

March 29, 2011

At a called meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held at the Court House, thereof, on Tuesday, the 29th day of March, 2011; at 5:00 p.m., there were present:

Howard M. Campbell

William G. Fore, Jr.

Don C. Gantt, Jr.

Robert M. Jones

Charles W. McKay

Howard F. Simpson

Jim R. Wilck

Mattie P. Wiley

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 back to order at 5:00 p.m. to hold the Public Hearing on the CDBG.

In Re: Public Hearing – CDBG Application for Granite Falls Workforce Training Center

Chairman Fore announced this was the date and time scheduled for a second public hearing on the CDBG Application for Granite Falls Workforce Training Center. Notice of this hearing was advertised according to law in the March 18, 2011 and March 23, 2011 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 Workforce Training Center. This training facility will be part of

the public/private partnership known as the Granite Falls Workforce Training Center. The grant submittal date is March 31, 2011.

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 just the workforce training center is \$2.7 million. The total project estimated costs are \$44 million +/-, creating 95 full time equivalent job positions and should offer educational opportunities for 756 students annually, as per estimates by Southside Virginia Community College (SVCC). 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. In addition, more than 100 jobs are estimated to be created as a result of the project construction phase.

The remaining funding sources for the Workforce Training Center include \$1,645,848 in Tobacco Commission funds already awarded for construction, \$150,000 in a USDA Distance Learning Grant for equipment (to be applied for in 2012) and potentially a small IDA financing to cover any financial shortfall for construction that is not to exceed \$204,152, as per a guaranteed maximum price by WM Jordan Construction. This loan amount may be less depending on construction bid prices. The IDA borrowing 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.

Chairman Fore opened the public hearing on the CDBG Application for Granite Falls Workforce Training Center.

Wanda Whitus spoke in favor of the project.

Andre Gilliam spoke in favor of the project and stated he is honored to help the County with this project, which provides a community service facility.

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

Supervisor Simpson made a motion to authorize the submittal of a CDBG application in the amount of \$700,000 to VDHCD for the Granite Falls Workforce Training Center through the adoption of the grant resolution, and to 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; 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

**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 Board of Supervisors of the County of Prince Edward, Virginia, wishes 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 workforce training center as a “Community Service Facility, which is due March 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the “Community Service Facility” will be part of a public/private partnership known as the Granite Falls Hotel Conference and Workforce Training Center. The total project estimated costs are \$44 million +/-, creating 95 full time equivalent job positions (FTEs) and should offer educational opportunities for 756 students annually, as per estimates by Southside Virginia Community College (SVCC). 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. In addition more than 100 jobs are estimated to be created as a result of the project construction phase.

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 Workforce Training Center; and

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

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 adjourned at 5:14 p.m.