment.

As the Board is aware, the replacement of the Landfill Scale House is Priority #4 on the 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.

In order to move forward with the replacement of the scale house, the County needs to own the landfill entrance road, which is currently VDOT right-of-way for State Route 773 (Trashmore Road) and extends 0.23 miles into the landfill. After the abandonment, the former VDOT right-of-way will continue to be used for a public purpose, but under the control and ownership of the County. It appears from historical records that the County originally built Trashmore Road with the intent to convey it to the state. There are Board minutes and also deed and plat references to RT 773; however, 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 conveyed and recorded.

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 County may follow the abandonment process outlined in Section 33.2-909 of the Code of Virginia. Abandonment means that the public's right to use the public right-of-way has been extinguished, and the County would control and own the land.

The abandonment process is as follows:

1. At its January meeting, the Board approved the "Resolution - Intent to Abandon".
2. The Board also authorized the posting and publication of the attached Public Notice/Public Hearing Notice on RT 773 (per Code 33.2-909).
3. At the March meeting, the Board will hold a public hearing on its intent to abandon.
4. Following the PH, the Board will consider the adoption of the "Resolution -Abandonment of RT 773".
5. A copy of all documents and Board action will be shared with VDOT.

Chairman Jones opened the public hearing.

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

Supervisor Emert made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Townsend, to approve the Resolution for the Abandonment of State Route 773 (Trashmore Road) and authorize the County Administrator to execute all documents to finalize the abandonment in coordination with VDOT 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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
ABANDONMENT OF STATE ROUTE 773 (TRASHMORE ROAD)**

**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 and posted 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 in the Secondary System of State Highways for 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, through the Farmville VDOT Residency, was provided the prescribed notice of this Board's intent 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**, the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors hereby 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: Public Hearing – Amendment to Chapter 70, Taxation, Section 70-7 of the County Code

This was the date and time scheduled for a public hearing to receive citizen input prior to considering an amendment to *Chapter 70, Taxation, Section 70-7 of the County Code*, to add a new, separate class of property which shall constitute a classification for local taxation separate from other classifications of tangible personal property for motor vehicles owned or leased by active volunteer members of county volunteer fire departments and rescue squads,

pursuant to Section 58.1-3506 of the *Code of Virginia*. Notice of this hearing was advertised according to law in the Friday, February 27, 2026 and Wednesday, March 4, 2026 editions of THE FARMVILLE HERALD, a newspaper published in the County of Prince Edward.

Sarah Elam Puckett, Assistant County Administrator, stated that at its February meeting, the Board authorized a public hearing to amend Chapter 70, Taxation, of the County Code to add Section 70-7 which creates a separate tax classification for motor vehicles owned or leased by active volunteer members of county volunteer fire department and rescue squads and authority of implementation by the Commissioner of the Revenue and each volunteer agency.

As the Board is aware, the Public Safety Committee has been working with staff and the Prince Edward Area Firefighters Association for the past year on structuring an incentive program that will help recruit and retain volunteer fire fighters and volunteer EMTs.

Chairman Jones opened the public hearing.

A citizen questioned out-of-county volunteers receiving a benefit from this [ordinance amendment].

Trey Pyle, Emergency Management Coordinator, stated that they would not at this time. He said if other counties see the benefit, they may also take similar action.

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

Supervisor Gilliam stated [this amendment] is not fair to every volunteer; he mentioned that in the previous meeting, it was discussed that insurance and hose testing will be covered. He said nothing was said at the Fire Association meeting to encourage members or regarding retention of members; he stated only three in Darlington Heights [VFD] are eligible for this. Supervisor Gilliam stressed that this needs to be fair to all members, as “all firemen are important to us.”

Supervisor Gilliam made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cooper-Jones, to table action on the proposed amendments to Chapter 70 of the County Code pending further discussion and consideration; 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: Public Hearing – Amendment to Chapter 74, Traffic and Vehicles, Section 74-54 of the County Code

This was the date and time scheduled for a public hearing to receive citizen input prior to considering an amendment to *Chapter 74, Traffic and Vehicles, Section 74-54 of the County Code*, to clarify the eligibility definition for the vehicle license registration fee incentive offered to county fire and EMS volunteers. Notice of this hearing was advertised according to law in the Friday, February 27, 2026 and Wednesday, March 4, 2026 editions of THE FARMVILLE HERALD, a newspaper published in the County of Prince Edward.

Mrs. Puckett stated that also, at its February meeting, the Board authorized a public hearing on amendments to Section 74-54 (Exemptions) of the County Code to clarify the eligibility definition for the local vehicle registration license fee (formerly known the county decal).

As currently written, the County Code references "active members", which has historically been interpreted as AIL volunteer members of County fire and EMS agencies. As the term "active volunteer member" will now be used in Section 70-7 for the purposes of the separate tax classification for personal property taxes, staff recommends the Board amend Section 74-54 and use the terminology "volunteer member in good standing".

Following the public hearing, the Board will give consideration to the proposed amendments to the County Code.

Chairman Jones opened the public hearing.

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

Supervisor Gilliam made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Townsend, to approve the proposed amendments to Section 74-54 of the County Code, with an effective implementation date of January 1, 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		

## DIVISION 2. LICENSE TAX<sup>1</sup>

### Sec. 74-51. Levy of license tax.

- (a) For each year beginning with January 1 thereof and ending with December 31 following until otherwise changed, there is hereby levied and there shall be collected from every person owning a licensed motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer, which is normally garaged, stored or parked within the county, a license tax on such licensed motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer, at the rates set forth in this division.
- (b) If it cannot be determined where the licensed motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer is normally garaged, stored or parked, or if the owner is a student attending an institution of higher learning, the situs for the imposition of this license tax shall be the domicile of the owner. For the purposes of this division the term "domicile" shall mean:
- (1) A place of abode in the county of more than 60 days irrespective of any intention on the part of that person to return to or establish a residence outside the county at some future date; or
  - (2) The office or place of business in the county of any corporation or firm.

(Ord. of 10-12-04; Ord. of 3-9-10)

Editor's note(s)—An ordinance of October 12, 2004, amended the Code by repealing former § 74-51, and adding a new § 74-51. Former § 74-51 pertained to individuals who are liable for license tax, and derived from an Ord. of May 11, 1976.

### Sec. 74-52. Date license tax due.

The license tax provided for in this division shall be due and payable annually on the same date as the county personal property tax, as allowed by the state.

(Ord. of 5-11-76, § 23-20; Ord. of 1-8-08; Ord. of 3-9-10)

### Sec. 74-53. Amount of license tax.

An annual license tax to be paid to the county by owners of motor vehicles and trailers shall be as follows:

Class Code	Description	License Tax
01	Automobiles	\$35.00
07	Farm trucks	35.00
09	Trucks less than 7,500 lbs.	35.00
11	Motorcycles	25.00
13	Trailers	18.00
25	Motor homes	35.00
45	Antique vehicle first year	35.00
51	Trucks greater than 7,500 lbs.	45.00
NG	National Guard	15.00

(Ord. of 5-11-76, § 23-17; Ord. of 8-11-92; Ord. of 3-9-10; Ord. of 5-11-10; Ord. of 6-8-10)

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<sup>1</sup>Cross reference(s)—Taxation, ch. 70.

**Sec. 74-54. Exemptions.**

Specifically exempt from the terms of this division are the following:

- (1) All persons who are residents of the Town of Farmville or Town of Pamplin and have paid a motor vehicle license tax on vehicles to the Town of Farmville or Town of Pamplin.
- (2) Any motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer owned by a nonresident and used exclusively for transporting into and within the county for sale, in person or by employees, wood, meats, poultry, fruits, flowers, vegetables, milk, butter, cream or eggs produced or grown by that individual and not purchased for sale.
- (3) Any vehicle exempt from licensing requirements by the commonwealth.
- (4) Motor vehicles, trailers or semitrailers owned by an officer or employee of the commonwealth who is a nonresident of the county and uses the vehicle in the performance of his duties for the commonwealth under an agreement for such use.
- (5) Any motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer owned by a dealer or manufacturer for sale or sales demonstration.
- (6) One vehicle owned or leased by a volunteer member in good standing of a county volunteer fire department or rescue squad as defined in Section 50-1., but such volunteer shall secure license plates and decals as required by this article and pay license fees on all other vehicles owned by such volunteer member.
- (7) Any motor vehicle owned by a new resident moving to the county from another state locality and having paid a license fee to that locality for that motor vehicle shall be exempt until the prior locality's expiration date.

(Ord. of 5-11-76, § 23-18; Ord. of 6-8-76; Ord. of 10-12-04; Ord. of 3-9-10)

**Sec. 74-55. Payment of county property tax.**

The license tax provided for in this division shall be in addition to any other county property tax. No motor vehicle shall be licensed under this division until the applicant for such license shall have paid all personal property taxes properly assessed or assessable against the applicant by the county.

(Ord. of 5-11-76, § 23-25; Ord. of 5-14-02; Ord. of 3-9-10)

**Sec. 74-56. Refunds.**

There shall be no refund or proration of any license tax paid for any vehicle disposed of or moved out of the county after January 1 of each year.

(Ord. of 3-9-10)

In Re: Policy for Administration of Volunteer Fire/EMS Incentives

It was determined that the draft Policy for Administration of County Incentives Provided to Qualifying Members of County Volunteer Fire Departments /Rescue Squads, which outlines the eligibility, definitions, etc. of the incentive programs set forth in the County Code, will be revisited at a later date.

**COUNTY OF PRINCE EDWARD, VIRGINIA**

**Policy for the Administration of County Incentives  
Provided to Qualifying Members  
of County Volunteer Fire Departments/Rescue Squads**

- I. Objective: This program is identified as an incentive program with the objective of recruiting and retaining emergency response and auxiliary/administrative volunteers for County Fire Departments and Rescue Squads.
- II. Incentives: The Board of Supervisors offers to each qualifying volunteer members of county volunteer fire departments and rescue squads the opportunity to earn the following incentives:
- Up to \$500 of personal property tax exemption, subject to certification provisions, for one vehicle licensed in Prince Edward County for Active Volunteer Members;
  - Up to \$250 of personal property tax exemption, subject to certification provisions, for one vehicle licensed in Prince Edward County for Active Volunteer Auxiliary/Administrative Members;
  - A motor vehicle license fee exemption of \$35.00 for one vehicle licensed in Prince Edward County;
- III. Eligibility: Any active volunteer member or active volunteer auxiliary/administrative member of a county volunteer fire department or rescue squad who is 16 years or older and who meets the established criteria and point system may participate, subject to the certification provisions.

The one vehicle owned or leased by the volunteer as of January 1 of each year that is being applied for inclusion within this separate tax classification shall have no delinquent tax assessed against it and there shall be no delinquent tax assessed against the owner of said vehicle upon any vehicle or other real or personal property recorded or registered in the name of such owner.

The volunteer must complete the certification application for one motor vehicle titled in the name of the volunteer or leased in the name of the volunteer and the terms of the lease shall obligate the lessor to pay personal property tax.

- IV. Certification: The chief or head of the volunteer organization shall be responsible for assuring that each of their members who submit an application for the personal property tax exemption meets all requirements of the program. Each department shall develop a mechanism to track volunteer participation and to verify and certify the qualification of each member. Such records are subject to review by the Commissioner of Revenue and the County Administrator or his/her designee.
- V. Definitions:
- Active Volunteer Member: A member in good standing of any county volunteer fire department or rescue squad who accumulates a minimum of 6 points per month and not less than 100 points per year for emergency response, training, fund raising, work details, administrative activities and other contributive duties, as approved and certified by the chief or head of the volunteer organization.
  - Active Volunteer Auxiliary/Administrative Member: A member in good standing of any county volunteer fire department or rescue squad who accumulates a minimum of 3 points per month and not less than 50 points per year for emergency response support, training support, fund-raising, work details, administrative activities and other contributive duties, as approved and certified by the chief or head of the volunteer organization.
  - County Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad: Departments/agencies listed in Section 50-1 of the Prince Edward County Code.
- VI. Point System: The table below shall be used to determine a member's eligibility in each calendar year.

Event/Activity	Point(s)	Event/Activity	Point(s)
Policy Compliance	1 point / month	Monthly Meetings	1 point / meeting
Incident Response	1 point / incident	Special Meetings	1 point / meeting
Station Duty	1 point / 6 hours	Elected Officers	1 point / month
In-House Dept Training	1 point / hour	Special Activities	1 point / 2 hours
Non-Cert Training	1 point / 4 hours		
Certification Training	5 points / month		

Points tracking shall be documented on the Department Tracking Spreadsheet.

VII. Abuse: Any volunteer who is found to have purposely abused the program by providing false information to receive or give points or benefits shall be expelled from the program and may be subject to disciplinary action by the volunteer agency and/or to criminal prosecution.

VIII. This incentive program is voluntary.

In Re: Amendments to Elderly & Disabled Tax Exemption Ordinance

Crystal Hensley, Commissioner of the Revenue, presented to the Board proposed amendments to Section 70-200 of the County Code - Real Estate Exemption for Elderly and Permanently & Total Disabled Persons, as recommended by Crystal Hensley, Commissioner of Revenue.

In Section 70-203, the Commissioner recommends increasing the gross combined income of the owner during the year immediately preceding the taxable year from an income not to exceed \$22,000 to an income not to exceed \$30,000. Additionally, in Section 70-205, the Commissioner recommends expanding the graduated scale of the tax exemption to 100%/75%/50%. She asked that this be retroactive to January 1, 2026.

The Commissioner's Office has also provided a spreadsheet representing the current participants in the program (2025) and an estimate for the proposed amendments.

At its February 10th meeting, the Ordinance Committee (Supervisors Jones, Emert and Gilliam) met with the Commissioner and reviewed the proposed amendments. The Committee made a recommendation to bring the amendments forward for Board consideration.

Supervisor Emert made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Townsend, to authorize a public hearing on the proposed amendments to the County Ordinance for the Real Estate Exemption for Elderly and Permanently & Totally Disabled Persons at its April 14, 2026 meeting; 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: Fire Service Board Study Request

Mr. Pyle presented a letter from the Prince Edward Area Firefighters Association requesting that Prince Edward County pursue a formal Fire and EMS Study through the Virginia Fire Services Board to review Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) operations within the County.

The Virginia Fire Services Board conducts Fire and EMS studies as authorized by § 9.1-203.A.4 of the Code of Virginia. These studies are intended to provide technical assistance and guidance to local fire departments, fire service organizations, and local governments regarding the delivery of fire protection and emergency medical services.

The Virginia Fire Services Board partners with the Virginia Department of Fire Programs (VDFP), the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS), and the Virginia Department of Forestry (DOF) to conduct comprehensive evaluations of local Fire and EMS systems. Study requests must be approved by the Virginia Fire Services Board, and once approved, the study is conducted at no cost to the requesting jurisdiction.

The purpose of a Fire and EMS study is to provide an independent, objective assessment of the current Fire and EMS delivery system within a jurisdiction. The study evaluates organizational structure, staffing, deployment, operational effectiveness, training, facilities, apparatus, and overall system performance.

The study also identifies strengths within the system, as well as areas where improvements may be needed. Based on its findings, the Virginia Fire Services Board provides broad recommendations for the local jurisdiction to consider. These recommendations are intended to assist local leadership, fire and EMS organizations, and stakeholders in making informed decisions to enhance service delivery and ensure the long-term sustainability of emergency services.

Any recommendations resulting from the study are advisory in nature. Implementation of recommendations remains at the discretion of the local governing body and participating agencies.

There is no cost to Prince Edward County to request or participate in a Fire and EMS study conducted by the Virginia Fire Services Board.

Supervisor Gilliam made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Emert, to approve the submission of a formal request to the Virginia Fire Services Board to conduct a comprehensive Fire and EMS Study for Prince Edward County to evaluate current service delivery and provide future recommendations for future planning; 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 Emergency Operations Plan Update

Mr. Pyle said the Prince Edward - Farmville Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) has been revised and is presented for formal adoption by the governing body. This document represents a new joint Emergency Operations Plan developed collaboratively between Prince Edward County and the Town of Farmville. The joint plan establishes coordinated policies, responsibilities, and operational procedures to support preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation activities for emergencies and disasters affecting both jurisdictions.

The EOP defines the organizational structure, assigns roles and responsibilities, and provides guidance to ensure an effective and coordinated response among local government agencies, public safety organizations, partner agencies, and supporting entities.

Pursuant to §44-146.19(E) of the *Code of Virginia*, each locality and interjurisdictional emergency management agency is required to prepare and maintain a current Emergency Operations Plan and conduct a comprehensive review and revision every four years. The statute further requires that the revised Emergency Operations Plan be formally adopted by the governing body of each participating locality.

This revised joint Emergency Operations Plan satisfies these statutory requirements and aligns Prince Edward County and the Town of Farmville with current emergency management standards and best practices.

Supervisor Emert made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Gilliam, to adopt the resolution approving the 2026 Prince Edward – Farmville Emergency Operations Plan; 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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE  
COUNTY OF PRINCE EDWARD, VIRGINIA**

**ADOPTION OF 2026 UPDATE OF  
PRINCE EDWARD - FARMVILLE COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Prince Edward, Virginia, recognizes the need to mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural and man-made disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Prince Edward and the Town of Farmville share common risks, resources, and responsibilities in protecting the lives, property, environment, and economic stability of their residents and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to §44-146.19 of the Code of Virginia, each political subdivision is required to maintain and keep current an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), which shall be reviewed and updated at least once every four (4) years; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Prince Edward and the Town of Farmville have collaborated to develop a joint Emergency Operations Plan to ensure coordinated planning, unified command and control, efficient resource utilization, and effective emergency response and recovery operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Prince Edward, Virginia, has established and appointed a Director of Emergency Management and Coordinator of Emergency Management in accordance with state law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Prince Edward, Virginia, that the 2026 Prince Edward County- Town of Farmville Emergency Operations Plan, as presented and revised, is hereby officially adopted as the governing Emergency Operations Plan for Prince Edward County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that the Board of Supervisors, the Director of Emergency Management, and all County employees and agencies tasked to mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural and manmade disasters shall implement and carry out the provisions of the Prince Edward County - Town of Farmville Emergency Operations Plan, in coordination with the Town of Farmville; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that the Emergency Operations Plan shall be applied equitably, ensuring that the needs of minority, underserved, and vulnerable populations are addressed before, during, and after emergencies; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that the Director of Emergency Management, or his/her designee, is authorized and directed to maintain, review, and revise the Prince Edward County- Town of Farmville Emergency Operations Plan, as necessary, during the next four (4) year period, or until such time as it is brought before this Board for further action.

In Re: Virginia Department of Fire Programs FY26 Mini-Grant

In November 2025, staff applied on behalf of the Prince Edward County Volunteer Fire Departments for the FY26 Mini-Grant through the Virginia Department of Fire Programs (VDFP). The grant priorities for this funding cycle focused on cancer prevention in the fire service, with emphasis on equipment such as particulate blocking hoods, gear extractors, and vehicle exhaust removal systems.

The application submitted by Prince Edward County requested funding for particulate blocking hoods to ensure that all firefighters are equipped to meet the updated National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards designed to reduce firefighters' exposure to carcinogens.

On Monday, the County was notified that it had been awarded the VDFP FY26 Mini-Grant in the amount of \$18,495.00. This funding will allow the purchase of approximately 150 particulate blocking hoods for firefighters serving Prince Edward County.

Staff requests that the Board of Supervisors authorize the County Administrator to execute the grant acceptance documents and approve the required FY26 budget supplement associated with the grant award.

**FY26 BUDGET SUPPLEMENT**

<b>Rev/Exp</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Dept</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>
3 (Rev)	100	24040	0008	Fire Services PPE Grant		\$18,495.00
4 (Exp)	100	32200	8206	Fire Services PPE Grant	\$18,495.00	

Supervisor Cooper-Jones made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Gilliam, to authorize the County Administrator to execute the grant acceptance documents for the Virginia Department of Fire Programs FY26 Mini-Grant in the amount of \$18,495 and approve the associated FY26 budget supplement; 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: County Gateway Signage Easement

Over the past five years staff has been working on a wayfinding signage program that would be complementary to the signage program that Downtown Farmville/Town of Farmville have started to implement downtown. The ultimate goal is to develop a signage program that greets visitors when they enter the County and

guides them to the various destinations in the County and then hand them off to eventual signs to be installed within the Town limits.

Staff has been working with a vendor to complete designs of the County entrance signs (Phase 1) and trailblazer signs that lead to the County's destinations, including the Town. At this point the County is in position to move forward with implementation of the five entrance signs to be located at Route 15 North, Route 15 South, Route 307, Route 460 East, and Route 460 West. On three of the sites, there is adequate VDOT right-of-way to accommodate the signs. At two locations, Route 15 North and Route 307, staff had to negotiate for additional right-of-way on private property to accommodate the sign foundations and future sign maintenance.

Phase I of the signage project is being funded through a combination of grants and transient occupancy tax proceeds collected from tourism venues in the community. The County has been setting aside a portion of the funds collected each year for the project. The design firm is in the process of completing designs and getting VDOT approval for installation. Staff anticipates bidding the signs later this spring and installing summer/fall.

The Board was presented with the two easements negotiated with the private landowners on Rt. 307 and U.S. 15 North, for review and acceptance.

Supervisor Cooper-Jones made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Townsend, to authorize acceptance of the Schmidt and Mottley easements, as drafted and approved by the County Attorney; 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 – State School Construction Assistance Grant

The Board of Supervisors has received a request from the Prince Edward County School Board to appropriate funds totaling \$580,000.00 in state funds to the school operating budget as described below. There is no local match required for this appropriation.

**FY26 BUDGET SUPPLEMENT**

<b>Rev/Exp</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Dept</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>
3 (Rev)	250	024020	1139	SCAP Grant		\$580,000.00
4 (Exp)	250	066000	6200	Site Improvements	\$580,000.00	

Supervisor Cooper-Jones 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

In Re: Appropriation – Schools – State Funds for Schools Operations

The Board of Supervisors has received a request from the Prince Edward County School Board to appropriate funds totaling \$581,479.25 in state funds to the school operating budget as described below. There is no local match required for this appropriation.

**FY26 BUDGET SUPPLEMENT**

<b>Rev/Exp</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Dept</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>
3 (Rev)	250	024020	0099	Other State Funds		\$581,479.25
4 (Exp)	250	061000	0001	Instruction	\$581,479.25	

Supervisor Emert made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Gilliam, 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

In Re: Authorize Public Hearing – Use of FY 25 School Fund Balance

The Board of Supervisors has received a request from the Prince Edward County Public Schools to request an appropriation of \$2,167,745.00 from the FY25 County surplus funds, as reported in the FY25 audit to support capital improvement projects including replacement of three rooftop units at the middle school; purchasing and installing a chiller for the high school, install a fence around the football field and backstop at the baseball field at the high school, and the remaining amount will be used to support the renovation of the Barbara Johns Auditorium. For

this transaction to take place, the Board will have to authorize a public hearing to amend the FY26 County and School Budgets by the amount of \$2,167,745.00 and then appropriate the same funds.

Per § 15.2-2507 of the *Code of Virginia*, a locality may amend its budget during the fiscal year. However, if such an amendment exceeds the currently adopted expenditures by one percent or more, then the locality must advertise the amendment at least seven days prior to the public hearing. The county's currently approved FY26 budget is currently \$127,692,756.00, which exceeds the one percent threshold.

Supervisor Emert made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Townsend, to authorize a public hearing for its April 14, 2026 meeting prior to acting on the appropriation for the multiple public school capital improvement projects listed; 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 – Donations

The Sheriff received a donation of \$625.00 from Spring Creek Baptist Church towards the DARE program. Animal Control received a \$25.00 donation from the Nora Lancaster Garden Club. The Board is asked to approve and appropriate as follows:

**FY26 BUDGET SUPPLEMENT**

<b>Rev/Exp</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Dept</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>
3 (Rev)	125	18999	0001	Dare Donations		\$625.00
4 (Exp)	125	31299	0001	Dare Donations	\$625.00	
3 (Rev)	100	18999	0003	AC Gifts & Donations		\$25.00
4 (Exp)	100	35100	6014	Donations (Operating Sup)	\$25.00	

Supervisor Townsend made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cooper-Jones, 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

In Re: Appropriation – Opioid Abatement Grant

Prince Edward County has been awarded two Cooperative Partnership grants through the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority (OAA) to support regional efforts addressing opioid misuse and substance use disorder. Prince Edward County will serve as the fiscal agent for both projects in partnership with Nottoway County.

The first project, the Piedmont Health District Opioid Prevention/Connection Project, will expand community-based prevention and outreach services. The program will focus on overdose prevention, naloxone training and distribution, and connecting individuals to recovery resources through targeted outreach and peer recovery support.

The second project, the Piedmont Regional Jail Recovery Program, will provide recovery-focused services for incarcerated individuals with substance use disorders at Piedmont Regional Jail. The program will offer peer recovery support, recovery education, and re-entry planning to help participants transition successfully back into the community.

Funding for these projects includes Cooperative Partnership grant funds from the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority, along with required matching funds from each locality's opioid settlement Individual Distribution (IDIC). Prince Edward County's required match totals \$29,160.40, and Nottoway County's required match totals \$20,412.17.

Because the County's match is funded through its IDIC opioid settlement allocation and Nottoway County will contribute its respective portion, there is no direct impact on the County's General Fund. The Board is requested to approve an appropriation of \$165,000 to recognize funding for these two opioid response initiatives.

**FY26 BUDGET SUPPLEMENT**

<b>Rev/Exp</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Dept</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>
3 (Rev)	100	24040	0163	OAA Coop Grant – VDH		\$115,000.00
4 (Rev)	100	52400	5604	OAA Coop Grant – VDH	\$115,000.00	
3 (Rev)	100	24040	0162	OAA Coop Grant – PRJ		\$50,000.00
4 (Exp)	100	52400	5603	OAA Coop Grant – PRJ	\$50,000.00	

Supervisor Emert made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cooper-Jones, to approve and appropriate the FY26 Budget Supplement as outlined; 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:

- **General Assembly** – Efforts to get \$2 million in reimbursement for the Sandy River Project and funding for the Mary E. Branch renovation project were not included in the final proposed House or Senate budgets. Senator Cifers has committed to re-submitting in the 2027 session.
- **Building Inspections Permit Software** – As of 2/23/2026 the County Building Department is fully operational and able to accept credit card payments for the Building Permits. A big thanks to Mackenzie Tate in the Building Department and the Treasurer and her staff for working through the issues and getting them resolved. This is a big step forward.
- **Venison Soup Project** – Two weeks ago, staff from VDH, the Cannery and volunteers from the Medical Reserve Corp, New Life Church, and Hunters for the Hungry, completed a soup project at the Cannery that produced 1,300 quarts of venison soup, to be distributed through FACES. Special thanks to Cannery Manager Rodney Scott for his leadership on the project.
- **Tobacco Commission** – Staff completed a grant submission in the amount of \$1,000,000 for an industrial pad project at the industrial park. The County will be submitting a grant to the Va. Business Ready Sites Program for funding match.
- **FY25 Audit** – The accepted FY 25 Audit has been submitted to the Auditor of Public Accounts, VRA, and Federal Audit Clearinghouse and posted to the County website. This effectively ends the audit process. Thanks to Finance Director Cheryl Stimpson for her work in getting the audit completed.
- **DHCD** – The Department of Housing and Community Development have completed the final financial review of the Broadband Affordability and Adoption Grant that went through the CRC. Prince Edward acted as the fiscal agent on the project. We received an official letter of compliance which closes out the grant. Special thanks to Crystal Baker for her handling of the finances for the project.
- **Industrial Development Authority** – At its meeting on February 27, 2026, the IDA approved the following:
  - Contract to sell 2-acre site off Dominion Drive for new Department of Corrections Probation and Parole Office
  - Contract to sell 1-acre site off Dominion Drive to Mid-Atlantic Broadband (MBC) for the installation of fiber cabinets
  - Contract to lease 5+ acre site on Enterprise Lane to Planet Network for fiber project
  - 6-month extension of AVAIO contract for HIT Park to allow for them to get update on power availability from Dominion Power
- **Prince Edward Comprehensive Plan** – The County and our consultant are invited to the American Planning Association Virginia (VAPA) Conference in July to present on the recently adopted PEC 2045 Comprehensive Plan.

- **US Post Office** – The County is having issues with the US Postal Service regarding delivery of vendor payments. The County has had 20+ vendor payments from February that, as of the first of the week, had not reached their destinations. The Finance Department is working with vendors to resolve the issues.
- **Prince Edward Landfill** – Labella has completed the compaction report for the landfill. Based on the current utilization of 36,579 tons/year and current compaction rate of 1,802 lbs./cubic yard, the remaining life of the currently permitted landfill facility is 9.8 years.
- **Upcoming BOS Engagement Opportunities:**
  - CRC Vendor Meet and Greet – 3/13 10:00 am at CRC
  - STEPS Housing Project community meetings – 3/23 4:30-6:00 pm at the Woodland Community Center.
  - Hampden District Town Hall Meeting – 3/26 – 6:00 pm @ Crawley Forum.

In Re: Treasurer’s Report

Donna Nunnally, Treasurer, submitted a report for the month of January 2026, which was reviewed and ordered to be filed with the Board papers.

<b>Prince Edward Treasurer's Report - January 2026</b>						
<b>Name of Bank</b>	<b>Ref #</b>	<b>Int. Rate</b>	<b>Int. Paid</b>		<b>Bank Balance</b>	<b>Available Balance</b>
Benchmark Pooled Fund Account	7654	2.25%	\$47,382.10		\$21,631,821.30	
Benchmark Social Services	9746				\$317,764.87	
Benchmark School Fund	3352				\$2,995,477.85	
Benchmark Food Service	3742				\$106,028.82	
TOTAL						\$25,051,092.84
<b>Certificates of Deposit</b>						
	<b>Ref #</b>	<b>Int. Rate</b>	<b>Maturity</b>		<b>Bank Balance</b>	<b>Available Balance</b>
<b>Benchmark</b>						
Recreation Fund	0998	3.55%	2/14/2027		\$18,724.19	
Benchmark 5 Yr CD-letter of credit	0632	2%	1/7/2027		\$683,283.58	\$702,007.77
<b>Farmers Bank</b>						
Underground Storage	2478	2.48%	10/27/2027		\$23,945.96	\$23,945.96
Virginia Investment Pool	184	4.12%			\$13,165,427.52	\$13,165,427.52
TOTAL						\$13,165,427.52
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>						<b>\$38,942,474.09</b>

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

Crystal Baker, Finance Manager, submitted a report for the month of February 2026, 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 a report for the month of February 2026, which was 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 January 2026 and February 2026, which were reviewed and ordered to be filed with the Board papers.

In Re: Commonwealth Regional Council Items of Interest

Ethan Bowman, Regional Planner, submitted a report for the month of February 2026, 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 February 2026, 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 a report for the month of February 2026, which was reviewed and ordered to be filed with the Board papers.

On motion of Supervisor Emert, seconded by Supervisor Townsend, 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 8:22 p.m.