

November 15, 2007

At a joint meeting of the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors and Farmville Town Council held on Tuesday, the 15th day of November, 2007, at 12:30 p.m., at Settle Hall, Hampden-Sydney College, there were present:

Board of Supervisors

William G. Fore, Jr. Chairman
Howard F. Simpson, Vice-Chairman
Sally Gilfillan
Robert M. Jones
Charles M. McKay
James C. Moore
Lacy B. Ward

Town Council

Sydnor C. Newman, Mayor
Dr. Edward I. Gordon
Sally B. Thompson
Donald Hunter
David E. Whitus
Otto S. Overton
A. D. "Chuckie" Reid

Also present: Wade Bartlett, County Administrator; Sarah Puckett, Assistant Administrator; Jonathan Pickett, Director of Planning and Community Development; Alecia Daves-Johnson, Planner I; James Ennis, County Attorney; Sharon Lee Carney, Director of Economic Development and Tourism; Gerald J. Spates, Town Manager; Robin Atkins, Town of Farmville Director of Public Works; Fred Pribble, Vice-President of Draper Aden Associates; Joe Hines, PE, Timmons Group; Greg Isins, Timmons Group; Mattie Wiley; Bob Fowler, Manor Resort; William Osl, Chairman, Cumberland County Board of Supervisors; Danny Fore, Commonwealth Regional Council; Chuck Dowdy; David Johnson, Provost, Southside Virginia Community College, Daniels Campus; David Harnage, Mosely Architects; Dick Bratcher, Longwood University; David Rose, Davenport; Norm Krueger, Vice-President, Hampden-Sydney College; and Don Blessing, Town of Farmville Attorney.

Chairman Fore welcomed those present and Supervisor James C. Moore offered thanks over the meal.

Supervisor Cooper-Jones entered the meeting during the meal break.

In Re: Sandy River Reservoir Water Supply Recommendation

Following lunch, Chairman Fore called the Board of Supervisors to order and Mayor Newman called the Council to order. Mr. Fore thanked all for attending and seeking a community solution for the water dilemma facing Prince Edward County and the Town of Farmville. He said it had been five months since the last meeting to formally discuss the transmission of water from the Sandy River Reservoir to the community, and the Board and County staff had worked long hours seeking a solution that would benefit the community as a whole. Mr. Fore said, "In spite of credit that Ken Woodley gave me in his editorial concerning today's meeting which appeared in the November 9, 2007 issue of the [Farmville] Herald, I am

not a weather prognosticator. However, some of Ken's comments are absolutely true. And to quote his editorial, 'the situation is serious because the community's water source – the Appomattox River – is threatened by the second serious drought in five years.' Chairman Fore added, "We still face the eminent possibility of little or no rain during the coming winter months." Mr. Fore said, "I would like, once again, to quote Ken Woodley: 'Let us hope that Supervisors and Town Council members leave this meeting with the discussions indeed finalized, the wording set with nothing left to be done but drafting and signing a final agreement.'"

Mr. Wade Bartlett stated that the following presentation was a proposal for the Town Council and not a request for the Town to join with the County in an Authority. He then presented the Sandy River Reservoir Water Supply Recommendation. He stated the community faced three challenges in solving the community's water supply issue:

1. Provide an adequate and reliable water supply for today and the future at the least cost for the entire community
2. Upgrade water plant and distribution system to meet existing and future Health Department and DEQ regulations
3. Develop financial plan to fund the costs to achieve the goals above

Mr. Bartlett then stated the water supply issue was the single most important issue for the community, and increasing development also increases the demand for water. He added without the water supply, future development, and therefore jobs, are at risk. Mr. Bartlett said the Sandy River Reservoir is unused from its original intent to serve as a water source for the community, and it is the task of the two governing bodies of the community to develop a plan to bring the water to the citizens. All options are expensive, he said, and added that a partnership would be required to complete the optimal project for the community in a timely fashion. Mr. Bartlett restated the cost of the prior proposal of \$23.95 million, which included the \$3 million to move the Town's intake and that Prince Edward County had agreed to pay up to \$4.98 million to build the intake and pretreatment facilities, and the Town had agreed to fund the remaining \$15.97 million - \$18.97 million.

Mr. Bartlett stated the various risks of the prior proposal and then stated the new community solution would be to build a new water treatment plant at Sandy River Reservoir and replace the raw water transmission line with a treated water line. He said the cost of \$22.56 million compares favorably to the

prior proposal. He then reviewed a lengthy list of positive items concerning the new community solutions and a short list of negative items.

Mr. Bartlett said the Board of Supervisors' Sandy River Committee was able to meet as soon as possible, and asked if the Town could meet later that day. He said the following issues must be resolved: a partnership arrangement for the water treatment plant, financing for this or any plan, an interim water supply agreement, and establishment of service areas for both the County and the Town. He added he hoped to have answers to any questions from the Town Council, and the County felt this was the best way to go forward as a community. He said this needed to be solved together.

Mr. Newman asked about the 10-12 year time frame included in the presentation. Mr. Bartlett said that time span had been mentioned by Mr. Spates as a means to save money during a previous Joint Committee meeting.

Mr. Newman asked the Council if they would like to recess the meeting until Friday, November 16, at which time they would review the recommendation.

Mr. Krueger said that in terms of the level of immediacy, it had been recently heightened to a new level, as he understood the Town has cut everyone off from the existing water supply. Mr. Bartlett said that was a different issue.

Mr. Newman recessed the Town Council meeting.

On motion of Mr. Moore and carried:

Aye:	William G. Fore, Jr. Pattie Cooper-Jones Robert M. Jones Charles W. McKay James C. Moore Howard F. Simpson Lacy B. Ward	Nay:	None
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the meeting was recessed at 1:05 p.m. and will reconvene on November 26, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. for a joint meeting with the Prince Edward County School Board.