

April 28, 2009

At a reconvened meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held at the Court House, thereof, on Tuesday the 28th day of April, 2009; at 5:00 p.m., there were present:

William G. Fore, Jr.

Sally W. Gilfillan

Robert M. Jones

James C. Moore

Howard F. Simpson

Lacy B. Ward

Mattie P. Wiley

Absent: Charles W. McKay

Also present: Wade Bartlett, County Administrator; Sarah Elam Puckett, Assistant County Administrator; Dr. Patricia Watkins, Superintendent of Prince Edward County Schools; and Russell Dove, Prince Edward County School Board President.

Chairman Fore called the reconvened meeting to order, stating that its purpose was a budget work session and the adoption the County budget, the school budget and to set the tax levy for the 2009-10 fiscal year. He said discussion was needed on eight key areas, and suggested they discuss each separately.

Supervisor McKay entered the meeting at this time.

Chairman Fore asked the Board members to remember any change from the proposed budget would mean the funding would come from the General Fund Balance.

In Re: FY 10 Prince Edward County School Budget

Supervisor Moore made a motion to address the issue of the School Board Budget first, and add the requested \$100,000 to the School Budget, making the FY10 Local Revenue \$7,968,525. Supervisor Jones asked about the result if the \$100,000 were not included. Dr. Patricia Watkins, Superintendent of

Prince Edward County Schools, said the budget presented was level-funded and cuts had already been made in personnel, instruction and materials, and would need to be cut further. Dr. Watkins stated the reduced funding would require cuts in instruction.

After further discussion, Supervisor Moore called for the motion. The motion carried:

Aye:	William G. Fore, Jr. Sally W. Gilfillan Robert M. Jones Charles W. McKay James C. Moore Howard F. Simpson Lacy B. Ward Mattie P. Wiley	Nay: None
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Chairman Fore said Mr. Dove, School Board President, sent a letter requesting support for the carry-over of unexpended funds from the 2008-2009 academic year and to eliminate the budget category restrictions. Chairman Fore explained why the stipulation on budget category restrictions had first been enacted; discussion followed.

Supervisor Simpson made a motion to retain the budget category restrictions.

After some further discussion, Supervisor Ward made a substitute motion to release category restrictions. The motion failed:

Aye: Lacy B. Ward	Nay: William G. Fore, Jr. Sally W. Gilfillan Robert M. Jones Charles W. McKay James C. Moore Howard F. Simpson	Abstain: Mattie P. Wiley
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The Board then returned to the original motion, to retain the budget category restrictions. The motion carried:

Aye: William G. Fore, Jr. Sally W. Gilfillan Robert M. Jones Charles W. McKay James C. Moore Howard F. Simpson	Nay: Lacy B. Ward	Abstain: Mattie P. Wiley
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Chairman Fore asked Dr. Watson her estimate of the amount of the unexpended funds from the 2008-2009 academic year that would be requested for carry-over. Dr. Watson said approximately

\$200,000. She said a final decision has not been made but the funds may be used for capital improvements to the athletic complex for the safety and security of the students.

Supervisor McKay made a motion to allow the School Board to carry-over the unexpended funds from the 2008-2009 academic year into the 2009-2010 budget year.

Some discussion followed regarding the use of the funds, which would have to be appropriated into a category. Dr. Watkins said the School Board will come back to the Board of Supervisors in September or October once an exact amount is known and ask for an appropriation into a category at that time.

Chairman Fore called for the motion to allow the School Board to carry over the unexpended funds from the 2008-2009 academic year into the 2009-2010 budget year, to be appropriated after the audit; the motion carried:

Aye:	William G. Fore, Jr. Sally W. Gilfillan Robert M. Jones Charles W. McKay James C. Moore Howard F. Simpson Lacy B. Ward Mattie P. Wiley	Nay: None
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Supervisor Moore made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2010 Prince Edward County School Budget as follows:

- School Fund: The total for the School Fund is \$27,790,144, of which \$7,968,525 is local revenue as a transfer from the County General Fund.
- Cafeteria Fund: The total for the School Cafeteria Fund is \$1,025,000 of which \$0 is local revenue as a transfer from the County General Fund.

This provides for an overall FY 10 Prince Edward County School Budget in the amount of \$28,815,144.

The motion carried:

Aye: William G. Fore, Jr.
Sally W. Gilfillan
Robert M. Jones
Charles W. McKay
James C. Moore
Howard F. Simpson
Lacy B. Ward
Mattie P. Wiley

Nay: None

In Re: FY 10 Prince Edward County Budget & Tax Levy

Supervisor McKay made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Simpson, to fully fund the Volunteer Fire Departments, the Prince Edward County Prom, the Fuqua Prom, Longwood Small Business, the Chamber of Commerce, and Longwood Visual Arts. After some discussion, the motion carried:

Aye: William G. Fore, Jr.
Sally W. Gilfillan
Robert M. Jones
Charles W. McKay
James C. Moore
Howard F. Simpson
Lacy B. Ward
Mattie P. Wiley

Nay: None

Supervisor Simpson said the Personnel Committee met with Sheriff Harris to discuss the funding for part-time and over-time portions of Sheriff's Department budget. Supervisor Simpson said Sheriff Harris will review his budget and will approach the Personnel Committee in September 2009. Further discussion followed.

Chairman Fore said the request for additional funding for the Library will be revisited after the Library opens. Further discussion followed.

Mr. Simpson made a motion that the Fiscal Year 2010 Prince Edward County Budget of \$44,312,850 be approved in accordance with Section 15.1-160 of the *Code of Virginia*, as amended, and the tax levy for tax year 2009 be set at the following amounts per \$100.00 assessed valuation:

- \$0.40 Real Estate
- 0.70 Merchant's Capital
- 4.20 Machinery & Tools
- 4.50 Personal Property
- 0.00 Farm Machinery & Livestock

excepting therefrom such segregated property as set forth in Section 58.1-3600 et. seq. (*Code of Virginia*, 1950, as amended) upon which the tax shall be zero.

Additionally, the special real estate levy for the CDA District only, is set at \$1.00 per \$100 assessed valuation.

The motion carried:

Aye:	William G. Fore, Jr. Sally W. Gilfillan Robert M. Jones Charles W. McKay James C. Moore Howard F. Simpson Lacy B. Ward Mattie P. Wiley	Nay: None
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On motion of Mr. Moore and adopted by the following vote:

Aye:	William G. Fore, Jr. Sally W. Gilfillan Robert M. Jones Charles W. McKay James C. Moore Howard F. Simpson Lacy B. Ward Mattie P. Wiley	Nay: None
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the meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.