

August 21, 2014

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held at the Court House, thereof, on Thursday, the 21st day of August, 2014; at 11:30 a.m., there were present:

Pattie Cooper-Jones

Calvin L. Gray

Charles W. McKay

Howard F. Simpson

C. Robert Timmons, Jr.

Jim R. Wilck

Absent: Robert M. Jones and Jerry R. Townsend

Also present: Wade Bartlett, County Administrator; Sarah Elam Puckett, Assistant County Administrator; David Whitus, Mayor of Farmville; Gerald Spates, Farmville Town Manager; A. D. "Chuckie" Reid, Vice-Mayor; Thomas Pairet, Town Council Member; Greg Cole, Town Council Member; Sally Thompson, Town Council Member; Donald Hunter, Town Council Member; J. J. "Jamie" Davis, Town Council Member; Mrs. Magi Van Eps, Tourism & Visitor Center Coordinator; and Ms. Cindy Morris, Farmville Town Planner.

Chairman Simpson called the special meeting to order.

In Re: Presentation of Joint Tourism Efforts

Mrs. Magi Van Eps and Ms. Cindy Morris presented information regarding The Heart of Your Adventure, with cooperation between the Town of Farmville, Prince Edward County, Downtown Farmville and the Chamber of Commerce. The projects included the Sesquicentennial commemorations, The Heart of Your Adventure logo, the Loves Works sculpture, and showed two marketing videos produced in partnership with Longwood University Communications interns.

Mr. Gerald Spates, Farmville Town Manager, reported that Al Buczek, the artist and craftsman for the Love Works sculpture, expects the sculpture to be complete in November 2014.

In Re: Piedmont Regional Jail Boundary Adjustment Request

The Town of Farmville Council meeting was called to order by Mayor David Whitus at 12:00 noon.

Supervisor Gray presented the invocation.

Mr. Wade Bartlett, County Administrator, reviewed a memo regarding the Piedmont Regional Jail and their request of Prince Edward County and the Town of Farmville to adopt a voluntary boundary adjustment which would place the Regional Jail within the borders of the Town of Farmville. This action would allow the Jail to receive in-town water and sewer rates, thereby saving the Jail approximately \$90,000 to \$100,000 each year. The proposed area of consideration was reviewed; the adjustment would add approximately 396 parcels to the Town, of which 334 were taxable.

Mr. Bartlett recommended the proposed boundary adjustment not be approved for three reasons. First, he stated it is unfair to the citizens of Prince Edward County to shoulder the entire economic impact of the actions required to reduce expenses for the Piedmont Regional Jail. Inmates convicted in Prince Edward County account for approximately 40% of the inmate population for the regional jail. Therefore the County's responsibility would be approximately \$40,000. To approve a boundary adjustment that would bring the regional jail into the Town of Farmville will cause the Town's water and sewer revenues to be reduced by the same amount as the savings the jail will realize (\$90,000-\$100,000). These funds will have to be replaced or the Town will be forced to absorb this revenue loss. To replace these revenues requires the entire burden to fall on the citizens of Prince Edward County. The actions will increase the costs to the citizens of Prince Edward County by approximately \$90,000 while only saving \$40,000.

Second, while the proposal will replace the revenue the Town will lose, the County will see its revenues decrease more than the savings it will experience. While the loss is calculated at \$35,412, the taxes and fees that will not be able to be calculated will increase that amount over the \$40,000 in savings the County will experience by bringing the jail into the Town limits.

Third, the controversy and opposition caused by such a large boundary adjustment is not worth what is essentially a break-even proposition.

Mr. Bartlett then stated two property owners have also requested being taken into the Town limits, but the Code of Virginia stipulates a process which must be followed. The Board of Supervisors will start a discussion regarding a boundary adjustment involving those two properties once official notification from Town council is received. Discussion followed.

Chairman Simpson stated residents of Lake Drive have requested water and sewer service.

Supervisor Gray questioned the economic impact of the two parcels being considered if annexed. Mr. Spates stated that by allowing them into the town because they want the services would encourage development.

The Board of Supervisors and Town Council broke for lunch.

Mr. Spates requested the Board of Supervisors reconsider funding for the 911 Center, and reviewed the Master plan for the Southgate Shopping Center and the Town hydrant color code.

Supervisor McKay announced a Legislative Luncheon will be held at Hampden Sydney College this fall.

Mr. Hunter asked for a YMCA update; Mr. Bartlett stated there will be a YMCA financial review within the next month.

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

Aye:	Pattie Cooper-Jones	Nay: None
	Calvin L. Gray	
	Charles W. McKay	
	Howard F. Simpson	
	C. Robert Timmons, Jr.	
	Jim R. Wilck	

Absent:	Robert M. Jones
	Jerry R. Townsend

the meeting was adjourned at 12:48 p.m.