

March 18, 2008

At a reconvened meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held jointly with the School Board of Prince Edward County, in the Prince Edward County School Board Conference Room, Eagle Drive, Farmville, Virginia, on Tuesday, March 18, 2008, at 5:00 p.m., there were present:

Board of Supervisors

William G. Fore, Jr., Chairman
Howard F. Simpson, Vice Chairman
Sally W. Gilfillan
Robert M. Jones
Charles W. McKay
James C. Moore
Mattie P. Wiley

School Board

Russell L. Dove, Chairman
Harriett Fentress
Susan S. Lawman
Linda L. Leatherwood
Patsy G. Pelland
Ellery Sedgwick
Lawrence C. Varner

Also present: Wade Bartlett, County Administrator; Sarah Elam Puckett, Assistant County Administrator; Dr. Patricia Watkins, Division Superintendent, and Cindy Wahrman, Division Director of Finance.

Chairman Fore called the Board of Supervisors to order at 5:10 p.m., as a reconvened meeting from March 11, 2008. Mr. Dove called the School Board to order.

Thomas Tillerson entered the meeting during the dinner break.

Following dinner, a discussion between the Board of Supervisors and the School Board of the requested FY 08-09 school budget request followed. Topics included: an anticipated 5% salary increase for teachers and staff of Prince Edward County schools, and a 6% increase in salary for the teachers in Nottoway County without an increase in local funding; math and science education emphasis in the middle school; the future of state funding for schools and the shift of the burden to localities; an Advanced Placement (AP) grant awarded to the Prince Edward County Schools; costs to maintain the Microsoft software licenses; vehicle and heating fuel costs; and the turnover rate at the Prince Edward County Schools.

Dr. Watkins said the School Board will revise its request and resubmit a proposed budget by April 1, 2008, and will make the budget presentation on April 8, 2008, at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Fore thanked Mr. Dove, Dr. Watkins and the School Board for dinner.

The School Board adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

In Re: Emergency Food and Shelter Board Appointment

Chairman Fore said Prince Edward County was chosen to receive \$9,397.00 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in Prince Edward County. The selection was made by a National Board that was chaired by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and consists of representatives from the Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Council of Jewish Federations, Catholic Charities, USA National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA and the United Way of America which will provide the administrative staff and function as fiscal agent. The Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-needed areas around the country.

A local Board made up of a member of the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors, United Way of Prince Edward, Farmville Ministerial Association, Catholic Charities, Salvation Army, Farmville Area Community Emergency Services (FACES), St. Theresa's Food Pantry, Senior Citizens of Prince Edward/Meals on Wheels, a former homeless person, and individual(s)/concerned community citizens will determine how the award to Prince Edward County is to be distributed among the Emergency Food and Shelter programs run by local service organizations.

Chairman Fore asked for a member to serve on the local Board; Mr. Moore agreed and was appointed to serve on the Board.

In Re: Adjournment

On motion of Mr. Simpson 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
Mattie P. Wiley

Nay: None

Absent: Lacy B. Ward

the meeting was recessed at 6:52 p.m. until Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.