

March 28, 2019

At the special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held at the Court House, thereof, on Thursday, the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019; at 2:00 p.m., there were present:

Pattie Cooper-Jones

J. David Emert

Llew W. Gilliam, Jr.

Robert M. Jones

Odessa H. Pride

Gene A. Southall

Jerry R. Townsend

James R. Wilck

Also present: Wade Bartlett, County Administrator.

Chairman Wilck called the special meeting to order.

In Re: Review of Anticipated Revenues

Mr. Bartlett stated the insurance representative was on her way.

Mr. Bartlett began a discussion about Revenues. He said he discussed the assessments with the Commissioner of Revenue and Treasurer. Discussion followed regarding the equipment brought in for the work on the pipeline.

Supervisor Townsend questioned payments from Paris Ceramics; Mr. Bartlett said the loan was paid off but they still have loans with the IDA. Discussion followed.

Supervisor Townsend asked about the DMV Stop. Mr. Bartlett said the DMV fee is what they charge us to process it; the collection of personal property is separate. Mr. Bartlett reviewed projections of collections.

Supervisor Townsend then asked about the litter control program. Mr. Bartlett said the state grant is used to offset the recycling costs, both with STEPS and Synergy.

Supervisor Emert questioned the sale of surplus items. Mr. Bartlett said some goes to the landfill or recycling. Discussion followed.

Supervisor Emert asked why the County pays to recycle and suggested providing the product to STEPS but not paying them. He said the Board does make a donation and the County hauls the recycling to them at no cost, pays them to take it, and then they re-sell it. Following further discussion, the Board concurred that Mr. Bartlett provide a letter to STEPS regarding the Board's decision.

Chairman Wilck stated he has a problem borrowing money to make a donation to outside agencies. Discussion followed on the donations to Moton Museum and Longwood Center for Visual Arts.

#### In Re: Health Insurance

Ms. Mary Jones, One Digital Health Insurance Consultant, reviewed the 2019 Renewal Recommendations for Prince Edward County employees. She stated Anthem suggests a 9.5% increase; One Digital recommends a 5% increase; claims have been lowered over the past year. Discussion followed regarding claims experience and enrollment changes.

Ms. Jones reviewed the plans available and their costs.

Supervisor Cooper-Jones left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Bartlett said he incorporated the 5% increase into the proposed budget.

Supervisor Pride asked if it has ever been considered for the Board members to get County insurance coverage. Mr. Bartlett said at one point, the Board was declared a sub-group that could be covered by County insurance. After some time, the Board had decided to not have that sub-group. Discussion followed.

Supervisor Cooper-Jones returned to the meeting at this time.

Mr. Bartlett returned to discussion regarding Revenues and vehicles and personal property tax.

#### In Re: Review of Proposed Expenditures

Supervisor Jones asked how the Board can help the Hampden-Sydney Rescue Squad.

Mr. Bartlett said his concern is that if there is no plan or policy, then when another volunteer agency comes before the Board again, the precedent will be set.

Supervisor Jones referred to the discussion when the Fund was set up; he said the difference is that Hampden-Sydney and Meherrin have First Responders or EMS. He suggested any additional funding can be earmarked for EMS.

Mr. Bartlett said the Board must have a policy. He said the Fire Department is treated as a County Department and that is the only department given a substantial amount of their operating budget with no County control whatsoever. Discussion followed.

Mr. Bartlett suggested having the Association Chiefs come before the Board to specify what the funding is for.

Supervisor Cooper-Jones said the Board should consider their request and set a policy; she said the members are students and are paying for their own training.

Supervisor Pride said Hampden-Sydney is an extenuating circumstance.

Supervisor Gilliam said Pamplin [Fire Department] takes calls and gets funding from Appomattox.

Supervisor Emert said they appreciate what the Board does for them; he asked what the County will do as far as the Rescue Squad. He said they realize the County can't just give funding with no say; they created the Board, with at least a Board member and someone from Hampden-Sydney and Longwood [University], so that no matter what they wanted, it could be voted on by constituents that could say "We're not going to do that." Discussion followed.

Supervisor Gilliam said it costs a certain amount to house each department; he said the Board could appropriate funding according to the number of calls over and above the base funding amount. He suggested a meeting with the Chiefs to discuss funding.

Supervisor Southall asked if the Town of Farmville gives anything to Prince Edward Rescue Squad. Mr. Bartlett said the Town provides gas, plows the parking lot, do maintenance and in-kind. Discussion followed.

Supervisor Jones said the Board could present funding to the EMS and leave the funding to Fire Departments as they are, or earmark the additional funding for EMS.

Supervisor Townsend questioned the Capital Items line and Solid Waste expense line. He questioned the change to wooden sheds with metal roof with an overhang instead of the concrete buildings agreed upon. Discussion followed regarding the expense for a concrete building and the time it would take to build.

Supervisor Townsend then said the Board must consider recreation for the rural areas of the County, for youth and adults. He suggested the Board create a line item for a recreation fund which would allow the Board to come up with controls, such as the funds only being used for renovation and enhancing the centers. Discussion followed on creating a line item and distribution of the funds.

Supervisor Townsend questioned which fund will provide for the purchase of the bulldozer, the maintenance shop building and the money for the Scalehouse. Mr. Bartlett said that will come from the General Fund. He said Board voted to transfer \$800,000 to the Solid Waste Fund which is what was being spent when it was in the General Fund; the coming year should be the last that much will be in Capital Expenditures. Discussion followed.

Supervisor Jones said Mr. Wright used to have the equipment which the Board wasn't aware of; he said Paul, who currently works on the machinery outside, sometimes has to do maintenance on the equipment on cardboard or in the mud.

Supervisor Gilliam asked about the building at the landfill. Mr. Bartlett discussed the construction of the building; further discussion followed.

Chairman Wilck asked if the funding for the building in the budget; Mr. Bartlett said it is.

Mr. Bartlett then said the Sheriff has requested three cars and three new radar units; the Sheriff is requesting one Tahoe instead of a car.

Supervisor Gilliam asked about the progress made on the parking lot at the STEPS Centre. Mr. Bartlett reviewed the cost and progress, and said the County will go for bids. He reviewed work being done in the building.

On motion of Supervisor Emert, seconded by Supervisor Cooper-Jones, and adopted by the following vote:

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

the meeting was recessed at 4:44 p.m. until Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room, 111 South Street, Third Floor, Farmville, Virginia.