

April 13, 2010

At a special called meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held at the Court House, in the Third Floor Conference Room, thereof, on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010; at 5:00 p.m., there were present:

Howard M. Campbell

William G. Fore, Jr.

Don C. Gantt, Jr.

Robert M. Jones

Charles W. McKay

Howard F. Simpson

Jim R. Wilck

Mattie P. Wiley

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

Chairman Fore called the meeting to order, stating its purpose was for a budget work session and to view the Prince Edward County School's budget presentation. The Board adjourned to the Board of Supervisors Room for the presentation.

In Re: Prince Edward County School Budget Presentation

Cindy Wahrman, Director of Finance for Prince Edward County Schools, gave a brief presentation on the Prince Edward County proposed school budget. She informed the Board of Supervisors of the coming reductions of \$1.9 million from the state and the actions the school has proposed to offset the impact from these reductions. A brief discussion followed the presentation regarding some of the proposed adjustments to the school budget. She said teachers were reassigned to other classrooms as well. Mr. Stanley Jones, Interim Superintendent, said some of the teachers decided to relocate and due to increased class size, only one teacher was affected by the lay-off. He added the administration will work eleven months instead of twelve to reduce costs.

Mr. Jones continued to say the community is moving in the right direction and the staff has done a thorough job, exploring every option. He said \$1.9 million has been cut from the school budget.

Mr. Jones said the transportation has been consolidated; the high school students will be on the same buses with the younger children, and aides will be monitoring the more difficult routes. He said it is a privilege for a student to ride a bus, and a student that causes trouble on a bus will be removed from the bus. The reduction in the number of buses on the roads will provide a decrease in fuel and maintenance costs.

Chairman Fore thanked Ms. Wahrman, Mr. Jones and the entire School Board for the presentation.

The Board of Supervisors returned to the Third Floor Conference Room.

#### In Re: Work Session

Chairman Fore asked for questions from the Supervisors regarding the county budget.

Discussion followed regarding the supplemental salaries to the Constitutional Officers; the Board of Supervisors made a decision in 2006 to include the Constitutional Officers on the County pay scale. Supervisor Gantt said the cost of benefits cost more each year. Mr. Bartlett said the salaries are a market-based approach and are set on the region, and by their qualifications.

Discussion followed on the cost and progress of the Sandy River Reservoir Water and Sewer System. Supervisor Gantt said constituents feel the water issue is the reason taxes are being increased.

Mr. Bartlett said a study has shown the project could cause a tax increase at the beginning of the system being in operation. Supervisor McKay said it would then equal out as customers are added, and eventually would provide revenue.

Mr. Bartlett said the proposed four-cent increase is not connected to the water project. He said millions were spent on the library, and is combined with three years of declining state revenues and the General Assembly looking to extricate themselves of financial responsibilities. Further discussion followed.

Chairman Fore said it is incumbent upon the Board of Supervisors to look to the future of the County and the Town, 30 to 50 years into planning for the future.

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 adjourned at 6:59 p.m.