

March 29, 2016

At the special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held at the Court House, thereof, on Tuesday, the 29th day of March, 2016, at 2:00 p.m., there were present:

Pattie Cooper-Jones

Calvin L. Gray

Robert M. Jones

Odessa H. Pride

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 reconvened meeting to order for the purpose of a budget work session.

In Re: FY 17 Donation Requests

Chairman Simpson led a review of the donation requests:

AGENCY / ORGANIZATION	REQUESTED
STEPS	25,000
STEPS – Community Action Program	14,488
Legal Aid	
Virginia Legal Aid	1,560
Longwood Small Business	15,000
PEFYA	24,000
Habitat for Humanity	5,000
Madeline’s House	6,000
Downtown Farmville	10,000
Farmville Prince Edward Community Library	212,833
Heart of Virginia Festival	2,850
Moton Museum	20,000
Piedmont Soil & Water Conservation District	6,840 Operations 5,000 Dam Maint.
Meals on Wheels	5,000

Piedmont Area Transit	10,000
Special Olympics	1,000
Piedmont Senior Resources	6,000
Heart of Virginia Free Clinic	25,000
Longwood Visual Arts	2,494
Virso Recreation & Community Center	25,000
Pamplin Community Center	250
Carl U. Eggleston Foundation	5,000
YMCA	\$20,000 Summer Prgm
	\$25,000 Co Prgm
	\$0.00 Summer Camp
Crossroads Community Services	60,000
Farmville Chamber of Commerce	5,000
Prince Edward County After-Prom	950
Fuqua After-Prom	475
Tri-County Life Learners	3,325
Jolly Glee Senior Citizens	2,000
FACES	5,000
Commonwealth Regional Council	17,000
SVCC	5,954
Heart of Virginia Fireworks	2,000
Virginia's Retreat	4,500

In Re: Appointment of Deputy Animal Control Officer

Mr. Bartlett stated Kathryn Anne Johnson has been hired as the Deputy Animal Control Officer for Prince Edward County, effective April 1, 2016; he reviewed her qualifications for the position.

Supervisor Jones made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Wilck, to appoint Kathryn Anne Johnson as Deputy Animal Control Officer; the motion carried:

Aye:	Pattie Cooper-Jones	Nay: None
	Calvin L. Gray	
	Robert M. Jones	
	Odessa H. Pride	
	Howard F. Simpson	
	C. Robert Timmons, Jr.	
	Jerry R. Townsend	
	Jim R. Wilck	

In Re: Security Consulting

Mr. Bartlett stated that during a meeting of the Circuit Court Judges, Sheriff, Commonwealth Attorney, Director of the Health Department and County Administrator, it was recommended a consultant be hired to perform a security assessment of the Courthouse facility. It is envisioned an assessment conducted by a professional security firm will ensure all aspects of security are included in any future project and that such a review will ensure taxpayer funds are spent in the most cost effective manner possible.

During the March 8, 2016 meeting of the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors, the Board was requested to allow the County Administrator to enter into an agreement with Major Security Consulting & Design, LLC to perform security consultation and assessment services for the Prince Edward County Courthouse facility. The Board requested to see a written proposal before making a decision on this topic. Major Security Consulting & Design, LLC provided a proposal to perform security consultation and assessment services for the Prince Edward County Courthouse facility and the Board was provided a copy of this proposal which will cost \$5,500 and would be paid from the existing budget contained in the Capital Projects budget line.

Mr. Bartlett stated that once the assessment is completed, the report will be reviewed and proposals will be submitted to the Security Committee of the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Timmons questioned the citizens' usability of the Courthouse building; citizen access must be reasonable. Discussion followed regarding the number of entrances, officers needed for meetings and security checks, access for people with disabilities, and parking, among others.

Supervisor Townsend made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Wilck, to authorize the County Administrator to sign the proposal and enter into an agreement with Major Security Consulting & Design, LLC, to conduct security consultation and assessment services for the Prince Edward Courthouse facility; the motion carried:

Aye:	Pattie Cooper-Jones	Nay: None
	Calvin L. Gray	
	Robert M. Jones	
	Odessa H. Pride	
	Howard F. Simpson	
	C. Robert Timmons, Jr.	
	Jerry R. Townsend	
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Mr. Bartlett then advised the Board all materials for the roofing project will be delivered in one to two weeks. He added a response has been received from Ms. St. Clair and the information will be distributed.

Supervisor Timmons commented that in going through the requests from private organizations, the County appears to be asking citizens to help pay for these organizations. He stated the County should be supporting only health, safety and education for the citizens, and that these donations come from taxpayer funds.

Supervisor Cooper-Jones stated the Board was making contributions to the organizations when she was first elected to the Board. She added that some time ago, the County was a truly [financially] depressed area due to the closing of the schools, and the County sought a way to contribute. She stated the older citizens will never catch up and cannot provide all the things other, more fortunate people can; the children today are not performing as well as they could as their grandparents can't read or do math, and cannot teach the children and grandchildren. There is still a lot of oppression still in this county whether we want to face it or not.

Supervisor Timmons asked if the Board chooses to spend the funding on something to feel good. Supervisor Cooper-Jones stated it is less to do with "feeling good" and more to do with need. Discussion followed.

Chairman Simpson stated these donations have been made for 24 years and citizens haven't come in to say the Board should stop. These organizations help people. The library and YMCA help everyone, as does the Soil and Water Conservation District. He said there has never been a complaint.

Discussion followed regarding a checklist or criteria as to what types of organizations the Board should support.

Supervisor Townsend stated that as elected officials, the constituents elected the members to represent them and be their voice. He said the Board just went through a strategic planning retreat and said "We want to move the County forward," and set measurable goals. He said if they provide donations, it will cost but the Board must do what is morally right and that is to support the citizens. He said that may

not have criteria, we just have to do it because it's the right thing to do. Supervisor Townsend then said that sometimes cuts must be made, but those should be across-the-board.

Supervisor Pride stated the people are taxpaying citizens. Some organizations that support the citizens help people that aren't able to pay their taxes. These groups are advocates that come on others' behalf. Some organizations should meet certain criteria. She then asked why Mr. Bartlett recommended no funding for the Carl Eggleston Foundation.

Mr. Bartlett replied the Board voted several years ago to deny any new requests due to budgetary challenges.

Supervisor Cooper-Jones stated the Board did wish to deny new requests but provided funding to the Virso Recreation Center anyway, which is a specific community. Mr. Eggleston's organization serves the entire County.

Supervisor Wilck added the Town of Farmville did away with the entire donation request process.

Supervisor Townsend stated the PEFYA receives \$24,000 consistently each year from the County and this is for the Town. There are three districts within the Town; from a recreation perspective, that equals \$8,000 allocated for each Farmville district. In that event, there should be \$8,000 for each of the other districts. The youth in his district do not have transportation to get to PEFYA or the YMCA; children must be provided for in the rural areas as well, and it must be equitable.

Discussion followed.

Supervisor Timmons stated the question is to determine the core function of government, not just with these donations but for all that the Board does. In staying with the guideline, he questioned the Board's charge.

Supervisor Gray stated if these organizations are meeting needs that the County cannot meet in helping the citizens, they do ensure the citizens' needs are being met.

Mr. Bartlett stated Board members have begun a process to look at long term goals. He said that after the budget process, the Board can discuss and decide the long term goals of the County. To assist in this endeavor, staff can pull together other studies or policies from other communities of what they consider the core function of the government. Mr. Bartlett stated that years ago the County decided it

would be better to partner with outside organizations for recreation; now the County has access to recreation through PEFYA, the YMCA, and others. This decision has saved the County millions of dollars. Discussion followed.

In Re: Presentation of Fire / EMS Budget Requests

Mr. Dallas Tinsley, Chief of the Darlington Heights Volunteer Fire Department and Prince Edward Firefighters Association spokesman, reported an increase in fire calls and rescue calls over the past year. He then reviewed the billing program used to recover the costs of responding to motor vehicle accidents.

Chief Tinsley stated the Firefighters' Association is not asking for an increase but for level funding. He thanked the Board for its continued support. Discussion followed regarding meeting to review equipment costs.

Farmville Volunteer Fire Department Chief Andrew Goss reviewed the Department calls and programs available to the citizens. He thanked the Board for its support.

Hampden-Sydney Volunteer Fire Department Chief Ralph Crawley reported they have received their license for EMS, and requested support from the Board for the Hampden-Sydney EMS.

Mr. Bill Hogan, President of the Prince Edward Volunteer Rescue Squad, stated his appreciation for the support from the Board over the years, adding the Rescue Squad provides mutual aid into other counties. Mr. Hogan stated the Rescue Squad provides mutual aid for various other areas. He stated things are changing and asked that the Board work with the Rescue Squad to avoid the citizens of Prince Edward County and the Town of Farmville from having to pay for it in its entirety; he requested the Board work with the Rescue Squad to find a way and means to fund a director for the Rescue Squad to run the day to day operations of the squad. He stated Nancy Haga is retiring after 30 years of service to the Rescue Squad; he, himself, served nearly 45 years; and Brian Butler has worked with the Rescue Squad over 25 years. All of them will be retiring in the near future.

Supervisor Gray expressed his appreciation for the proposal and the time taken to ensure the Rescue Squad will continue.

Supervisor Timmons suggested forming a committee to work with Mr. Hogan and the Rescue Squad; Chairman Simpson stated that after some consideration and the eagerness of the Board members to participate, the Board would function as a Committee of the Whole for this project.

Pamplin Volunteer Fire Department & EMS Chief Dalton Elder thanked the Board for its support; he added they are attempting to get a paid crew back up. He stated DRT, a private transport service, took over mutual aid calls.

Fire / EMS Budget Requests:

Prince Edward Firefighters Association	8,000
Farmville Volunteer Fire Department	74,800
Rice Volunteer Fire Department	74,800
Prospect Volunteer Fire Department	74,800
Hampden-Sydney Volunteer Fire Department	74,800
Darlington Heights Volunteer Fire Department	74,800
Meherrin Volunteer Fire Department	74,800
Pamplin Volunteer Fire Department	74,800
Prince Edward Rescue Squad	66,000
Meherrin Rescue Squad	13,000
Pamplin Volunteer EMS	5,000
Hampden-Sydney 1 st Responder	7,000
Chesterfield County Med-Flight	3,000

On motion of Supervisor Jones, seconded by Supervisor Gray, and adopted by the following vote:

Aye:	Pattie Cooper-Jones	Nay: None
	Calvin L. Gray	
	Robert M. Jones	
	Odessa H. Pride	
	Howard F. Simpson	
	C. Robert Timmons, Jr.	
	Jerry R. Townsend	
Absent:	Jim R. Wilck	

the meeting was recessed at 5:45 p.m. until Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Room.