

September 29, 2026

At the reconvened meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held at the Court House, thereof, on Tuesday, the 29th day of September, 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; Trey Pyle, Director of Public Safety; and Crystal Baker,

Chairman Jones called the reconvened meeting to order.

In Re: Authorization to Proceed – Relocation/Underground Landfill Power Lines

Sarah Elam Puckett, Assistant County Administrator, asked the Board to consider an invoice from Dominion Energy in the amount of \$38,303.54 to relocate the main electrical service serving the County Landfill. Solid Waste General Manager, Jeff Jones has been working with LaBella and Dominion Energy since the spring to develop a plan to move the existing electrical infrastructure from the interior of the landfill to the northern perimeter. The project includes undergrounding a section from the entrance to the pump station.

As the Board is aware, the next operational expansion of the landfill will be accomplished by "filling the valleys" of the current closed cells. This will include the area between Cells A, B, C, D and the 1997 cell and also between the 1997 and the pre-1988 cell.

Relocating the electrical service now will:

1. Support construction of the new scale house and associated main entrance road improvements; and
2. Move the electrical infrastructure out of areas needed for current and future landfill operations and expansions.

Board approval tonight will allow Dominion to schedule the work and enable the electrical relocation to be coordinated with the construction of the new scale house/entrance improvements. Mrs. Puckett added that it can take six weeks to get on Dominion's schedule.

No additional funding is required. Sufficient funding is available in the Landfill Construction Fund.

Supervisor Emert questioned the poles being taken out. Mrs. Puckett said the red X's on the map indicate where the poles will be taken down by staff and will be re-used elsewhere on the landfill property.

Supervisor Emert then asked how the electric will get to the scale house. Mr. Jones said there will be a new transformer and power to the new scale house will run underground. He said that is part of the scale house project; this is a different project. Mrs. Puckett added Dominion will not do that work as it is included in the scope of work for the Scale house project.

Supervisor Gilliam asked if the poles that are being taken down could be used at the pump station to the leachate pond. Mr. Jones stated poles are already there.

Supervisor Cooper-Jones made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Townsend, to authorize the Dominion Energy electrical relocation project and appropriate \$38,303.54 from the Landfill Construction Fund; 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: Virginia Fire Services Board – County Fire and EMS Study

Trey Pyle, Director of Public Safety, said the project has been several years in the making, and representatives from the Virginia Fire Services Board will present the Prince Edward County Fire and EMS Study to the Board of Supervisors. The Study provides an independent assessment of the County's Fire and EMS system and includes recommendations for strengthening the delivery of emergency services. The Virginia Fire Services Board approved the final study at its September 25 meeting in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Following tonight's Board meeting, the attached report will be posted publicly on the Virginia Department of Fire Programs' website.

Representatives of the Virginia Fire Services Board and Department of Fire Programs presented the Prince Edward County Fire & EMS Report.

Mr. Pyle thanked the Board for authorizing this project, and for the individuals that participated in the study in open, honest discussion with the Virginia Fire Services Board.

Chief John Miller, member of the Virginia Fire Services Board and an employee of the Virginia Department of Forestry, thanked the Board for its time. He led a presentation of the results of the Virginia Fire Service Board Fire & EMS Study conducted for Prince Edward County. He introduced the members accompanying him: Sarah Kenny, Virginia Department of Fire Programs, and Spencer Willett, Virginia Department of Fire Programs.

Mr. Willett spoke about the purpose of the Virginia Fire Services Board; the State granted the Board the authority to assist localities with technical reviews of their Fire & EMS systems.

Ms. Kenny provided a brief overview of the Study. She said the review was requested by the County; she added that they met with a number of agencies, and then compiled the information that was gathered. She said they met with six fire departments, one Fire & EMS agency, one EMS-only agency, the 911 Emergency Communications Center, the County Administrator, the Board of Supervisors, and the Director of Public Safety.

Mr. Willett then reviewed the study recommendations, highlighting:

1. Formalization of Fire/EMS Structure
2. Fleet & Equipment
3. Community Risk Production – Strategic Planning
4. EMS Recommendations
5. Budget & Financial Support
6. Supporting Personnel
7. Training
8. Emergency Communications Center
9. Cancer Prevention

Chief Miller presented the highlights of the Prince Edward County EMS system; he stated there is a great working relationship between the Board, fire departments, and EMS providers, and everyone should be commended all agencies. He recommended codifying the Department of Public Safety and identifying the responsibilities of the Director, to serve as the lead of that organization. He suggested looking for opportunities that are not being taken

advantage of, and to strengthen the investment in the volunteer agencies. He added that recruitment and retention, and funding and support of the apparatus and equipment are needed, along with managing the apparatus in a more cost-effective manner.

Mr. Willett thanked all for participating and commended the Board and all of the Fire & EMS agencies for being honest about the problems and benefits.

Mr. Stanley said this Study provides a roadmap to move forward; he said the resources are limited and the County must prioritize to use the resources wisely. He said this Study will help the County do that. He added this will also help the County improve the efficiency of the overall organization, and it couldn't be done without the partners in attendance.

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 7:59 p.m.