

October 6, 2020

At the special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held at the Court House, thereof, on Tuesday, the 6th day of October, 2020; at 5:00 p.m., there were present:

Beverly M. Booth

Pattie Cooper-Jones

J. David Emert

Llew W. Gilliam, Jr.

Robert M. Jones

Odessa H. Pride

Jerry R. Townsend

James R. Wilck

Also present: Sarah Elam Puckett, Acting County Administrator; and Cheryl Stimpson, Human Resources.

Chairman Townsend called the reconvened meeting to order.

Chairman Townsend stated:

Due to the COVID-19 Emergency, the Board of Supervisors is operating pursuant to and in compliance with its "EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO EFFECTUATE TEMPORARY CHANGES IN CERTAIN DEADLINES AND TO MODIFY PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES TO ADDRESS CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH PANDEMIC DISASTER." This meeting is closed to in-person participation by the General Public, but citizens may listen to the meeting by calling 1-844-890-7777, Access Code: 390313.

In Re: Resolution of Insurance Claim for Trash Truck

Mr. Ron Van Eps, Director of Public Works, stated the insurance company totaled the Mack truck; he said they are willing to pay the County either \$44,083 or, if the County chooses to keep and use the truck around the landfill, they will give \$36,233, a difference of \$7,850. Mr. Van Eps said he would like to keep the truck as it would be valuable to staff at the landfill to use as a water truck and to pull bins out. He said in order to make it usable at the landfill, a passenger door and windshield would need to be put on. He said

the can that was on the truck is dented on one corner but it's high enough that anything will leak. He said if necessary, the County could salvage the parts.

Supervisor Cooper-Jones made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Wilck, to retain the Mack truck to use at the landfill; the motion carried:

Aye:	Beverly M. Booth	Nay: None
	Pattie Cooper-Jones	
	J. David Emert	
	Llew W. Gilliam, Jr.	
	Robert M. Jones	
	Odessa H. Pride	
	Jerry R. Townsend	
	James R. Wilck	

Supervisor Jones questioned the status of the other truck purchase. Mr. Van Eps said a 2020 Kenworth was purchased and it is working very well. He said the International [repair] is not complete; there is an issue with one of the cylinders.

In Re: Closed Session

Chairman Townsend made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Emert, that the Board convene in Closed Session for discussion and consideration of prospective candidates for employment for the position of County Administrator, the assignment and performance of the Acting County Administrator, and appointment of public appointees, pursuant to the exemption provided for in Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the *Code of Virginia*; the motion carried:

Aye:	Beverly M. Booth	Nay: None
	Pattie Cooper-Jones	
	J. David Emert	
	Llew W. Gilliam, Jr.	
	Robert M. Jones	
	Odessa H. Pride	
	Jerry R. Townsend	
	James R. Wilck	

The Board returned to regular session by motion of Supervisor Cooper-Jones, seconded by Supervisor Gilliam and adopted as follows:

Aye: Beverly M. Booth
Pattie Cooper-Jones
J. David Emert
Llew W. Gilliam, Jr.
Robert M. Jones
Odessa H. Pride
Jerry R. Townsend
James R. Wilck

Nay: None

On motion of Supervisor Emert, and seconded by Supervisor Jones, and carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Beverly M. Booth
Pattie Cooper-Jones
Llew W. Gilliam, Jr.
Robert M. Jones
Odessa H. Pride
Jerry R. Townsend
James R. Wilck

Nay: None Abstain: J. David Emert

the following Certification of Closed Meeting was adopted in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act:

WHEREAS, the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the *Code of Virginia* requires a certification by this Board of Supervisors that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Jones stated Thomas Woodall has been in touch regarding concerns about Crossroads; he asked if that will be on the agenda. Mrs. Puckett said she is aware of the letter and an article in THE FARMVILLE HERALD.

Supervisor Jones said the letter concerns the management of Crossroads. Supervisor Pride stated the Crossroads Board has held discussion regarding the issue and must be discussed in Closed Session. Discussion followed.

Supervisor Wilck asked if Supervisor Pride has knowledge of the School Board's vote on the reopening of the schools. Supervisor Pride said she hopes it does; she said she feels a hybrid model would be good, but doesn't feel it will pass. She then asked about Fuqua School. Mrs. Puckett said there have been two cases on campus; they are exponentially smaller with 300 students on campus, while there are about 2,000 students in Prince Edward County Schools. Discussion followed.

On motion of Supervisor Booth, seconded by Supervisor Wilck, and adopted by the following vote:

Aye:	Beverly M. Booth	Nay: None
	Pattie Cooper-Jones	
	J. David Emert	
	Llew W. Gilliam, Jr.	
	Robert M. Jones	
	Odessa H. Pride	
	Jerry R. Townsend	
	James R. Wilck	

the meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.