

July 18, 2016

At the special called meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held at Fort Pickett Officer's Club on Fort Pickett in Nottoway County, Virginia, thereof, on Monday, the 18th day of July, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., there were present:

Pattie Cooper-Jones

Odessa H. Pride

Howard F. Simpson

C. Robert Timmons, Jr.

Jerry R. Townsend

Jim R. Wilck

Absent: Calvin L. Gray, Robert M. Jones

Also present: Wade Bartlett, County Administrator; and various members of the Boards of Supervisors of Amelia, Buckingham, Cumberland, Lunenburg, and Nottoway Counties, and County Administrators from Amelia, Buckingham, Cumberland and Nottoway Counties. Bill Hefty of the Law firm Hefty & Wiley was also present.

Chairman Simpson called the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors meeting to order.

In Re: Piedmont Regional Jail Governance

Vivian Giles, County Administrator of Cumberland County, led the meeting, the purpose of which was to discuss the possibility of changing the organizational structure of the Piedmont Regional Jail from a Board to an Authority. Mrs. Giles guided discussion regarding the various resolutions the member Counties would have to adopt to enact a Jail Authority and a service agreement to be approved by each County.

Supervisor Timmons requested Mrs. Giles discuss the pros and cons of changing from a Jail Board to a Jail Authority. Mrs. Giles stated there were two primary reasons. First, by enacting an Authority, the Counties would no longer have direct liability regarding any actions or operations of the Jail. As a Board, each County is liable for jail operations and can be sued directly. As an Authority, the Jail Authority would be an independent political subdivision of the state which would shield the individual counties from liability. The second, primary reason for creating an Authority would be to remove any debt related to the Jail from

the Counties' balance sheets. As an Authority, the Jail could assume debt in its own name but any debt incurred by the Authority would be reflected on the Authority's balance sheet, not the individual Counties. Besides these two reasons, a Jail Authority could also own property in its own name.

The only con would be the ability of the Jail to issue debt. Some were concerned the Jail Authority could obligate the Counties to repay such debt. Mr. Wiley explained that because Jail Authorities do not have sustainable revenue streams outside of the member Counties, no lending institutions would lend money to any Jail Authority unless the member Counties provided a written "moral obligation" commitment from each member County to make annual appropriations for both debt service and operations, as a condition of any debt issuance.

Additional discussion ensued.

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

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

the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.