

September 11, 2018

At the special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held at the Court House, thereof, on Tuesday, the 11th day of September, 2018; at 6:00 p.m., there were present:

Pattie Cooper-Jones

J. David Emert

Odessa H. Pride

Gene A. Southall

C. Robert Timmons, Jr.

Jerry R. Townsend

Jim R. Wilck

Absent: Robert M. Jones

Also present: Wade Bartlett, County Administrator; Sarah Elam Puckett, Assistant County Administrator; and Magi Van Eps, Tourism and Visitor Center Coordinator.

Chairman Cooper-Jones called the special meeting to order.

Mr. Bartlett stated the Board members were provided a spreadsheet of names for the World War I memorial. He said the Department of Defense (DoD) records were not kept on the soldiers by county, therefore, we were not able to receive information from DoD. He said the information from the WWI Museum served as a baseline. Other information was collected from several sources. Mr. Pempel and Mr. Ray Gaskins did research from old FARMVILLE HERALD newspaper articles. Mr. Bartlett said the Library of Virginia provided some details but few names. He said Magi Van Eps found information through genealogical research; he said they are confident all names on the first page of the list did perish from serving in action, wounds or disease caused by serving in World War I.

Supervisor Timmons asked for clarification on the criteria for inclusion. Mr. Bartlett stated the policy approved by the Board of Supervisors states to be eligible for the Prince Edward County memorial requires they be killed in action or declared dead as a result of participation in a hostile conflict or operation. Discussion followed.

Mr. Bartlett led a review of the names of soldiers that were questionable to having been in the theater or died as a result of participation in the War. Discussion followed.

Supervisor Jones entered the meeting during the discussion.

Mr. Bartlett stated the second monument for conflicts after WWII, space was left on the plaque for more names. Supervisor Timmons agreed that space for additional names must be planned for the WWI memorial.

Mr. Bartlett said it will take six weeks to make the bronze marker; there are eight weeks until Armistice Day or Veterans Day in November.

In Re: Hurricane Florence Preparation

Mrs. Sarah Elam Puckett reviewed the latest emergency status and preparations for Hurricane Florence. She stated impacts are expected Thursday into Friday; there are 18 hours for preparation. She said a Declaration of Emergency was issued at 5:00 p.m., but the Board has to affirm that, so the Board will approve the Resolution of Affirmation confirming the Declaration of Local Emergency for Prince Edward County effective this evening.

Mrs. Puckett stated Worsham Baptist Church opened a Red Cross evacuation shelter at noon and will operate through the evacuation period. They may continue to operate through the storm and post-storm; this is for people heading away from the coastal areas. She said coordination has been ongoing with the Town of Farmville if a County shelter is needed. She said that since the temperatures are not drastic, citizens should shelter in place at home; shelters will be available for local people whose homes are destroyed due to fallen trees, flooding, tornado or other high winds. Additionally, fire stations will be open for water and charging stations for phones, and the YMCA will again make the showers available to Prince Edward County residents that have no power.

Mrs. Puckett said the Courthouse will put up the floodgates; they are coordinating with the Health Department to move their critical infrastructure to a higher floor so they don't lose technology or records.

She added the landfill and convenience sites may be closed due to the storm. Discussion followed regarding county generators and further action taken to prepare for the storm and to notify citizens of resources.

In Re: Resolution Celebrating the Life of Andrew Dalton Elder, Sr.

Mrs. Puckett stated Appomattox County and Charlotte County, along with Prince Edward County, are adopting a Resolution Celebrating the life of Dalton Elder. One presentation copy, with the signature of all three counties, will be signed, with a service at a later time at the Pamplin Fire House. This will be presented to the family and a copy will be presented to the fire department. She asked that the Board consider adoption.

Supervisor Jones made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Emert, to approve the Resolution Celebrating the Life of Andrew Dalton Elder, Sr.; the motion carried unanimously:

Aye:	Pattie Cooper-Jones	Nay:	None
	J. David Emert		
	Robert M. Jones		
	Odessa H. Pride		
	Gene A. Southall		
	C. Robert Timmons, Jr.		
	Jerry R. Townsend		
	Jim R. Wilck		

On motion of Supervisor Emert, seconded by Supervisor Townsend, and adopted by the following vote:

Aye:	Pattie Cooper-Jones	Nay:	None
	J. David Emert		
	Robert M. Jones		
	Odessa H. Pride		
	Gene A. Southall		
	C. Robert Timmons, Jr.		
	Jerry R. Townsend		
	Jim R. Wilck		

the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.