

April 24, 2007

At a reconvened meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held in the Third Floor Conference Room of the Court House, on Tuesday the 24th day of April, 2007; at 5:00 p.m., there were present:

William G. Fore, Jr., Chairman

Howard F. Simpson, Vice-Chairman

Pattie Cooper-Jones

Sally W. Gilfillan

Robert M. Jones

Charles W. McKay

James C. Moore

Lacy B. Ward

Also Present: Sarah Puckett, Acting County Administrator.

Chairman William G. Fore, Jr., called the meeting to order.

In Re: FY 07-08 Budget Work Session

Chairman Fore stated the revised school budget had been presented on Friday, April 20. He said Acting County Administrator Sarah E. Puckett entered the revised figures for the amended budget summary. He then turned the floor over to Mrs. Puckett.

Mrs. Sarah Puckett advised the Board of the comparisons between the original and amended school budget requests, and presented the summary as the school budget fits into the County budget. She reminded the Board that the school budget now must be approved by the three funds: School fund, Cafeteria fund, and School Construction fund.

Chairman Fore said the Board traditionally gives \$50,000 each year to the school's cafeteria fund. However, this year, he suggested they not contribute to that fund as the Cafeteria Fund has a considerable amount in reserve.

Supervisor Ward questioned the Superintendent's explanation of the initiatives that would need to be cut or reduced. He added he had not attended a public hearing with as much support for a school budget as the one held April 10, 2007. Chairman Fore stated he could not support the school budget as initially

presented because of the tax increase which would have been necessary. Supervisor Ward stated the new superintendent has new initiatives and direction for the schools, adding he did not wish to put heavy opposition to the school board. Supervisor Simpson stated the schools were asked to determine any items that could be carried over to the FY 08-09 budget. He added the Board has not raised taxes in several years and now the General Fund is low. Some discussion followed regarding possible adjustments to the County budget.

Mrs. Puckett reviewed further the proposed County budget with the amended school budget figures. She advised the Board that it would be necessary to delay the phase-out of the decal fee until 2009 due to the process involved. Further review of revenue and expenditures followed. The Board requested Mrs. Puckett reduce the school budget by \$50,000 from the cafeteria fund, and meet with each constitutional officer to request the officer to take their current budget, add 3.2% to the salary line item and then reduce all other line items by 5%. Mrs. Puckett was also instructed to reduce donation requests by 5% with the exception of fire and rescue, the library, Farmville-Prince Edward Youth Association, and certain other mandates. Due to the requested revisions, no action was taken by the Board at this time.

Supervisor Gilfillan requested the Board consider review of all requests at a later date, to determine where reductions can be made for FY 08-09 budget.

In Re: Hiring Process for County Administrator

Supervisor Gilfillan requested a letter be sent to all applicants for the County Administrator position to advise them they are being reviewed. Chairman Fore stated they are well within the guidelines as set forth by the International City/County Management Association (ICMA).

On motion of Mr. McKay and adopted by the following vote:

Aye:	Pattie Cooper-Jones	Nay:	None
	William G. Fore, Jr.		
	Sally W. Gilfillan		
	Robert M. Jones		
	Charles W. McKay		
	James C. Moore		
	Howard F. Simpson		
	Lacy B. Ward		

the meeting was recessed at 6:25 p.m. and will reconvene on Monday, April 30, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., in the 3rd Floor Conference Room.