

January 24, 2009

At a reconvened meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held at the Court House, thereof, on Saturday the 24th day of January, 2009; at 8:00 a.m., there were present:

William G. Fore, Jr.

Charles W. McKay

James C. Moore

Howard F. Simpson

Lacy B. Ward

Mattie P. Wiley

Absent: Robert M. Jones

Also present: Wade Bartlett, County Administrator; Sarah Puckett, Assistant County Administrator; and Sharon Harrup, CEO of STEPS, Inc.

Chairman Fore called the reconvened meeting to order, and stated it was a special meeting to discuss and update the County Strategic Plan, and compare the Staff Retreat held in September 2008 and the Board Retreat from 2006.

In Re: Review of Mission Statement

Ms. Sharon Harrup reviewed the Mission Statement; the Board agreed that the following Mission Statement remain in effect for the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors:

“Represent all citizens, provide leadership, create vision and set policy to accomplish effective change, planned growth and provide essential services while maintaining and enhancing the quality of life in Prince Edward County.”

In Re: Review of Shared Vision

Ms. Harrup reviewed the Shared Vision’s eight focus areas, which include Responsible Economic Growth; Tourism and Recreation are Viable Industries; Quality Education for All Residents; Modern and

Up-to-Date Transportation System; Public Library System; Quality Affordable Housing; Ample, Quality Water Supply; and Quality Health Care Facilities.

The Board concurred to keep the focus areas intact. Discussion followed on the Board's impact of the focus areas. Chairman Fore said transportation and health care are impacted only by the County's funding of the Farmville Area Bus and through Social Services. Supervisor Moore said the Board's impact on housing is also limited, but the housing development must follow the proper process. Mr. Bartlett said Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) allow local governments to impact some housing, which would require a substantial local match of approximately 40-50%. Another is the indoor plumbing project; he said the County has contracted an Administrative Agent for this program.

Supervisor McKay said some funding needs to be set aside to build a nest egg for road repair to be used in the Revenue Sharing Program. He said the Board determines which road is repaired with determining the Six Year Plan. Supervisor Ward mentioned possible funding from a stimulus package at the federal level and a more effective use of the CRC; further discussion followed.

In Re: Priorities for Action

Ms. Harrup reviewed the Board's Priorities for Action – 2006-2011. The Board discussed and concurred on the following for 2009 - 2014:

- 1-A Increase the use of revenue sharing opportunities to improve roadways.
- 1-B Strengthen and continue to improve town and county cooperation.
- 1-C Improve communication with and support to *all educational entities in our region.*
- 1-D Expand the capabilities and uses of the county website.

- 2-A *Coordinate public recreation.*
- 2-B Review land use processes, guidelines and procedures to determine needed changes.

- 3-A *Maintain support of quality health care.*
- 3-B Monitor progress on achieving county goals and objectives.
- 3-C *Continue to support the expansion efforts of the public library system.*

- 4-A Cash in on tourism.
- 4-B Expand opportunities to obtain grant funds to leverage local resources.
- 4-C Re-evaluate staff positions to help ensure wages and compensation are competitive with surrounding localities.

In Re: Staff Strategic Direction

Ms. Harrup reviewed the Prince Edward County Staff Operational Planning Retreat Strategic

Directions, as follows:

Community Development

- § Indoor plumbing
- § CDBG
- § Coordination with Southside Outreach
- § Public Safety & Emergency Management
- § *PEFNET and cell towers*

Economic Development

- § Recruitment
- § Retention/Enhancement for existing business
- § Workforce development
- § Tourism

Environmental Infrastructure

- § Water/Sewer
- § Recycling
- § Waste management

Internal Technology Enhancement

- § Hardware/Software needs
- § GIS
- § Financial software
- § Training of staff
- § *Outreach with the public*

Recreation

- § Organized recreation
- § Trails

Staff Development

- § Staff evaluation
- § Human resources
- § Staff training/development
- § Staff meetings

Sustainable Agriculture

- § Identification of resources
- § Cannery
- § Economic feasibility
- § Marketing

Ms. Sharon Dotson, Leigh District, asked why Supervisor Moore had not been in attendance at the meeting held Thursday, January 22, 2009. Mr. Bartlett said the meeting was a Planning Commission

informational meeting, and the County Attorney had advised some on the Board that there may be a conflict of interest because of owning property within the district. He said Mr. Hicks and Mr. Coleman, members of the Planning Commission, were also not in attendance because of the same reason. Mr. Bartlett said a determination is forthcoming for those members to include Supervisor Jones if there is no conflict of interest in order that they may join in any further discussion and/or vote in the future. He said there are specific state guidelines on whether they may or may not have a conflict of interest, and each individual member has to make that determination, because it's based on economic impact, and only the individual member would have that knowledge. Mr. Bartlett added that no one has been determined to have an actual conflict at this time. Some further discussion followed.

In Re: Prioritization

Ms. Harrup led the Board in a review of the overarching focus of priorities, and said the list seemed to encompass everything done in 2008. She reminded the Board of Supervisor Ward's suggestion that the Board keep in mind the potential of a stimulus package, and to utilize the Commonwealth Regional Council to its greatest capacity. Ms. Harrup said there were three prioritization directions that could be specified: prioritizing under each category, prioritize the seven main areas, or to pick from each.

Mr. Bartlett addressed the potential stimulus package issue, and said he spoke to a representative from Congressman Perriello's office, who said the House has completed a draft of the Economic Recovery Package. He said there will be funding dedicated to transportation, education, and other areas. Congressman Perriello is advised that the money will probably go to the states for transportation, and then the states will determine how the funding is used. Mr. Bartlett said VDOT is developing a list of priorities by district, which will go to Richmond. He said the County's Six-Year Plan will be used; contact can be made to the Resident Engineer to express the Board's wishes. Currently it appears to be an internal VDOT issue.

Supervisor Gilfillan asked if the prioritization should be based on reasonable priorities or "if money were no object." Further discussion followed.

Chairman Fore said the construction money is gone, but there is a lot of money there for revenue sharing. He said they have upped the ante at state levels even with no money. He said that the counties

statewide are expected to fix the roads, which puts the responsibility on the citizens' to keep the roads up as reconstructed or repaired. Mrs. Puckett said the only way the revenue sharing funding is obtained is if it is a locally administered project, so not only has the responsibility shifted to the citizens, but the localities must administer the design, the engineering and construction of the road as well. Chairman Fore added that the legislature shifted the responsibility from the state to the localities. Mr. Bartlett said that currently, there is not a single earmark in the Federal House Bill.

Supervisor Ward said that the authority was given to Mr. Bartlett to come up with a list to submit to the legislature. Mr. Bartlett said that more information from the schools is forthcoming; he said the state has sent nothing on the topic, and the contact from the state level stated VACo and VML asked the state to do it, but there is no process set up. Supervisor Ward asked if the list can be made available; Mr. Bartlett said that it had been included in the Board packet. He said the only addition may be that Congressman Perriello sent a two-page document with specific questions on any item you want included in the upcoming Federal budget, but that funding will not appear prior to October 1, 2009 at the earliest, if at all. Mr. Bartlett said that Congressman Perriello has asked everyone in his district for projects, and this is not to be confused with the economic stimulus package.

Supervisor Gilfillan suggested prioritizing for the only next 12 months, based on what may be possible given the great uncertainty that the County is facing.

After a brief recess, the priorities were ranked as follows:

1. Community Development
 - a. Water – Identify sources of funding
 - b. Assess and evaluate all community development funding sources
 - c. Education – communication with Superintendent's office, to-do list for budget, and what actions the school will recommend to adjust to reduced funding by the state
 - d. EMS Coordination
 - e. Library – monitor
 - f. Transportation – Administer revenue sharing project
 - g. Housing – Development of eligibility list for IPR

2. Economic Development
 - a. Retention
 - b. Tourism
 - c. Recruitment – Develop marketing plan
 - d. Workforce Development facility
 - e. Enhance use of website as an economic development tool

3. Recreation
 - a. Organize to serve maximum amount of people
 - b. Trails and equestrian

4. Technology
 - a. Internal technology and staff development plan; funding
 - b. Wireless broadband; monitor
 - c. Expand capabilities of county website

5. Environmental Infrastructure
 - a. Water/Sewer
 - b. Recycling

6. Sustainable Agriculture

Further discussion followed. Consensus was that the Staff should provide a 12-18 month task work plan by March/April to present to the Board.

In Re: Wiley & Wilson Services

Mr. Bartlett turned the discussion to the Water Infrastructure and said the Board authorized him to enter into an agreement with Troutman Sanders to provide legal services regarding the water system. He said the document presented is the same request for an engineering service, but is not concerning the PPEA, but concerns Utility Organization Services. He said the agreement with the Town of Farmville is now complete, infrastructure has been obtained, and now the County must operate the infrastructure, which requires certain regulations and permits.

He said there are specific things that must be done to operate a system. He recommended the Board to authorize the County Administrator to enter into a contract with a cost of \$16,300. He said funding is currently budgeted under the Sandy River Reservoir Department, under "Professional Services." He said this is necessary and will help in the development of the ordinance, to get the system up and running and to have it certified by the Health Department. It is necessary prior to having the first customer.

Supervisor Ward asked if Draper Aden did work on the document; Mr. Bartlett said he recommended that Wiley & Wilson be hired to assist with the Utility Organization Services. Draper Aden was not used for this scope of work to eliminate any possible conflict of interest issue (with respect to the

PPEA Project). Mr. Bartlett said the County cannot operate the system until the various permits and the ordinance are in place. He added there have been a number of customers waiting to be connected to the water system.

Supervisor McKay made a motion to table the issue until the February 10, 2009 Board meeting.

The motion carried:

Aye:	William G. Fore, Jr. Sally W. Gilfillan Charles W. McKay James C. Moore Howard F. Simpson Lacy B. Ward Mattie P. Wiley	Nay: None	Absent: Robert M. Jones
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In Re: SRRRPOD

Supervisor Gilfillan requested that Draft #6 of the Sandy River Reservoir Protection Overlay District needs to be in plain English, and easily understood by the public. Supervisor McKay requested that any document sent to the public also needs to be sent to the Board members. Supervisor Gilfillan suggested that prior to any further revisions being sent to the general public, the Planning Commission should meet with the Citizen Work Group to review the document. Supervisor McKay said a citizen had a concern about receiving information in a timely manner; Mr. Bartlett said that issue had been misconstrued, and he intends for the Planning Commission to have two drafts of the revised ordinance: one will be based on the current draft, simplified and with the revisions discussed during the meeting held January 22, 2009. The second draft will be to make it much more like Amhurst County, which would provide increased protection. He said there will also be a point by point response to all of the citizens' concerns. Outside agencies will be contacted in the event their assistance is necessary.

In Re: Other Business

Supervisor Gilfillan asked Supervisor Ward why he felt the Board is holding "secret meetings." She said either she doesn't understand his definition or there are meetings she doesn't know about.

Supervisor Ward: I say that things are being done in secrecy – I didn't say secret meetings. I didn't say that you're having – that you're calling everybody in but me. But things are happening. Let me give you an example – I'll give you a couple of examples. The Jim Ennis letter, and the whole handling of the – of the so-called poll that was taken –

Supervisor Gilfillan: In November – you're back on the November 2007 --

Supervisor Ward: Yes, because I've made this point. You know when Lacy Ward knew about that? Now maybe everybody else knew. I knew about it at the June [2008] meeting.

Mr. Bartlett: That is not correct.

Supervisor Ward: Why? Wait a minute –

Mr. Bartlett: I informed the entire Board of the letter concerning the wells at the very next Authority meeting after that letter was sent.

Supervisor Ward: No, you misunderstood me. You misunderstood me. The Jim Ennis letter – is that what you're talking about?

Mr. Bartlett: No, I meant the letter I sent concerning the wells.

Supervisor Ward: Then you're wrong. Jim Ennis' letter went out in November, and that's the letter I'm talking about. I didn't know about it until June. I didn't know a poll was taken, I didn't know anything about that. Now, I'm a member of the Board. Now, to me, something was done in secrecy because I didn't know, Sally, and there have been other things that have happened that were not done in the open.

Supervisor McKay: By a Board member?

Supervisor Ward: Well, the Board runs this Board – I don't know who made it.

Supervisor McKay: Well, then, evidently you did, because you're the Board member. I mean, don't include me in something when you're saying – I've done nothing in secrecy. I have done absolutely nothing –

Supervisor Ward: I gave you the example of the Jim Ennis letter –

Supervisor McKay: But nothing in secrecy (inaudible)

Supervisor Ward: I didn't say that you did.

Supervisor McKay: But you said the Board did.

Supervisor Wiley: But Mr. Ward, when you got up the other night in the meeting there – in the Planning Commission – you indicated that the Board members were having secret meetings.

Supervisor Ward: No.

Supervisor Wiley: You said the Board members were having secret meetings.

Supervisor Ward: No, I said a lot of things are done in secrecy –

Supervisor Wiley: No sir. You said the Board members were having secret meetings.

Supervisor Simpson: No, you said the Board was having secret meetings, and if we had a secret meeting, I want you to tell us when it was.

Supervisor Wiley: Now, and I want to know what secret meeting did they have – that I didn't go to either, if that's the case. And you also implied –

Supervisor Ward: No, I didn't – if I said that, that's not what I intended to say, and –

Supervisor Wiley: Well, that's what you said.

Supervisor Simpson: (inaudible) Chance now you go back and correct it with all those people that are looking at us that we were having secret meetings.

Supervisor Wiley: Now, and you also said that we had voted on this reservoir thing. Nobody's voted on that.

Supervisor Ward: Why, I never said you voted on the reservoir thing.

Supervisor Wiley: Yes sir. Yes sir. You said something about the reservoir – well, you said the water treatment stuff.

Supervisor Ward: I said – let me tell you what I said on that. I said we are moving full steam ahead on developing a water treatment plant. If you apply to the government to get money for a water treatment plant –

Supervisor Wiley: You used the words “voted” came out of your mouth. And I sat there –

Supervisor Ward: Whatever I said, I can back it up.

Supervisor Moore: Don't worry, I have a tape of the whole thing, the tape of the meeting.

Supervisor Wiley: The word “voted” came out of your mouth.

Supervisor Ward: Mr. – I can tell you –

Supervisor Wiley: I don't appreciate it one bit, because I don't do anything in secrecy as far as this County is concerned.

Supervisor Ward: Well, what you don't like – do whatever you care to do about. You do whatever you care to do about it.

Supervisor Wiley: But Mr. Ward, you (inaudible) the people that are on the Board for no reason. If you tell the truth on me, I can deal with it. But please do not lie on me, because I don't appreciate it. Not one bit. I got on this Board to do the best that I could with the citizens of this county. And that is what I do. I don't care who it is. When I sit there and I listen to the citizens talk about their concerns, I felt for them the other night. Because there were things in there that I truly did not understand, and wouldn't want it to happen to me. But that wasn't my business to address any of that in there the other night because it was the Planning Commission.

Supervisor Ward: Let me tell you – let me tell you why I said anything the other night. When the citizens talked about this water plant, some guy brought up – is this being done – he used The Manor. Now, Wade said – and I've argued about this before. We haven't made a decision on the construction of anything at the water plant. And I have said that we are spending money in development, we have accepted an unsolicited proposal, we have applied for money from the government, but we haven't told the citizens anything about what we're doing. And every time it comes up in a citizen forum, then we'll say "Well, we haven't made a decision on this yet."

Supervisor McKay: We have applied for money –

Mr. Bartlett: I think what he's talking about is the economic stimulus package, is that what you're referring to?

Supervisor Ward: You have given the County Attorney – I mean the County Administrator authority – this is a vote in the last meeting – I wasn't there but it happened – the authority to complete the plan of items to go into the application for – am I right? To go into the stimulus plan.

Supervisor McKay: Yes.

Supervisor Ward: Now, if we – if we put this into the government and said we want this much money to complete our stimulus plan, to build a water treatment plant, and they say "Yeah, here it is," are we applying for money about something that we're not going to do?

Mr. Bartlett: There are three specific items concerning the water utility system for the county. One was the line running down [Route] 15 towards Hampden-Sydney –

Supervisor Ward: Which was the line from Hampden-Sydney to The Manor, which we –

Mr. Bartlett: Which is not part of the PPEA. That is a separate item.

Supervisor Ward: But wait just a minute. But wait just a minute. What do you mean it's a separate item.

Mr. Bartlett: It's a separate item. It's not part of the PPEA submission. I'll go back and look but I do not believe it's a part of the PPEA submission. That was a stand-alone item that is an extension of the current water system from – right now. As we said, these things are living documents.

Supervisor Ward: So you told me it's the very same water line –

Mr. Bartlett: A water line is a water line.

Supervisor Ward: - that we talked about earlier that goes from Hampden-Sydney to what?

Mr. Bartlett: To approximately –

Supervisor Ward: To The Manor.

Mr. Bartlett: -- the entrance – to the entrance to The Manor. It does not – it has not been designed to connect –

Supervisor Ward: This is – didn't you tell me that it's the same water line?

Mr. Bartlett: (inaudible) It is the same one. And then the second one was a storage tank, and I cannot recall the third item on that.

Supervisor Ward: Yeah, there were three on there. But they all have to do with our water –

Mr. Bartlett: Utility system – correct – that can move forward with or without a water treatment plant.

Supervisor Ward: And the guy that you talked with suggested that you put the whole plant.

Mr. Bartlett: In the one that is coming up, that are earmarked (inaudible)

Supervisor Ward: Well, I'll tell you what I'd like to do – I'll tell you what I'd like to do, and I'll be very glad to do. I will take my notes and my experiences on any number of things, and I'll bring it to you, and I'll tell you if I called it secret – if I called it secret, if it happens and I don't know about it, then I've got to call it secret. Anybody's got a problem with that, then they've got problems.

Supervisor Wiley: I don't have a problem with what you consider a secret, that's your business. I don't have a problem with that. But I have a problem when you indicate that I am having secret meetings with people concerning the Board. I have a problem with that because I don't do that. And I may not agree with anything that you say, or anything that some of the others say, but I'm going to agree with what my heart tells me and what I've heard from the people in the community. That's what I agree with whether you like it or not. That's me. One thing I am, is not a dishonest person. And I don't appreciate anybody implying that I am because I don't do that, Mr. Ward.

Supervisor Ward: I wouldn't imply – if I wanted to call you dishonest, I would call you dishonest.

Supervisor Wiley: But that's what you basically got up and said.

Supervisor Gilfillan: Was there a tape made at the meeting the other night?

Supervisor Moore: Yeah, I have a tape.

Supervisor Gilfillan: Then I would like to request – because I had two phone calls with “why are you all meeting in secret?”

Mr. Bartlett: There will be minutes.

Supervisor Gilfillan: I had two phone calls about that, so I would like to request that on the agenda of the February meeting, that somebody's gone back and checked the minutes as to whether or not it was said that we are meeting in secret. I defend to my death your right to say anything you believe, but if you really believe we're meeting in secret, then I want to know about it, because I – that's not my experience. So, I think the public – if the public is truly told that the minutes show that we're meeting in secret, then that needs to be corrected in public. Because if it's said in public, it needs to be corrected in public. And if we're having secret meetings, that's outrageous, horrible and we're violating, and should be thrown out of office. And to my knowledge we're not having secret meetings.

Supervisor Wiley: But you know what is most disturbing, too, Mr. Ward, is that's not the first time you said that. You said it – and I think all of us sit here and really start ignoring it because, you know, sometimes people just say things. And we ignore it. But for you to continue to say it, and get up in a public place, that room was full over there the other night with people, and then people are standing there, and they wanted to applaud you for saying that. I don't understand it, Mr. Ward. Where is it coming from? If I don't know something, then maybe you need to tell me.

Supervisor Gilfillan: You should have been told. It was a mistake that you were not. I would agree with you. But we're a year and a half later. And I just want us to be sure that we're not saying we're having secret meetings, and if you don't think you said that, then let's check and see.

Supervisor Ward: That was not my intention to say we have secret meetings, but we do things in secrecy. And I'm going to hold to that. I'm going to hold to that. Because we have.

Supervisor McKay: We do? You do.

Supervisor Gilfillan: We're not doing things in secret.

Supervisor McKay: Do you do things in secrecy?

Supervisor Ward: Sure, I do things in secrecy.

Supervisor McKay: Okay, then say – that's fine. I don't.

Supervisor Ward: You do – you do everything you do in the open?

Supervisor McKay: Yes sir. When it comes to this Board, yes sir.

Supervisor Ward: I'm not talking about just this Board.

Supervisor McKay: Well, I was talking about this Board. Now do you do anything in secrecy on this Board?

Supervisor Ward: Who?

Supervisor McKay: Mr. Lacy Ward.

Supervisor Ward: What are you talking about, Charlie?

Supervisor McKay: You just said you do things in secrecy. You said we do things in secrecy.

Supervisor Ward: I do things in secrecy, I didn't say on this Board. I didn't say that.

Supervisor McKay: Well, people are expecting you to talk about the Board.

Supervisor Wiley: I didn't want to go there –

Supervisor Ward: You can go anywhere you want to, Mattie. Have your fun.

Supervisor Wiley: I really didn't. But you know, I've seen you having meetings with people that probably you fed information to and that's why they could be so – so open when they come to some of these meetings about things. You know, you shouldn't start something if you're not ready to finish it.

Chairman Fore: Let me interrupt. We've gone far enough.

Supervisor Ward: Now we're all enjoying this because Lacy's –

Chairman Fore: I'm not. I'm the Chair, I'm not. Let me have a motion that we adjourn.

On motion of Supervisor Moore, seconded by Supervisor McKay and adopted by the following vote:

Aye:	William G. Fore, Jr.	Nay: None	Absent: Robert M. Jones
	Sally W. Gilfillan		
	Charles W. McKay		
	James C. Moore		
	Howard F. Simpson		
	Lacy B. Ward		
	Mattie P. Wiley		

the meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.