

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

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May 12, 2009

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County of Prince Edward Board of Supervisors Agenda Summary

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Meeting Date:	May 12, 2009		
Item No.:	18-a		
Department:	Board of Supervisors		
Staff Contact:	Barbara Poulston		
Issue:	Consent Agenda – Addendum	a Bill List	
Summary:	The addendum bill list is attache	ed for your review.	
Attachments:	Addendum Bill List		
Recommendation:	None		
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Meeting Date:

May 12, 2009

Item No.:

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Department:

County Administrator

Staff Contact:

Wade Bartlett

Issue:

Appropriations FY09

Summary:

To provide funds for the interest payment on the amount borrowed on the Line of Credit used to purchase the utility infrastructure from the Town of Farmville the appropriations listed below are recommended. It is anticipated this will be a short term advance from the General Fund to the Water and Sewer Funds. In FY10 the two utility funds are budgeted to have a surplus which can be used to reimburse the General Fund.

Attachments:

Recommendation: Approve budget adjustments and appropriations as shown below.

REV/EXP	FUND	DEPT	OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
3 (Rev)	100	041050	0100	From General Fund Balance		\$16,400
4 (Exp)	100	093000	0501	Transfer To Water Fund	\$8,200	
4(Exp)	100	093000	0501	Transfer To Sewer Fund	\$8,200	
3 (Rev)	501	041050	0100	Transfer From General Fund		\$8,200
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Motion	Fore	Gilfillan	Jones
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Meeting Date:	May 12, 2009				
Item No.:	20 County Administration				
Department:					
Staff Contact:	W.W. Bartlett/Sarah Puckett				
Issue:	Protocol for Board of Supervisors Comments				
Summary: The C Board of Supervisors Con	Chairman requested that the staff and nments agenda item.	County Attorney draft a pr	otocol for the		
Attachments:	Draft Protocol				
Recommendation:	Approval.				
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	Ward	Wiley			



	Meeting Date:	May 12	, 2009
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Item No.: 21

Department: County Administration

Staff Contact: W.W. Bartlett/Sarah Elam Puckett

Issue: Resolution: Buckingham Branch Rail Road

Summary: Beginning in late May of 2009, the Buckingham Branch Railroad will assume operations of the Norfolk Southern short line, known as the Virginia Southern line, between Burkeville and Clarkesville. Much of this short line between Burkeville and Keysville is located in Prince Edward County.

Attached for your consideration is a letter from Buckingham Branch Railroad Company requesting a resolution from the Board of Supervisors to enable them to qualify for grant funding through the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation. The funds, if awarded, will be used to upgrade the rail line between Burkeville and Clarksville.

Also attached for your information is a contact list for the Buckingham Branch Railroad.

Attachments: Letter, Buckingham Branch Railroad

Contact Information
Draft Resolution

Recommendation: Approval of resolution.

Motion	Fore	Gilfillan	Jones
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Buckingham Branch Railroad Company P.O. Box 336 Dillwyn, VA 23936 434-983-3300

Date: May 11, 2009

Prince Edward County County Administration Office Post Office Box 382 Farmville, Virginia 23901

Dear County Administrator,

Buckingham Branch Railroad will assume operations of lines owned by Norfolk Southern Railway Company and presently operated by the Virginia Southern Railroad Division, North Carolina & Virginia Railroad, Inc. Buckingham Branch will operate this line as the Virginia Southern Division of Buckingham Branch Railroad. This line operates between Burkeville and Clarksville in the counties of Nottoway, Prince Edward, Lunenburg, Charlotte and Mecklenburg Counties. Tentatively, we plan to begin operations on May 23, 2009. In order to upgrade and improve the Virginia Southern Division, we are applying for grant funds to help improve this division of Buckingham Branch Railroad.

The first Buckingham Branch train ran in 1989. BBRR owns and operates seventeen miles of track in Buckingham County. We leased 200 miles of track from CSX and commenced operations December 20, 2004. This operating lease was for track from Clifton Forge, VA to Richmond, VA, including 9.9 miles known as the Orange Branch. We continue to operate a quality railroad on these tracks today.

We would like to ask the County of Prince Edward for a resolution supporting the Buckingham Branch's request for funds from the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation Rail Preservation Fund. Buckingham Branch Railroad will provide the local matching funds if these grants are approved. Should the locality have the funds and desire to be involved, Buckingham Branch will welcome local participation.

A description of the work that we are requesting funds for is attached with this letter. This application may also be part of a project that affects more than one county or municipality. The total project amount may be distributed over one or more counties and municipalities.

These projects may be multi-year projects and not single year projects. The amounts listed in the resolution, reflect funding for projects planned for fiscal year 2010. Although you may have approved a similar resolution last year, The Virginia Department of Rail has requested that we request new resolutions from each locality.

A sample resolution is included and should be sent to Mr. Claude Morris at the address shown in the letterhead.

Thank you for your help in this matter. We look forward to working with our new neighbors along the Virginia Southern Division of Buckingham Branch Railroad. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Claude Morris
Project Specialist

Project Name: Virginia Southern Division 286,000 Pound Upgrade

Project Description: This project will upgrade the railway on this line to carry 286,000 pound loads

This project will replace approximately 22,800 ties, add appropriate ballast, replace 11.6 miles of 85 pound rail, and surface 55 miles of track. Other miscellaneous upgrades (bridges, grade crossings, etc. will be done as field conditions require.) This project will help stabilize the roadbed and tie conditions to allow this portion of track to transport 286,000 pound loads. The project will include main line ties, switch ties, OTM, ballast, surfacing and disposal of old materials.

This project is anticipated to last six years. The specific scope for each year will be developed as the project progresses and will be prioritized according to needs.



Web Site:

www.buckinghambranch.com

Primary Address:

P. O. Box 336 1043 Main Street Dillwyn, VA 23936

BB Rail Traffic Control Center Toll Free Emergency Contact Number (manned 24/7): 1-866-244-4529

Dillwyn Office:

434-983-3300

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540-887-8145

540-887-2323 (Fax)

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Steve Powell, Senior Vice President

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540-435-1317 (Cell)

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Rex Carter, Manager of Track and Structures

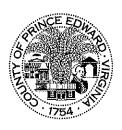
434-547-0218 (Cell)

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Claude Morris, Project Specialist

434-607-7828 (Cell)

claude.morris@buckinghambranch.com



Meeting Date: May 12, 2009

Item No.: 22

Department: County Administration

Staff Contact: W.W. Bartlett

Issue: Library Construction Change Orders

Summary:

I was contacted late yesterday afternoon by Gerry Spates regarding a change order for the Library construction project, which totals \$1,131. The Library Agreement with the Town stipulates that any Change Order in excess of \$1,000 must be approved by the County (see attached page from Library Agreement) and total change may not exceed \$61,400.

Attachments: Excerpt from Library Agreement

Recommendation: Authorize the County Library Committee (Supervisor Fore and Supervisor Simpson) to approve Change Orders in excess of \$1,000, not to exceed total change orders of \$61,400, which will be reported to the Board monthly.

Motion	Fore	Gilfillan	Jones
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CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION. Administration of the construction shall be managed by the Library Committee which shall consist of two voting members each from the governing bodies of TOWN and COUNTY and ____ members of the Board of Directors of the Library who shall be advisory only and shall not have the power to vote.

CHANGE ORDERS. Once final approval of the building plans and construction contract have been secured from County and Town, Town may approve any change orders of \$1,000.00 or less without the consent of County, not to exceed total change orders of \$61,400.00, in which event the approval of County shall be required.

MANAGEMENT. COUNTY and Town agree that Town shall be responsible for the management of the architectural and construction contracts and that the Town Manager shall be the primary point of contact for project construction and management

PROGRESS REPORTS. The Library Committee shall meet monthly to evaluate the progress of construction and shall provide a copy of the minutes of said meetings to COUNTY and TOWN.

OWNERSHIP AND MAINTENANCE. Town shall own the land and building. Town shall be responsible for all maintenance costs of the grounds, minor maintenance costs of of the parking area and other paved areas and for minor repairs of the building. "Minor" shall be defined as costs which do not exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). Maintenance or repairs to the building exceeding \$100.00 shall be the responsibility of the library. In the event the building is ever sold, County shall receive two thirds of the sale proceeds but not to exceed County's original construction costs. Town shall execute a long-term lease agreement with the Board of Directors of the Library providing the building and land shall not be sold unless the library ceases use of the building or by agreement of Town and County. If the building sells for an



Meeting Date: May 12, 2009

Item No.: 23

Department: County Administration

Staff Contact: W.W. Bartlett/Sarah Puckett

Issue: Committee Report – Elderly & Disabled Tax Relief Ordinance

Summary: The Elderly and Disabled Tax Relief Ordinance Committee, comprising Supervisor Simpson (Chair), Supervisor Wiley, Commissioner of Revenue Beverly Booth, County Attorney Jim Ennis and County Administrator Wade Bartlett met on Monday, May 11, 2009 to review the recommendations of the Commissioner, as had previously been presented to the Board (see attached letter from the Commissioner).

Following a review of the County's current ordinance (copy attached) and a discussion concerning the effect of the reassessment, the Committee concurred that the intent of the ordinance would be significantly impacted if amendments were not made to Section 70-203 (4). The Committee discussed with the Commissioner her recommendations: (1) to increase the fair market value of the owner's dwelling and one acre of land from \$75,000 to \$100,000, and (2) to increase the net combined financial worth of the owner from \$100,000 to \$150,000.

Attachments:

- a. Letter of February 12, 2009 from the Commissioner of the Revenue.
- b. A copy of the County's current tax relief ordinance

Recommendation: The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend that the Board authorize a public hearing for the June Board meeting for amendments to Section 70-203 (4) of the County Code, as recommended by the Commission of Revenue.

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Beverly M. Booth Commissioner

Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue Prince Edward County, Virginia

Post Office Box 446 Farmville, Virginia 23901-0446 (434) 392-3231 • Fax (434) 392-7696

> Priscilla V. Streat Chief Deputy

February 12, 2009

Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors c/o Mr. Wade Bartlett
County Administrator
P O Box 382
Farmville VA 23901

In Re: Tax Relief for the Elderly & Disabled Persons Ordinance

Dear Mr Chairman and Members of the Board:

Due to the the recent reassessment, I am requesting changes to the Tax Relief for the Elderly & Disabled Persons Ordinance. I respectfully ask that the fair market value of the owner's dwelling and one acre of land increase from \$75,000.00 to \$100,000.00. I am also requesting an increase in the net combined financial worth of the owner from \$100,000.00 to \$150,000.00. These changes are needed for the ones who have been in the program all along to remain in it.

I thank you in advance,

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Beverly M. Booth Commissioner of the Revenue TAXATION § 70-147

bona fide church or religious organization that is used for the sole and exclusive use of a religious nature. Any facility used for any commercial or residential purpose shall not be entitled to the exemption set forth in this section.

(Ord. of 9-12-00)

Sec. 70-129. Use of funds.

All funds received as a result of the imposition of the tax imposed by this division shall be utilized solely for the initial capital, installation and maintenance costs of the emergency telephone system. The tax levied by this division shall be reduced at such time as the capital and installation costs have been fully recovered. At such time, the tax described in this division shall be reduced to a level necessary to offset recurring maintenance costs of the system, repair, and system upgrade costs.

(Ord. of 9-12-00)

Sec. 70-130. Compensation to collecting utility.

Any telephone utility collecting and submitting the tax described in this division shall receive compensation for accounting for and remitting the tax at the rate of three percent of the tax due and accounted for in the form of a deduction in submitting the return and paying the amount due by it.

(Ord. of 9-12-00)

Secs. 70-131-70-145. Reserved.

ARTICLE V. RECORDATION TAX*

Sec. 70-146. Imposed.

Pursuant to the provisions of Code of Virginia, tit. 58.1, the board of supervisors imposes a county recordation tax in an amount equal to one-third of the amount of the state recordation tax, collectible for the state on the first recordation of each taxable instrument. (Ord. of 6-1-75(2), § V(23-34))

Sec. 70-147. Computation.

Where a deed or other instrument conveys, covers or relates to property located partly in the county and partly in any other county or city, the tax imposed under the authority of this article shall be computed only with respect to that portion of the property lying in the county. (Ord. of 6-1-75(2), § V(23-35))

*State law reference—Local recordation tax, Code of Virginia, § 58.1-3800 et seq.

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who own their own homes in Prince Edward County, and further provides a schedule of exemption to persons qualifying and the procedure to be followed for claiming such exemptions.

(Ord. of 2-13-01(2))

Sec. 70-201. Qualification.

Persons who qualify for this exemption are deemed to bear an extraordinary real estate tax burden in relation to their income and financial worth.

- (1) For purposes of this article the term "permanently and totally disabled" shall mean the qualifying property owner is unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment or deformity which can be expected to result in death or can be expected to last for the duration of that person's life.
- (2) Persons ("qualified owners") who are not less than 65 years of age or who are determined to be permanently and totally disabled who own and occupy, as the sole dwelling of the person, a dwelling and the land not exceeding one acre, or a mobile home, as defined in Code of Virginia, § 36-71.1, on land not exceeding one acre, and which they occupy as their sole dwelling subject to the limitations of this article, shall be entitled to have their real estate or mobile home be exempt from real estate tax liability.
- (3) If such person is under 65 years of age, such person shall provide certification by the Social Security Administration, the Department of Veterans Affairs or the Railroad Retirement Board, or if such person is not eligible for certification by any of these agencies, a sworn affidavit by two medical doctors who are either licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth or are military officers on active duty who practice medicine with the United States Armed Forces, to the effect that the person is permanently and totally disabled. However, a certification pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 423(d) by the Social Security Administration so long as the person remains eligible for such social security benefits shall be deemed to satisfy such definition. The affidavit of at least one of the doctors shall be based upon a physical examination of the person by such doctor. The affidavit of one of the doctors may be based upon medical information contained in the records of the Civil Service Commission which is relevant to the standards for determining permanent and total disability.
- (4) A dwelling jointly held by a husband and wife may qualify if either spouse is over 65 years of age or is permanently and totally disabled.

(Ord. of 2-13-01(2))

Sec. 70-202. Administration.

The exemption shall be administered by the commissioner of the revenue according to the general provisions contained in this article. The commissioner is hereby authorized and

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- of exceeding, or violating the limitations and conditions provided in this article for the exemption from taxation, shall nullify any exemption or deferral for the then current taxable year and the taxable year immediately following.
- (8) A certification is required by the Social Security Administration, the Veteran's Administration, or the Railroad Retirement Board, or if the person is not eligible for certification by any of those agencies, the sworn affidavit of two medical doctors licensed to practice in this commonwealth to the effect that the person is permanently and totally disabled. If the doctor's affidavit is used, the affidavit of at lease one of the doctors must be based upon a physical examination by the doctor. The affidavit of one of the doctors may be based upon medical information contained in the records of the civil service commission which is relevant to the standards for determining permanent and total disability as defined in this article.
- (9) If there is a change of ownership of the property from a qualified owner to a spouse who is less than 65 years of age or who is not permanently and totally disabled, and when that change of ownership has resulted solely from the death of his or her qualified spouse, the change shall result in a prorated exemption for the then current taxable year. The prorated exemption shall be determined by multiplying the amount of the exemption by a fraction which numerator is the number of complete months of the year that such property was eligible for the exemption, and whose denominator is the number 12.
- (10) The commissioner of revenue is designated to administer this exemption. Persons who claim this exemption shall annually report the following information on forms provided by the commissioner of revenue.
 - a. The name of the qualified owner.
 - b. The spouse of the qualified owner who resides at the dwelling for which the exemption is claimed.
 - c. The names of the related persons occupying the dwelling for which the exemption is claimed.
 - d. The total combined net worth, including equitable interests of the persons specified in sections (a), (b), and (c) of this subsection of this article.
 - e. The combined income from all sources of the persons specified in sections (a), (b), and (c) of this subsection of this article.
 - f. The applicant shall provide the required certification or affidavits to be used in the determination of the applicant's status as being permanently and totally disabled.
 - g. The applicant shall provide some reliable proof of age if the exemption claim is based upon the owner being not less than 65 years of age. The applicant for the

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May 12, 2009

Item No.:

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Department:

County Administration

Staff Contact:

Sarah Elam Puckett

Issue:

Appointment of Legislative Committee

Summary: Attached for your consideration is an e-mail from VACo (Virginia Association of Counties) requesting that localities submit legislative priorities for the 2010 General Assembly. Also attached are copies of the County's legislative priorities for 2009 as development by the 2009 Legislative Committee comprising Supervisor Gilfillan (Chair), Supervisor Simpson and Supervisor Wiley.

The Chairman will wish to consider appointing a Legislative Committee to work with staff on the development of the County's 2010 Legislative Priorities for adoption by the Board and submission to VACo.

Attachments:

E-mail from VACo

2009 Legislative Priorities

Recommendation:

- 1. Appointment of a Legislative Committee by the Chairman.
- 2. Board members are asked to submit legislative issues to staff or the Legislative Committee.

Motion	Fore	Gilfillan	Jones
Second	McKay	Moore	Simpson
	Ward	Wilev	

Sarah Puckett

From:

"Virginia Association of Counties" <vaco@reply.bronto.com>

To:

<spuckett@co.prince-edward.va.us> Monday, May 11, 2009 1:14 PM

Sent: Subject:

MEMO: Identifying key legislative issues for 2010



May 11, 2008

Memorandum

To:

Chairs, Virginia's Counties

From:

Robert R. Adkins, Wise County, VACo's First Vice President

Subject: Identifying key legislative issues for 2010

As VACo's First Vice President it is my honor to serve as the Chair of the 2009 Resolutions Committee. The Committee coordinates the development of VACo's annual legislative program that is adopted by the membership at our annual conference in November. As you know, the program is an important statement of our collective policy goals and initiatives.

In 2007, VACo's Board of Directors initiated a new legislative process that is described below. The first series of regional "courthouse" meetings were held in the spring of 2007 followed by a second round in 2008. That process calls for subsequent courthouse meetings to be held every other year; therefore, VACo Board members will be asked to host regional meetings again in 2010. In years when the regional meetings are not held, the Resolutions Committee solicits key legislative issues from counties.

The purpose of this correspondence is to seek your county's key legislative issues as we initiate the process to develop the 2010 legislative program. The priorities received from your county will be directed to the appropriate steering committees for review and consideration.

Please send your legislative issues to:

Mike Edwards VACo 1207 E. Main St., Suite 300 Richmond, VA 23219-3627 Medwards@vaco.org

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

About the development and adoption of VACo's annual legislative program:

- 1. Spring regional meetings: In even number years VACo members are invited to attend regional meetings to identify and discuss key statewide legislative and policy issues.
- Three Resolutions Committee meetings: The committee oversees the development of the annual Legislative Program. The meetings occur in the spring after the regional meetings, early fall, and during the annual conference in November. The committee receives regular legislative updates, via conference call, during the regular legislative session in the winter.

The Resolutions Committee includes the six members of VACo's Executive Committee and the chairs and vice chairs of VACo's eight steering committees. The eight steering committees are Administration of Government, Community Planning and Development, Education, Environment and Agriculture, Finance, Health and Human Services, Telecommunications and Public Utilities, and Transportation.

3. Steering Committees meet at least twice: Late summer and November during the annual conference.

The Steering Committees develop their policy sections of the annual Legislative Program.

4. The membership is asked to adopt the new legislative program during the annual business meeting. The meeting occurs on the last day of the annual conference in November.

Additional information:

The President appoints steering committee chairs and vice chairs.

VACo members volunteer to serve on steering committees.

In early October, prior to the annual conference, the membership receives a Preliminary Legislative Program. This draft is revised during the annual conference.

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County of Prince Edward, Virginia

2009 Priority Legislative Positions for VACo Region 4 Meeting

March 31, 2008

State Funding for Localities – The County of Prince Edward is on the long list of Virginia localities voicing their objections to the cuts in state funding for state mandated programs administered by local governments. We believe that the Commonwealth and the General Assembly cannot continue to cut state funding and yet also continue to block all opportunities for localities to generate new, equitable revenue streams, by means other than increasing local property taxes.

We strongly encourage Virginia localities to not accept the unidentified 4.2% reduction from the state. Instead, we urge all local governments to reimburse the state for your savings share, which will help us all keep the state aid programs at an unreduced level.

2. Transportation Funding – This past month, Prince Edward County held its annual Secondary Six-Year Plan public hearing. Last year's approved plan included only one regular construction project for the reconstruction of 1.3 miles of state secondary road. Between last April and this April, the VDOT estimated cost of this project increased from \$1.9 million to \$4.8 million. Based on our current allocation, it will take us from now until the year 2020 to fund this one regular construction project. So, essentially, our Six-Year Plan is a Twelve-Year Plan for one project.

Also, the County is very concerned about the VDOT policy to <u>always</u> fund federal-aid projects first. This policy has led to a lack of flexibility for localities to direct funds where the "need" exists and to projects the County can afford.

The County of Prince Edward urges the General Assembly to make transportation funding the focus of a 2008 Special Session and provide enhanced and/or new funding strategies for secondary road funding and maintenance.

Our Board does wish to thank the General Assembly for the corrective action it took this year to restore the Revenue Sharing Program to the structure that better serves the needs of smaller local governments.

- 3. **Judicial Funding**—The Board of Supervisors requests that the General Assembly fund the new Judgeship positions that for the past two years have been recommended by the Judicial Council of Virginia, approved by the Senate, and recommended by the House Courts of Justice Committee.
- 4. Agriculture and Natural Resources The County of Prince Edward strongly encourages the Virginia General Assembly to invest more state dollars and agency services in the support of living landscapes/production agriculture to ensure a sustainable future where our lands can provide food for our citizens, resource materials for the production of alternative energy (such as bio-diesel and bio-mass), and conservation of natural resources and wildlife habitat through incentives such as conservation easements and Purchase of Development Rights, which also promote long-term protection of the environment of the Commonwealth.



County of Prince Edward, Virginia (As Submitted to Commonwealth Regional Council)

Approved: October 14, 2008

- 1. **State Funding for Localities** The Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County continues to voice its objections to the cuts in state funding for state mandated programs administered by local governments. The County believes that the Commonwealth and the General Assembly cannot continue to cut state funding and yet also continue to block all opportunities for localities to generate new, equitable revenue streams, by means other than increasing local property taxes.
- 2. Transportation Funding Prince Edward County's Secondary Road Six-Year Plan includes only one regular construction project for the reconstruction of 1.3 miles of state secondary road. Between April 2007 and April 2008, the VDOT estimated cost of this project increased from \$1.9 million to \$4.8 million. Based on our current allocation, it will take Prince Edward County from now until the year 2020 to fund this one regular construction project. So, essentially, our Six-Year Plan is a Twelve-Year Plan for one project.
 - The County is also concerned about the VDOT policy to always fund federal-aid projects first. This policy has led to a lack of flexibility for localities to direct funds where the "need" exists and to projects the County can afford.
 - The Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County urges the General Assembly to provide enhanced and/or new funding strategies for secondary road funding and maintenance.
- 3. **Judicial Funding** The Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County requests that the General Assembly fund the new Judgeship positions that for the past two years have been recommended by the Judicial Council of Virginia, approved by the Senate, and recommended by the House Courts of Justice Committee.
- 4. **Comprehensive Services Act** The Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County requests that the Virginia General Assembly provide that court-ordered children be classified as "mandated" for the purposes of receiving state reimbursements.
- 5. Lottery Funding for Education The Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County requests that the Virginia General Assembly consider studying the way in which the state disburses lottery funds so that the financial benefits are felt more fully in smaller, rural school districts.
- 6. Agriculture and Natural Resources The Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County strongly encourages the Virginia General Assembly to increase the state's investment and staff resources in the support of living landscapes/production agriculture to ensure a sustainable future where our lands can provide food for our citizens, resource materials for the production of alternative energy (such as bio-diesel and bio-mass), and conservation of natural resources and wildlife habitat through incentives such as conservation easements and Purchase of Development Rights, which also promote long-term protection of the environment of the Commonwealth.
- 7. Municipal Solid Waste Surcharge The Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County urges the Virginia General Assembly to be transparent in its taxation of Virginia citizens and opposes any proposal from JLARC for levying a surcharge on the disposal of municipal solid waste. The County of Prince Edward owns and operates its own landfill and this proposed surcharge would clearly constitute a tax by the Commonwealth on the citizens of Prince Edward County.



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Meeting Date:	May 12, 2009		
Item No.:	25		
Department:	County Administration		
Staff Contact:	W.W. Bartlett/Sarah Puckett		
Issue:	Correspondence - Addendum		
Summary:			
Attachments:			
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Recommendation:	None.		
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Cornell Walker, Sr. 414 Dry Bridge Road Farmville, Va. 23901 May 5, 2009

To the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors,

I have attended many of the board meetings and have heard a lot of the members talk about "open government". To the average citizen who attends the meeting, one is totally lost as to what is going on in the meeting. The present agenda does not give enough information to let us know exactly what the issue is that is to be voted on .Most of the time the item is not explained to the public, but referred to as a item on the board packet.

My request to the Board is that the printed agenda be improved so that the citizens will have an understanding of what is being discussed or voted on. If a two or three line sentence could be written to explain the item to be voted on, it would give the public a better understanding of the meeting. It would also be helpful if the use of acronyms be dropped and the full name of the entity be printed out. We do not have access to the same paperwork that the Board does.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cornell Walker, Sr.



Meeting Date:	May 12, 2009				
Item No.:	26				
Department:	County Administration				
Staff Contact:	W.W. Bartlett/Sarah Puck	ætt			
Issue:	Informational - Addendur	n			
Summary:					
Attachments:					
a. Pre	ss Release, RE: Resignation of Co	mmonwealth Regional Counc	cil President		
Recommendation	n: None.				
Motion	Fore	Gilfillan	Jones		
Second	McKay Ward	Moore Wiley	Simpson		



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Press Release: For Immediate Release

Date: May 8, 2009

Additional Information: Mr. William Osl, Chairman

Telephone: (804) 310-0014

President of Commonwealth Regional Council Tenders Resignation

The Commonwealth Regional Council has requested with regret, and without cause, the resignation of Danny G. Fore as President of the Council effective June 30, 2009. The Council's request was based upon the lack of funding for the position held by President Fore during upcoming FY - 2010. Mr. William Osl, Chairman of the Council stated:

"The reason for the requested resignation relates directly to a lack of economic development program funding. The Council has been extremely pleased with Mr. Fore's performance as President; however, his position was always supported by funding from the General Assembly. Due to Virginia's difficult budget situation, these funds will not be available after June 30, 2009. To maintain a viable financial operation, it's necessary for the Council to reduce its expenditures."

"The Council will continue its economic development program and is confident that, given the current limited economic activity associated with the recession, it can sustain the momentum gained in the last 3 years under President Fore's direction. In the interim, Mary Hickman will serve as acting President of the Council and will direct highly focused planning programs in order to build a stronger region while economic development efforts will be coordinated by the Council's Marketing Associate Pat MacKenzie. A promotional campaign which will last through December 2009 is already in place. We wish President Fore the best and are confident he will continue to do well in the future."

Danny G. Fore became President of the Commonwealth Regional Council in February, 2006. Since that date President Fore: established new offices at One Mill Street in Farmville; merged the financial management and personnel administration systems of the former Piedmont Planning District & Heartland Partnership; conducted consultant-assisted economic development visioning sessions with member local governments and the higher education community; developed an area "brand" to promote Virginia's Heartland; placed national advertising & direct mail programs for development & revamped the industrial tourism; Council's (www.virginiasheartland.org) to be consistent with the brand; assisted Lunenburg County with the location of Lignetics Industries, which will create 30+/- new jobs and invest approximately \$5 million in a wood pellet fuel facility (scheduled to open Summer 2009) and assisted Charlotte County with the location of Alderman Railcar Services.





Meeting Date:	May 12, 2009				
Item No.:	27				
Department:	County Administration				
Staff Contact:	W.W. Bartlett/Sarah Puckett				
Issue:	Monthly Reports - Addendum				
Summary:					
Attachments:	a. PERT Ridership				
Recommendation:	Acceptance.				
Motion	Fore McKay Ward	Gilfillan Moore Wiley	JonesSimpson		

PERT RIDERSHIP MONTH OF APRIL 2009

WEEK	DATE	PASSENGER COUNT	BUS LINE
Wednesday	1	15	ORANGE
Thursday	2	15	GREEN
Friday	3	18	ORANGE
Monday	6	6 .	GREEN
Tuesday	7	22	ORANGE
Wednesday	8	20	ORANGE
Thursday	9	20	GREEN
Friday	10	17	ORANGE
Monday	13	17	GREEN
Tuesday	14	24	ORANGE
Wednesday	15	11	ORANGE
Thursday	16	10	GREEN
Friday	17	19	ORANGE
Monday	20	14	GREEN
Tuesday	21	10	ORANGE
Wednesday	22	21	ORANGE
Thursday	23	23	GREEN
Friday	24	21	ORANGE
Monday	27	7	GREEN
Tuesday	28	23	ORANGE
Wednesday	29	15	ORANGE
Thursday	30	6	GREEN
TOTAL		354	

BUS LINE	ROUTE	DAYS OF OPERATION
GREEN	Prospect / Pamplin	Mondays & Thursdays
ORANGE	Meherrin / Green Bay	Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Fridays