

October 24, 2013

At a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held on Thursday, October 24, 2013, at 12:00 noon, at Dorrill Hall, Longwood University, there were present:

Howard M. Campbell

Pattie Cooper-Jones

William G. Fore, Jr.

Don C. Gantt, Jr.

Charles W. McKay

Jim R. Wilck

Absent: Howard F. Simpson, Robert M. Jones

Also present: Delegate James Edmunds; Linda Green, Representative for Congressman Robert Hurt; Paul Allen, Representative for Senator Tom Garrett; Sheila Bradley, Representative for Delegate James Edmunds; Wade Bartlett, County Administrator; Sarah Puckett, Assistant Administrator; Mayor Syd Newman and Members of Farmville Town Council; Gerald J. Spates, Town Manager; Lisa Hricko, Town Clerk; Taylor Reveley, President of Longwood University; Brenda Atkins, Vice President for Commonwealth Relations, Longwood University; Dr. Chris Howard, President, Hampden-Sydney College; Dr. Dale Jones, Vice-President for Strategy, Administration and Board Affairs, Hampden-Sydney College; Dr. David Smith, Division Superintendent of the Prince Edward County Public Schools; Chairman Russell Dove and Members of the School Board; Bill Bass, Chief Operating Officer, Centra Southside Community Hospital; Mayor Bob Mitchell, Town of Pamplin; and other guests.

Chairman Fore welcomed those present and Supervisor McKay offered thanks over the meal.

In Re: 2013 Legislative Priorities

Following lunch, at 12:40 p.m. Chairman Fore called to order the recessed meeting of the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors. Chairman Fore stated the purpose of the meeting was for the presentation of the 2014 Legislative Priorities. Presentations were made by the designated representative for each participating institution, as follows:

Town of Farmville – Gerry Spates, Farmville Town Manager

Prince Edward County Public Schools – Dr. David Smith, Superintendent of Schools

Hampden-Sydney College – Dr. Dale Jones, Vice President

Town of Pamplin – Mayor Bob Mitchell

Centra-Southside Community Hospital – Bill Bass, CEO

Longwood University – Taylor Reveley, President

Chairman Fore then introduced the Board of Supervisors members and county staff in attendance; he asked Mr. Bartlett, County Administrator to present the 2014 Legislative Priorities for the County.

Mr. Bartlett presented the County’s legislative priorities, as follows:

1. **Appointments** – The Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County urges the Virginia General Assembly to give governing bodies that make appointments to local, authorities, boards and commission, the authority to remove appointees.
2. **Compensation Board Funding** – The Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County requests that the Virginia General Assembly require the Compensation Board to seek local governing body approval prior to authorizing personnel changes that affect localities financially. Additionally, the County requests that the Virginia General Assembly fund the State Compensation Board to enable the funding for full-time deputies to the level set out in Section 15.2-1609.1, *Code of Virginia* (1 deputy per 1500 population).
3. **Full Funding of State Mandates** -- Request that the state budget provide full funding for its mandates in all areas of local government including the Standards of Quality (SOQs), positions approved by the Compensation Board, costs related to jails and juvenile detention centers and human services positions.
4. **Local Control of Local Revenues** -- Oppose legislation that restricts or limits the existing local control of local revenues so that local government leaders can take appropriate measures to generate sufficient revenues to sustain and improve services.
5. **Line of Duty Act** – The Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County strongly urges the Virginia General Assembly to take back the costs of the Line of Duty Act. Localities had no input into the design of the benefits program, but are now burdened by the costs of the program, because expenditures exceed what the state wishes to pay. Additionally, Prince Edward County urges the Virginia General Assembly to move the administrative oversight of the program from the State Comptroller’s Office to the State Workers Compensation Commission.
6. **Unfunded Mandates** – The Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County requests the Virginia General Assembly require all legislative mandates with a cost associated with them must also have a sunset clause. In the event state funding is eliminated, the mandate would sunset and no longer be binding on localities.
7. **Distribution of Internet Sales Tax** -- The state currently collects sales tax from some Internet retailers who have voluntarily begun collecting sales tax, or where required by state law. This tax is not redistributed back to the localities where the purchase was made. The County of Prince Edward asks the General Assembly to implement an Internet sales tax distribution method to localities for internet sales taxes currently collected based on point of purchase.
8. **Reimbursement for Political Party Primaries** -- The Board of Supervisors asks the General Assembly to amend Section 24.2-518 of the Code of Virginia to require that political parties pay 100% of the cost of political primary elections and/or change the election laws to decrease the costs of such primaries to the localities through alternative means such as paper ballots, Countywide voting place, absentee voting, or similar change.
9. **Enterprise Zone** – The County of Prince Edward opposes any legislation that proposes amendments to the State Enterprise Zone Program that would disenfranchise rural Virginia from being a competitive

applicant for a state enterprise zone; specifically, the County opposes legislation that would base the distress factors on the area of the proposed zone, rather than in the entire locality.

10. **Stormwater Management** – Amend the *Code of Virginia* to exempt single family residences in a subdivision of ten lots or less from the requirement to have a professional engineered stormwater plan. Allow an exemption similar to the one provided for in the Erosion & Sediment Control Program, which states “where land-disturbing activity results from the construction of a single-family resident, an agreement in lieu of a plan may be substituted for an erosion and sediment control plan, if executed by the plan approving authority.” Additionally, the County asks the General Assembly to prohibit the state from transferring existing state permits to the local government.
11. The Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors also supports the Legislative Priorities of the Virginia Association of Counties.

Delegate James Edmunds reviewed the legislative priorities presented by the community organizations. He stated he will work to support many of them, but needs help from the agencies and localities. He asked that the community send representatives to the General Assembly during the session to participate in the legislative process and lobby for the priorities presented.

Chairman Fore asked for any questions or comments and thanked all for attending.

On motion of Supervisor McKay and carried:

Aye:	William G. Fore, Jr.	Nay: None
	Howard M. Campbell	
	Pattie Cooper-Jones	
	Don C. Gantt, Jr.	
	Charles W. McKay	
	Jim R. Wilck	

Absent: Robert M. Jones, Howard F. Simpson

the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.