

April 15, 2014

At the special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held at the Court House, thereof, on Tuesday, the 15th day of April, 2014; at 3:00 p.m., there were present:

Howard M. Campbell

Pattie Cooper-Jones

Robert M. Jones

Charles W. McKay

Howard F. Simpson

C. Robert Timmons, Jr.

Jerry R. Townsend

Jim R. Wilck

Also present: Wade Bartlett, County Administrator; and Sarah Elam Puckett, Assistant County Administrator.

Chairman Simpson called the meeting to order as a reconvened meeting for the purpose of a work session.

In Re: Review of Revenues

Mr. Bartlett stated that during the previous week, the County received the Comparative Report of Local Government Revenues and Expenditures for FY13. This report is compiled and printed by the Auditor of Public Accounts. The report shows that Prince Edward County's Maintenance and Operation Expenditures Per Capita are lower than all but two of the Commonwealth's other 95 counties. A review of the report finds that all our neighboring counties expend more per capita. For Prince Edward County's per capita expenditure to match the next lowest rate for our adjoining counties we would have to increase our spending by \$2,346,651. To expend the average of our seven adjoining counties, Prince Edward County would have to increase spending by \$8,841,381. This statistic is merely a means by which to gage if your expenditure rate is in line with state-wide norms. Prince Edward County's rate plainly shows the Board of Supervisors has done an exceptional job of holding costs down.

Mr. Bartlett recommended an increase in rates for commercial food production at the Cannery. He stated that currently, rates are \$6 per hour for Prince Edward County residents and businesses; \$8 an hour for Tobacco Commission Region residents and businesses; and \$10 per hour for all others. Mr. Bartlett recommended the increase set at \$10 per hour for Prince Edward County residents and businesses; \$16 per hour for Tobacco Commission Region residents and businesses; \$20 per hour for all others that include a locally grown ingredient; and \$30 per hour for products that do not include a locally grown ingredient.

Mr. Bartlett stated this change is estimated to generate an additional \$3,500 in revenues.

In Re: Review of Expenditures

Mr. Bartlett stated the County has received updated VRS rates and Group Life Insurance rates. The VRS rate decreased from 12.25% to 11.4% while the Group Life Insurance increased from 1.19% to 1.32%. The end result is a decrease in expense of approximately \$24,635; this is not reflected in the proposed budget.

Mr. Bartlett reported the proposed budget does not contain the \$8,500 match for the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund Grant approved by the Board; the dues required to join the Virginia's Growth Alliance, of approximately \$23,368; nor the request from the VIRSO Recreation & Community Center for \$10,000.

Mr. Bartlett reported the failure of the General Assembly to adopt a state budget has produced many unknowns and stated the normal process required a locality to approve an annual budget for the schools by May 1 or 30 days of the receipt by the County of the estimates of state funds, whichever is later. The Superintendent of Public Instruction has 15 days following the final adjournment of the General Assembly to provide the budget estimates.

Supervisor Timmons raised questions regarding the Virso Recreation & Community Center and the Recreation Fund; Mrs. Sarah Elam Puckett, Assistant County Administrator, stated the fund was set up with the proceeds from the sale of the old Worsham School to be used for recreation in the various districts. Mr. Bartlett stated the Fund has approximately \$20,000; four districts already spent their allotted funds. After further discussion, Supervisor Timmons suggested providing matching funds which would assure the County the money is used properly.

Supervisor Townsend stated the Virso Recreation & Community Center pays taxes and there must be a base to attract members and setting up the Center requires a start. He added this is for the youth in that area and most cannot come to Farmville to use the YMCA as it is too great a distance, and that any amount donated from the Recreation Fund would be appreciated. Discussion followed.

Mr. Bartlett stated it is a Recreation Fund, but the audit rolls it into the General Fund. It can be increased if the Board desires.

Further discussion followed.

Supervisor Timmons made a motion to provide \$5,000 from the Recreation Fund to kick-start the Center, then appropriate matching funds up to an additional \$5,000.

Supervisor Townsend made a substitute motion to approve the appropriation of \$8,000 and up to an additional \$2,000 in matching funds.

After some discussion, Supervisor Townsend rescinded his substitute motion and Supervisor Timmons rescinded his motion.

Supervisor Wilck said Dalton Elder indicated he would not be surprised if Prince Edward County cut its donation as their Fire Department received \$11,000 from Appomattox and \$6,000 for insurance.

Supervisor Jones questioned the expense of the reassessment. Mr. Bartlett stated the cost is based on the number of parcels. He stated \$213,000 was budgeted; in FY15, it will be closed out and there are funds for the Board of Equalization of \$26,000. The large portion is in this year's budget.

Mr. Bartlett then stated there were three items that were questioned during the previous meeting: (1) ODEMSA, which was recommended not to receive funding because the funding was used to pay the lease on the tower on Leigh Mountain; (2) YMCA, in which the Board requested further information; and (3) the Free Clinic, in which the Board requested further information.

Supervisor Jones questioned the Farmville-Prince Edward Community Library funding at \$208,500; this was lowered from their request to eliminate the 3.5% salary increase request.

Supervisor Wilck stated Ellery Sedgwick is willing to match the \$23,000 the County provides to the YMCA for the summer camp. Discussion followed.

The Board then reviewed the requests for donations.

Virginia Legal Aid	\$1750	Unanimous
STEPS	\$25,000	Unanimous
Crossroads Community Services	\$62,643	Unanimous
Longwood Small Business	\$7,500	Unanimous
PE-FYA	\$25,000	Unanimous
Habitat for Humanity	\$4,750	Unanimous
Madeline's House	\$7,500	Unanimous
Farmville Chamber of Commerce	\$6,350	Unanimous
Downtown Farmville	\$10,000	Unanimous
New Horizons	0	Unanimous
Farmville/Prince Edward Library	\$208,500	Aye: Howard M. Campbell Pattie Cooper-Jones C. R. Timmons Jerry R. Townsend Jim Wilck Nay: Robert M. Jones Howard F. Simpson Charles W. McKay
Heart of Virginia Festival	\$2,850	Unanimous
R. R. Moton Museum	\$10,000	Unanimous
Piedmont Soil & Water District	\$6,840-Operations \$5,000-Dam Maint.	Unanimous
Old Dominion RC&D		(TBD)
SCOPE / Meals on Wheels	\$5,000	Unanimous
FACES	\$4,275	Unanimous
YMCA	\$20,000 Summer Prgm \$25,000 Co Pgrm \$23,000 Summer Camp	

Supervisor Timmons questioned the partnership with the YMCA and the increase in funding. Mr. Bartlett stated the YMCA provides a summer camp for the youth; there had been other programs during the summer but they failed and the YMCA picked up the project. The first year 116 youth signed up with a daily attendance of 75-85.

Discussion followed on the loan to the YMCA and the amount being appropriated to the YMCA for programs and summer camp.

Supervisor Jones made a motion to appropriate \$20,000 for the Summer Program, \$25,000 for the County Program and \$23,000 for the Summer Camp. After some discussion, Supervisor Jones withdrew his motion.

Piedmont Area Transit	\$10,000	Unanimous
Special Olympics	\$1,000	Unanimous
Piedmont Senior Resources	\$2,018	Unanimous
Heart of Virginia Free Clinic	\$10,000	Aye: Howard M. Campbell Pattie Cooper-Jones Charles W. McKay Howard F. Simpson C. R. Timmons Jerry R. Townsend Jim Wilck Nay: Robert M. Jones
Longwood Visual Arts	\$2,494	Unanimous
Pamplin Community Center	\$475	Unanimous
Town of Farmville 911 Center		
Pamplin Volunteer EMS	\$7,700	Unanimous
Hampden-Sydney 1 st Responder	\$5,500	Unanimous
Old Dominion EMS Alliance	0	Unanimous
PE County After Prom	\$950	Unanimous
Fuqua After-Prom	\$475	Unanimous
Tri-County Life Learners	\$3,000	Unanimous
Jolly Glee Sr. Citizens	\$1,500	Unanimous
Commonwealth Regional Council	\$15,700	Unanimous
SVCC	\$5,014	Unanimous
American Red Cross	0	
Heart of Virginia Fireworks	\$2,500	Unanimous

Supervisor Timmons stated he requested Mr. Bartlett to review the budget for further reductions in spending; a review of the possible savings followed.

Board of Supervisors	Advertising	\$ 5,000
County Administrator	Professional service	1,000
Legal	Salary	3,000
		229
Treasurer	Maintenance Service contract	300
	Advertising	500
	Travel – Mileage	500
	Non-capital	
	ADP	2,000
Circuit Court	Travel – Convention	2,000
	Non-capital equipment	500
General District Court		
Clerk of Circuit Court	Professional service	3,200
	Repairs/Maintenance	If get TTF funds could be reduced

Jurors	Jurors	1,000
	Other Op Supp-record books	5,000 Paid by preservation grant
Commonwealth Attorney	Office supplies	500
Sheriff	Professional services	1,500
	Drug test	500
	Repairs / Maintenance – radio	1,000
	Repairs / Maintenance – auto	2,000
	Repairs / Maintenance – office	500
	Postal	300
Ambulance & Rescue Service	Old Dominion EMS	2,000 Only county giving
Emergency Services	LODA	5,000
Jail	Juvenile detention	10,000
Planning	Professional service	7,000
Community Development	Farmville Area Bus	25,000 All
Tourism	Salary	882 Close Sundays Nov-Feb
	FICA	67
Soil & Water Conservation District	Donation RC&D	2,103
MISC	VRS decrease	24,635

Discussion then followed on other possible reductions in expenditures for the VACo conference, the Board of Supervisors pay, the convenience sites, and through attrition.

Chairman Simpson called for a straw vote on the possible savings as presented by Mr. Bartlett to reduce the line items by the listed amounts; the motion carried:

Aye:	Howard M. Campbell	Nay:	None
	Pattie Cooper-Jones		
	Robert M. Jones		
	Charles W. McKay		
	Howard F. Simpson		
	C. Robert Timmons, Jr.		
	Jerry R. Townsend		
	Jim R. Wilck		

On motion of Supervisor McKay and adopted by the following vote:

Aye:	Howard M. Campbell	Nay:	None
	Pattie Cooper-Jones		
	Robert M. Jones		
	Charles W. McKay		
	Howard F. Simpson		
	C. Robert Timmons, Jr.		
	Jerry R. Townsend		
	Jim R. Wilck		

the meeting was recessed at 5:19 p.m. until Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Room.