

April 16, 2019

At the special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held at the Court House, thereof, on Tuesday, the 16th day of April, 2019; at 5:30 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; Sarah Elam Puckett, Assistant County Administrator; and Carrie Shephard, Acting Resident Engineer, VDOT.

Chairman Wilck called the special meeting to order.

In Re: Approval of Remote Access Participation

Mr. Bartlett said:

I wish to recognize that Supervisor Jerry Townsend is with us this evening via remote telephone access. As required by the Board of Supervisors' Electronic Meeting Policy and Section 2.2-3708.2 of the Code of Virginia, Supervisor Townsend provided me notification several weeks ago that he would have to be physically absent from tonight's Board meeting, because his job with the Virginia Department of Corrections required that he be in Doswell, Virginia for training. He has requested remote participation in tonight's Board meeting from the Country Inn & Suites by Radisson Hotel in Doswell, Virginia. His request is in conformance with the Board's Electronic Meeting Policy and the requirements of the Code of Virginia.

Pending an objection from a member of this Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Townsend's participation from his remote location in Doswell, Virginia, shall be approved, and shall be recorded in the minutes of this meeting.

There were no objections by the Board of Supervisors members.

In Re: Six-Year Plan

Carrie Shephard, Acting Resident Engineer, VDOT, reviewed the current Six-Year Plan. She said Route 661, Nursery Road, and Route 613, Millers Lake Road, should be complete before July 1 [2019]. She said they will return to tar and gravel Route 705, Lakeside Road and Route 691, Greentown Road from FY2018. FY 2020 funding is about \$244,494 and including the tele-fees, it is \$296,949. She reviewed the roads next on the list: Route 721, Dempsey Road, to be completed in 2020; Route 751, Hidden Lake Road, and Route 740, Copper Hill Road, to be completed in 2021; and Route 628, Mill Creek Road and Route 702, Bolden Flournoy Road, to be completed in 2022. Route 744, Whispering Woods Road and Route 730, Schoolhouse Road are to be completed in 2023. Route 780, Old Oak Road, and Route 632, Faulkland Road, are scheduled for 2024.

Discussion followed on potential roads for addition to the Six-Year Plan, criteria necessary to qualify, and the roads most in need of work.

Ms. Shephard said once the current projects are completed and final budget is figured, there may be funds left over to use towards future projects.

The Board compiled the following roads for future consideration:

- Route 632, Shultz Mill Road
- Route 611, Quail Crossing Road, western end
- Route 668, Bell Road, between Rts. 682 and 687
- Route 625, Featherfin Road, western end

Supervisor Jones made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Emert, to authorize advertisement of the public hearing on the Six-Year Plan on June 11, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.; the motion carried:

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		

In Re: Financing Strategies for County Construction Projects

Mr. Jimmy Sanderson, Senior Vice President, Davenport & Company, presented the “Financial Review and Capital Plan of Finance.” He discussed credit ratings and reviewed the County’s Fund Balance; he said most of the County’s reserves are “unassigned” which allows the County flexibility that many other counties do not have. Mr. Sanderson said the County’s debt is scheduled to mature in 2032; he reviewed the long-term capital plans. He stated the debt service is flat until 2025, adding that 75% of the debt service will be paid off in the next ten years.

Mr. Sanderson reviewed several scenarios on repayment of \$10 million versus \$8 million with the use of reserve funds. He said the longer debt will incur more interest; using some of the unassigned fund balance gives flexibility. He then presented options available such as a direct bank loan and getting RFP from banks or using Virginia Resources Authority (VRA) Refinancing. Mr. Sanderson said the County can also sell bonds on public markets. Mr. Sanderson then reviewed the impact of an increase of a penny in the tax rate.

Mr. Bartlett discussed options to the amounts borrowed with their outcomes. He said the County would need to sign a reimbursement resolution. Discussion followed.

Mr. Sanderson stated the application for the “Summer Sale” through VRA is upcoming; he explained the process and said applying is not a commitment and the County would have to take formal action as the Board to authorize to sell debt on the Board’s behalf. Further discussion followed.

Supervisor Emert made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cooper-Jones, to authorize the application to the Virginia Resources Authority for the Summer Bond Pool; the motion carried:

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		

Mr. Bartlett stated Governor Northam announced \$600,000 in grants to upgrade Career and Technical Education Programs; Prince Edward County was one of the 16 high schools that received funding of \$37,500, for an Interactive Geriatric Patient Simulator.

Mr. Bartlett then stated the VACo Regions 1&4 Meeting will be held in Nottoway County on April 30, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. He said this date and time conflict with the scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors; discussion followed on amending the date of the Board’s meeting. A suggestion was made to amend the scheduled time of the April 30, 2019 meeting to 5:30 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m.; the Board concurred.

In Re: Closed Session

Supervisor Cooper-Jones made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Emert, that the Board convene in Closed Session for a briefing by the County Administrator pertaining to pending litigation regarding a worker’s compensation matter where such briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the litigating posture of the public body, pursuant to the exemption provided for in Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) of the *Code of Virginia*; the motion carried:

Aye:	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	Nay: None
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The Board returned to regular session by motion of Supervisor Townsend, seconded by Supervisor Cooper-Jones and adopted as follows:

Aye:	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	Nay: None
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On motion of Supervisor Townsend, and seconded by Supervisor Emert, and carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 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

Nay: None

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.

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

Aye: 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

Nay: None

the meeting was recessed at 8:00 p.m. until Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisor's Room, 111 South Street, Third Floor, Farmville, Virginia.