

March 16, 2010

At a called meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held at the Court House, thereof, on Tuesday the 16th day of March, 2010; at 12:00 noon, there were present:

Howard M. Campbell

William G. Fore, Jr.

Don C. Gantt, Jr.

Robert M. Jones

Charles W. McKay

Howard F. Simpson

Mattie P. Wiley

Absent: Jim R. Wilck

Also present: Wade Bartlett, County Administrator; Sarah Puckett, Assistant County Administrator; Sharon Lee Carney, Director of Economic Development; and Andre Gilliam, Community Development Planner, Commonwealth Regional Council.

Chairman Fore called the Special Meeting to order to hold the Public Hearing on the CDBG and to hold a budget work session.

In Re: Public Hearing – CDBG Application for Granite Falls Conference and Hospitality Training Center

Chairman Fore announced this was the date and time scheduled for a public hearing on the CDBG Application for Granite Falls Conference and Hospitality Training Center. Notice of this hearing was advertised according to law in the February 5, 2010 and February 12, 2010 issues of THE FARMVILLE HERALD, a newspaper published in the County of Prince Edward.

Sharon Lee Carney, Director of Economic Development, said Prince Edward County has an opportunity to apply for a Community Development Block Grant from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (VDHCD) in the amount of \$700,000 to build a “community service facility” to be known as the Granite Falls Hospitality Training Center. This hospitality training facility will

be part of the public/private partnership known as the Granite Falls Conference and Hospitality Training Center. The grant submittal date is March 31, 2010.

Mrs. Carney said part of the grant application requires holding two public hearings; the first was held on March 4, 2010 at which time Andre Gilliam of the Commonwealth Regional Council spoke regarding which type CDBG grants the County had previously been awarded or if the County currently had any open CDBG grants, which the County does not.

Mrs. Carney said while there is no specific matching fund requirement, the grant will score more favorably with a higher match pledge. The estimated cost of the hospitality training center is \$14 million. The total project estimated cost is \$42 million, creating 95 full-time equivalent job positions. She explained that this does not represent the number of indirect jobs to be created and local economic impact to area companies and tradesmen associated with the development of the project, and more than 100 jobs are estimated to be created as a result of the project construction. Mrs. Carney said the remaining funding sources for the Hospitality Training Center include other grant opportunities and IDA financing that will not be a liability to the County of Prince Edward. Submittal of the grant application does not represent an obligation to accept the funds if awarded or any financial obligation if other funding sources do not materialize. Mrs. Carney added that this project will not displace anyone in a housing area and no businesses will be closed.

Mrs. Carney then reviewed the Fact Sheet dated March 16, 2010 and a draft CDBG application. She explained the information is preliminary and will be further refined as the project continues.

Supervisor Wilck entered the meeting at 12:14 p.m.

Mrs. Carney said letters of support have been received from the following:

- United States Congressman Tom Perriello, 5th District
- State Senator Frank M. Ruff, Jr., 15th Senate District
- Al Roberts, Provost, Southside Virginia Community College
- Dr. Gwen S. Eddleman, President & CEO, Centra Southside Community Hospital
- Scott Harwood, Harwood & Son Insurance
- Debra Crowder, Executive Director, South Central Workforce Investment Board
- Lee Minix, Chair, Farmville Area Chamber of Commerce
- Mary S. Hickman, Acting President & CEO, Commonwealth Regional Council

- Kenneth Copeland, Jr., Director of Economic Development, Longwood University Real Estate Foundation
- Dan Albert, Executive Director, Southside Virginia Family YMCA

Chairman Fore opened the public hearing on the CDBG Application for Granite Falls Conference and Hospitality Training Center.

Jack Houghton, Farmville District, expressed his concern regarding the time of the public hearing as it is inconvenient for the public, and stated public hearings are preferable in the evening hours. He then said information regarding the CDBG application was not readily available, and that the Fact Sheet and resolution were helpful but general in nature. He asked the distribution of prospective jobs within the hotel, conference and training center and the pay scales for those jobs, and asked if the project can proceed without the rest of the facility, should it not materialize. He then asked if a “flag hotel” has yet committed to the project, and what grants are anticipated and how much funding is expected. Mr. Houghton asked if the Prince Edward Hospitality and Training Institute is the institute that will be created because of the consortium, and asked if a feasibility study or market study has been done. He then said the citizens of Prince Edward County strongly support effective economic development initiatives but the citizens must be advised of the anticipated projects.

Mr. Robert Anderson spoke in support of the proposed training center.

Ms. Jennifer Wall spoke in support of the project, and said the training center would provide jobs for tradesmen during construction and an opportunity for full time employment. She said at the Prince Edward County Public Schools’ Tech Center which has a culinary school; the students have no natural center to go, and this training center would offer more opportunities for the area youth.

Mr. Robert Atkinson, owner of W. C. Newman Concrete, spoke in support of the project which would create work in the community.

Mrs. Pattie Cooper-Jones, Farmville District, spoke in support of economic growth but expressed concern on things passing without thorough investigation. She said the economy is in “bad shape” and asked why another hotel would be built at the expense of the taxpayers.

There being no one further wishing to speak, Chairman Fore closed the public hearing.

Supervisor Simpson made a motion to adopt the resolution authorizing the submittal of a CDBG application in the amount of \$700,000 to VDHCD for the Granite Falls Hospitality Training Center and to authorize the Board Chairman and/or the County Administrator to sign all necessary grant documents to execute the application, grant reports and grant contract; the motion carried:

Aye: Howard M. Campbell
William G. Fore, Jr.
Don C. Gantt
Robert M. Jones
Charles W. McKay
Howard F. Simpson
Jim R. Wilck

Nay: None

Abstain: Mattie P. Wiley

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF PRINCE EDWARD, VIRGINIA**

**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
CDBG GRANT ENDORSEMENT RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (VDHCD) was created to help foster community economic development job creation opportunities for low-to-moderate income citizens and eradicate slum and blight in the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the County of Prince Edward Board of Supervisors would like to submit a grant application to VDHCD for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$700,000 for the construction of a hospitality training center as a “Community Service Facility,” which is due March 31, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the “Community Service Facility” will be part of a public/private partnership known as the Granite Falls Hotel Conference and Hospitality Training Center, creating 95 FTE’s and represent \$42 million in investment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Prince Edward, Virginia does hereby support a grant application to VDHCD for CDBG funding in the amount of \$700,000 to help build the workforce training center to be known as the Granite Falls Hospitality Training Center; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Prince Edward, Virginia does hereby authorize the Board of Supervisors Chairman and/or County Administrator to sign all necessary grant documents to execute the application, grant reports and grant contract.

Chairman Fore called a recess at 12:43 p.m.

Chairman Fore called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

In Re: Appropriations and Budget Amendments

Chairman Fore said the Prince Edward County Schools have been awarded two Federal grants. The first is a school improvement grant in the amount of \$104,880, to be used to improve middle school student achievement during the school day. The second grant is called the Century Community Learning Grant in the amount of \$75,045, and is to be used to improve middle school student achievement during after-school and summer programs.

Supervisor McKay made a motion to approve the budget amendments as follows:

		<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
3-250-33020-0016	School Improvement Grant 1003		\$104,880
4-250-61000-0001	Instruction	\$104,880	
3-250-33020-0017	Century Community Learning Grant		\$ 75,045
4-250-61000-0001	Instruction	\$ 75,045	

The motion carried:

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

The following FY 2010-11 budget requests were presented:

Virginia Legal Aid	\$ 4,000.00
STEPS	27,232.00
Crossroads Community Services	62,643.00
Longwood Visual Arts	2,500.00

PE-FA Youth Association	50,000.00
Habitat for Humanity	5,000.00
Madeline's House	7,000.00
Farmville Chamber of Commerce	5,000.00
Longwood Small Business	7,074.00
HOPE	10,000.00
Farmville/Prince Edward Library	210,000.00
Heart of Virginia Festival	3,500.00
R. R. Moton Museum	214,500.00
Piedmont Soil & Water District	10,000.00 – Operations 5,000.00 – Dam Work
Old Dominion RC&D	1,775.00
Special Olympics	200.00
Prince Edward Community Center	40,000.00
SCOPE/Meals on Wheels	10,000.00
FACES	4,275.00
YMCA	20,000 Summer Program 25,000 County Programs
Youth Empowerment Center, Inc.	15,000.00
Piedmont Area Transit	10,000.00 Local
Virso Rec & Community Center	5,000.00
Pamplin Community Center	475.00
Prince Edward County After-Prom	1,000.00
Fuqua After-Prom	500.00
Jolly Glee Senior Citizens	1,800.00
Tri-County Life Learners	3,325.00
Piedmont Senior Resources	1,616.00
American Red Cross	4,000.00
Southeast RCAP	3,000.00

Commonwealth Regional Council	15,700.00 Local 0.00 Legislative
Southside Virginia Community College	6,956.00
TransDominion Express	250.00
Heart of Virginia Fireworks	2,500.00
Prince Edward Rescue Squad	60,000.00
Meherrin Rescue Squad	10,000.00
Pamplin Volunteer EMS	4,000.00
Hampden-Sydney First Responder	5,000.00
Farmville Volunteer Fire Department	53,000.00 Operations 15,000.00 Equipment
Rice Volunteer Fire Department	53,000.00 Operations 15,000.00 Equipment
Prospect Volunteer Fire Department	53,000.00 Operations 15,000.00 Equipment
Hampden-Sydney Volunteer Fire Department	53,000.00 Operations 15,000.00 Equipment
Darlington Heights Volunteer Fire Department	53,000.00 Operations 15,000.00 Equipment
Meherrin Volunteer Fire Department	53,000.00 Operations 15,000.00 Equipment
Pamplin Volunteer Fire Department	53,000.00 Operations 15,000.00 Equipment
Prince Edward Area Firefighters Association	6,000.00
Burkeville Volunteer Fire Department	1,500.00
Chesterfield County Med-Flight	500.00
Old Dominion EMS Alliance	1,677.00 2,000.00

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

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

the meeting was recessed at 4:08 p.m. until Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. at the Prince Edward County Schools Career and Technical Center.