

April 29, 2008

At a reconvened meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held at the Court House, thereof, on Tuesday the 29th day of April, 2008; at 5:00 p.m., there were present:

William G. Fore, Jr.

Robert M. Jones

Charles W. McKay

James C. Moore

Howard F. Simpson

Lacy B. Ward

Mattie P. Wiley

Absent: Sally W. Gilfillan

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

Chairman Fore called the reconvened meeting to order, stating that its purpose was a budget work session and the adoption the County budget, the school budget and to set the tax levy for the 2008-09 fiscal year.

In Re: Prince Edward Community Center

Ms. Mary Stokes, President of the Prince Edward Community Center, said the purpose of the Center is to provide a safe, educational environment for children during the summer. Mrs. Patti Cooper-Jones, Treasurer of the Prince Edward Community Center, said they are currently working on the roof repairs on the center's building, and that the program currently takes place at the Prince Edward County Schools. Ms. Stokes said they are a non-profit agency, supported by fund raisers, donations and dues. She said the Center provides support for the SOLs and provide trips for the children. The summer program will be in operation for four to five weeks this summer, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.; approximately 120 children attended last year. Ms. Stokes said she would be meeting with Dr. Patricia Watkins, Superintendent of the Prince Edward County Schools, to discuss the camp schedule.

Mrs. Wiley asked if there were youth working at the Center. Mrs. Cooper-Jones said the staff consists of the director and assistant director, five paid adult workers, five paid youth workers, and also a number of teen volunteers.

Chairman Fore asked about the cost of the summer program for the children; Mrs. Stokes said the program used to be free, but now is \$50.00 per child for the entire program. Mrs. Stokes added children between five to 12 years old may attend. Mrs. Cooper-Jones said the Center carries insurance which is always in effect. She said the meals are provided through the USDA program at the school, and that in addition to lunch, breakfast and a snack are provided also.

Ms. Stokes said the Center tries to provide a learning experience to all children. She said there have been no discipline problems; the program has been very successful, and asked the Board to help the Center be more successful.

Sally Gilfillan entered the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

Mr. Ward questioned if the Board was attempting to make a comparison in order to fund one of the programs offered by the Community Center or the YMCA. He said he would hate to see the Community Center in a competitive situation with the YMCA, which is tremendously advantaged by the \$163,000 in debt service that the County provides, and the other contributions the County has made. He said the Community Center's staff gives of their pockets and their time. He asked if the recommendation from the County Administrator for the budget would accommodate both the Center and the YMCA.

Mr. Bartlett said the \$25,000 budgeted for the YMCA is for the football and cheerleading programs. Mr. Ward said both organizations serve the young people and felt it unfair to compare the Community Center with the YMCA.

Mr. Jones said the YMCA will provide their summer program if the County gives additional support or not. Mr. Bartlett said the funds from the County would be used to provide assistance to the families that cannot afford the fees.

Chairman Fore said the requests from both were not overly large amounts and should be handled fairly easily. He added that the YMCA has stipulated that whatever funds are not used for scholarships would be returned to the County.

After further discussion, Mr. McKay made a motion to approve the \$20,000 funding request for the YMCA summer program, with 20% applied to staffing and 80% applied to scholarships. The motion carried:

Aye:	William G. Fore, Jr. Sally W. Gilfillan Robert M. Jones Charles W. McKay James C. Moore Howard F. Simpson Lacy B. Ward Mattie P. Wiley	Nay: None
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In Re: FY 09 Prince Edward County School Budget

Mr. Bartlett said there is enough funding in the “Pay Raise Reserve” for a 3% increase in salaries for both the County’s and Constitutional Officers’ employees to be effective December 1, 2008. He said the proposal concerning the transfer to the schools is a decrease of \$24,779 from the amount in the current year’s budget. He said the Board of Supervisors could not approve pay increases for teachers as that’s the School Board’s responsibility, but based on the information received from the Schools, there is enough to fund the equivalent of a 3% salary increase from December 1 also for the school system. He said all of that would be from non-local funding; it would be from the increase of funding from the state and federal governments.

Chairman Fore said the Board is level funding the schools. The school has received an increase from the state. If the School Board wishes to give its employees a 3% to 4% raise, there will be no county money involved. Dr. Patricia Watkins, Prince Edward County Schools Superintendent, said that \$331,000 from the state is an increase in basic aid, and is not for salaries. Further discussion on budget requirements necessary for the 3% increase in salaries for both the School and County employees followed.

Mr. Bartlett said that after review of the latest data, the projected revenues could be increased, and overall, the General Fund balance may be higher than originally anticipated. He said giving a salary increase of 3% from July 1 would not jeopardize the County’s financial standing.

After further discussion, Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Simpson, to approve the Fiscal Year 2009 Prince Edward County School Budget as follows:

- School Fund: The total for the School Fund is \$28,924,916, of which \$8,077,457 is local revenue as a transfer from the County General Fund.
- Cafeteria Fund: The total for the School Cafeteria Fund is \$1,085,800, of which \$0 is local revenue as a transfer from the County General Fund.
- Construction Fund: The total for the School Construction Fund is \$630,537, of which \$0 is local revenue.

This provides for an overall FY 09 Prince Edward County School Budget in the amount of \$30,641,253.

The motion carried:

Aye:	William G. Fore, Jr. Sally W. Gilfillan Robert M. Jones Charles W. McKay James C. Moore Howard F. Simpson Lacy B. Ward Mattie P. Wiley	Nay: None
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In Re: FY 09 Prince Edward County Budget & Tax Levy

Chairman Fore said by making the adjustments to the proposed budget, it added \$20,000 for the YMCA summer program, \$259,690 to allow the 3% school employee and county employee salary increase to begin on July 1. This adds a total of \$279,690 to the liability side of the budget, which makes the General Fund expenditures total \$20,219,659.

After further discussion, Mr. McKay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, that the Fiscal Year 2009 Prince Edward County Budget of \$46,129,360 be approved in accordance with Section 15.1-160 of the *Code of Virginia*, as amended, and the tax levy for tax year 2008 be set at the following amounts per \$100.00 assessed valuation:

\$0.57	Real Estate
0.70	Merchant's Capital
4.20	Machinery & Tools

4.50 Personal Property
0.00 Farm Machinery & Livestock

excepting therefrom such segregated property as set forth in Section 58.1-3600 et. seq. (*Code of Virginia*, 1950, as amended) upon which the tax shall be zero.

Additionally, the special real estate levy for the CDA District only, is set at \$1.00 per \$100 assessed valuation.

The motion carried:

Aye:	William G. Fore, Jr. Sally W. Gilfillan Robert M. Jones Charles W. McKay James C. Moore Howard F. Simpson Lacy B. Ward Mattie P. Wiley	Nay: None
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In Re: Award of Contract for Via Sacra (VDOT Revenue Sharing Project)

Chairman Fore said the County is the Fiscal Agent for the Via Sacra project and is the recipient of the VDOT Revenue Sharing Funds to assist Hampden-Sydney College with the upgrade of 0.13 miles of Via Sacra (Route 1001). Construction bids were received on the project; the apparent low bid of \$380,108 by WCW Earthworks has been recommended by Draper Aden Associates, the project engineers. Hampden-Sydney College, which is providing the matching funds, is in agreement with Draper Aden's recommendation.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to award the contract for the Via Sacra project to WCW Earthworks, LLC, for the base bid of \$380,108. The motion carried:

Aye:	William G. Fore, Jr. Sally W. Gilfillan Robert M. Jones Charles W. McKay James C. Moore Howard F. Simpson Lacy B. Ward Mattie P. Wiley	Nay: None
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On motion of Mr. Moore and adopted by the following vote:

Aye: William G. Fore, Jr.
Sally W. Gilfillan
Robert M. Jones
Charles W. McKay
James C. Moore
Howard F. Simpson
Lacy B. Ward
Mattie P. Wiley

Nay: None

the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.