

April 9, 2010

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held in the banquet room of Charley's Waterfront Café, located at 201-B Mill Street, Farmville, on Friday the 9th day of April, 2010; at 11:30 a.m., there were present:

William G. Fore, Jr.	Sydnor Newman
Robert M. Jones	Dr. Edward I. Gordon
Don C. Gantt, Jr.	Donald L. Hunter
Charles W. McKay	Otto S. Overton
Howard F. Simpson	Thomas B. Pairet
Jim R. Wilck	Sally B. Thompson
Mattie P. Wiley	David E. Whitus

Absent: Howard M. Campbell

Also present: Wade Bartlett, County Administrator; Gerald Spates, Town Manager.

Chairman Fore called the special called meeting to order and stated that its purpose was to hold a joint meeting of the Board of Supervisors and Farmville Town Council.

Mr. Gerald Spates, Farmville Town Manager, provided a presentation of various Town initiatives and projects.

Supervisor Simpson asked how the Town of Farmville will control parking at the municipal lot on South Street. Mr. Spates said the County will have hang tags for the employees' vehicles and a certain number of spaces will be reserved for County employees. He said the County will issue the tags to their employees.

Supervisor Simpson then asked if the employees will have to insert a card into a meter; Mr. Spates said there are 109 reserved spaces which will not be in the Town's system, and the hang tag will show the authorization to park in their assigned spot. He said it will not be necessary for the County employees to go to the machine.

Supervisor Simpson asked who will be enforcing the parking. Mr. Spates said the employees can contact Dispatch, and there will be "Towing Enforced" signs posted. He said signs will also be posted stating "Reserved Parking for Prince Edward County Employees Only."

Supervisor Simpson then asked about problems if the hang tag is forgotten; Mr. Spates said the spots are reserved for Prince Edward County employees. The biggest problem he foresees is that the hang tag is not good for anywhere in the parking lot but just in the reserved area.

Supervisor McKay said the hang tag is a good idea; if the hang tags are not used, others may think they can park there, and related it to the use of a handicapped hang tag. Discussion followed on the assigning of specific parking spots, and how the public parking will be handled. Mr. Spates said they go to the master meter and key in the number of the parking spot they were in; they will then put in a quarter for every hour they were in that spot.

Discussion followed on further Town projects and the ICE facility.

Mr. Bartlett reviewed the County budget and stressed the financial challenges facing the County with the intent to keep all existing services for the citizens. He then said the public hearing on the budget will be held on April 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. and expects to hold the vote on the budget on April 27, 2010, although the vote could be put back if necessary. Mr. Bartlett added the entire budget is on the County website for review.

Mr. Bartlett discussed the project to upgrade the Cannery to allow it to be used for local agricultural business. He said many organizations could benefit from the goods produced locally and keep the business local. He said the "home use" will not be turned away, but this project will help to provide the Cannery with new equipment and will be able to process the food faster.

Mr. Bartlett then discussed the "Lofts at Worsham School" which is a developer's plan to convert the three old buildings into 20 one- or two-bedroom apartments, with an expected completion in late spring of 2011. These will be marketed to the young professionals and the professors at the colleges in the area.

Mr. Bartlett stated the purchase of the SCOPE building has not yet been finalized; the Meals On Wheels will continue to operate from the building, and the County will expand recreational opportunities for senior citizens.

Mr. Bartlett said VDOT reports the Route 15 project is fully funded, and it will start at the intersection of Routes 628 and 15 and will end just past the intersection of Route 15 and Dominion Drive. He said VDOT will design the road and will not go to bid for construction until November of 2012; because there is no state money for roads, the only projects that are being done are federal highway designated roads. VDOT must send every project to the federal government to be reviewed which doubles the time involved. Mr. Bartlett said the Six-Year Plan was approved; the Board divided the top priority (Back Hampden Sydney Road) into two because there is funding for one-half of the project.

Mr. Bartlett reported the County received a \$770,272 grant from the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME). The funds are to be used to replace the HVAC system at STEPS. These funds will be added to a \$300,000 Congressional earmark and \$145,848 from the Tobacco Commission. The last two funding amounts will be used by STEPS, Inc. to start a secure document destruction business.

Mr. Bartlett informed those gathered that the County is working with the Prospect Historical Society concerning the renovation of the old train station. A grant of \$313,000 has been received.

Mr. Bartlett then provided a review of the Granite Falls Hotel and Conference Center project.

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

Aye:	Howard M. Campbell	Nay: None
	William G. Fore, Jr.	
	Don C. Gantt, Jr.	
	Robert M. Jones	
	Charles W. McKay	
	Howard F. Simpson	
	Jim R. Wilck	
	Mattie P. Wiley	

the meeting was recessed at 1:25 p.m. until Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 2:30 p.m.