

October 24, 2013

At the special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held at the Middle School Cafetorium, 1603 Zion Hill Road, Farmville, Virginia, thereof, on Thursday, the 24th day of October, 2013; at 6:30 p.m., there were present:

Board of Supervisors
William G. Fore, Jr., Chairman
Howard M. Campbell
Pattie Cooper-Jones
Don C. Gantt, Jr.
Robert M. Jones
Charles W. McKay
Jim R. Wilck

School Board
Russell L. Dove, Chairman
Timothy W. Corbett, Sr.
Sherry Honeycutt
Susan S. Lawman
Darin Thomas
Lawrence C. Varner
Beulah Womack

Absent: Howard F. Simpson, Linda L. Leatherwood

Also present: Wade Bartlett, County Administrator; Dr. K. David Smith, Division Superintendent; Cindy Wahrman, Division Director of Finance, Prince Edward County Schools; Dr. Tom Miller, National Research Center.

Chairman Fore called the meeting to order as a reconvened meeting with the purpose of holding a meeting to discuss the Local Stormwater Management Program and at 7:00 p.m., to hold a Joint Meeting with the Prince Edward County School Board to review the Prince Edward County Resident Opinion Survey Results.

In Re: Local Stormwater Management Program

Mr. Wade Bartlett, County Administrator, said that on October 15, 2013, the Board of Supervisors held a work session concerning the Local Stormwater Management Program being mandated by the Commonwealth. As discussed, there are three items which need approval, but not final adoption at this time, for submission to DEQ as the Local Stormwater Management Program. DEQ will review the documents the Board provides to ensure they meet DEQ requirements.

Mr. Bartlett said the first document is a proposed draft Stormwater Management Ordinance. He stated there is time to adjust it and a public hearing will be held early in 2014. Also included must be the Statewide Fee Structure which may also be revised, a Staffing Plan which calls for the Program Administration and Enforcement to be completed by Prince Edward County staff, which is required under

the State Code. That part may not be contracted out. An RFP will be issued to acquire Plan Review and Inspection services in cooperation with our other regional partners, which are members of Planning District 14.

Chairman Fore stated the only choice the Board has now is to change the rate structure; the rates that are published in the document are the State recommended rates. The program is mandated by the State.

Supervisor Gantt questioned the ability to add recommendations, such as an agreement for single family homes.

Mr. Bartlett stated recommendations to amend the program must go through the legislative process; DEQ will only do what is in the State Code. Discussion followed.

Supervisor McKay made a motion to approve the proposed draft ordinance as the Stormwater Management Ordinance for Prince Edward County, to approve using the Statewide Fee Structure and the Staffing Plan which calls for the Program Administration and Enforcement to be completed by Prince Edward County staff, and to use an RFP arrangement to acquire Plan Review and Inspection Services in cooperation with the Regional Partners of Planning District 14, and to approve these documents as drafted and to submit them to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) as the Local Stormwater Management Program; the motion carried:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Howard F. Simpson

Chairman Dove called the School Board meeting back to order at 7:00 p.m. and stated the Board of Supervisors were already in order.

Chairman Dove stated that on September 26, 2012, the Board of Supervisors and the School Board conducted a joint meeting at the Moton Museum to discuss concerns of School Board members, members of the community and school staff, and the Board of Supervisors. At the conclusion of that meeting, the Board agreed to explore the possibility of gathering information from the county citizens in a structured

format. Subsequently, on January 29, 2013, at the request of the School Board, the Board of Supervisors voted to support a community survey and the National Research Center was selected to administer that survey. In May 2013, the National Research Center initiated the process to administer the community survey. A sample of 3,000 randomly selected households was selected to participate. This was significant as it allowed the citizens of Prince Edward County another opportunity for their voice to be heard regarding the public schools. Chairman Dove introduced Dr. Tom Miller, President of the National Research Center, who was in attendance to provide an opportunity to explain survey findings and to allow more members of the community the opportunity to comment on those findings.

Dr. Miller gave a brief introduction of the National Research Center and reviewed the results of the community survey. He said of 3,000 survey recipients, approximately 600 responses were received. The data was weighted to reflect the demographic profile of the entire community. The key findings included:

- 26% had a student in Prince Edward County Schools
- Most felt the quality of schools is better than the perception of the schools
- Citizens relied on teachers, administrators and students as main sources of information
- Those respondents that have students in the schools had more positive perspectives than those that did not have students in the school.

Dr. Miller reviewed the results and explained the statistics. He then said he had to review with Dr. Smith and the School Board regarding next-steps or strategies that are being contemplated to react to the challenges that were identified in the findings.

Supervisor Wilck questioned the “collaboration of partners” and who the partners are.

Dr. Miller stated the quality of the schools doesn’t solely rely on the Board of Supervisors or School Board, but also on the residents, teachers, on the students themselves, the business community, the non-profit and community based organizations, other governmental agencies and other school districts.

Supervisor Gantt questioned where this process goes from this point.

Chairman Fore stated the School Board will have to determine the plan; Chairman Dove stated they have at this time met to discuss these findings, but no definitive action has yet been made.

Mr. Bartlett stated the School Board did a strategic session previously; Dr. Smith stated a Comprehensive Plan was approved last spring and these results will influence results in the Comprehensive Plan.

Dr. Miller said the results present challenges and highlights; two broad categories that came from the earlier discussion were improvements to school quality and improvements to the communication about the schools to those that don't have students in the schools.

Dr. Miller stated that, broadly, under the quality improvements there were several ideas which have not been finalized at this time; there will be further discussion regarding the specifics which will also influence the Comprehensive Plan.

Sally Thompson stated two things were not mentioned in the survey that she felt should have been: the first issue is the SOLs and second issue is the lack of parent involvement. She said until the parents are educated on being involved, the schools will not be raised up.

Chairman Fore stated that the elected officials don't run the schools, they fund it. But when people want to complain, they go to the elected officials. He added this has been in the works for over a year; all of the Board of Supervisors members have stated that people have been complaining about the schools, which is why the Board contacted the School Board and why the survey was done. Discussion followed.

Mr. Bartlett stated there was information that both Boards were receiving; the purpose of this was to find out, in a quantitative manner, exactly what the residents think of the school system.

Supervisor Gantt questioned the next steps that need to be taken.

Chairman Dove stated the School Board will discuss the issues raised and will bring that information to the Board of Supervisors.

Chairman Dove declared the Prince Edward County School Board meeting adjourned.

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

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

Absent: Howard F. Simpson

the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.