

March 12, 2024

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held at the Court House, thereof, on Tuesday, the 12th day of March, at 7:00 p.m., there were present:

Pattie Cooper-Jones
J. David Emert
Llew W. Gilliam, Jr.
Victor "Bill" Jenkins
E. Harrison Jones
Odessa H. Pride
Jerry R. Townsend
Cannon Watson

Also present: Douglas P. Stanley, County Administrator; Sarah Elam Puckett, Assistant County Administrator; Robert Love, Director of Planning & Community Development; Chelsey White, Director of Economic Development & Tourism; Adam Mumma, Chief Animal Control Officer; Trey Pyle, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator; Terri Atkins Wilson, County Attorney; Guy Kellner, Paris Ceramics; Deanna Fehrer, Piedmont Soil & Water Conservation District; Jake Morgan, Prince Edward County Extension; and Allie Hill, Virginia Food Works.

Chair Cooper-Jones called the March meeting to order.

Supervisor Gilliam offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

In Re: Conflict of Interest Disclosures

(None)

In Re: Recognitions

"Recognitions" is an opportunity for the Board of Supervisors to recognize achievements in our community, with a focus on the accomplishments of students, employees and our citizen volunteers who serve the County of Prince Edward.

The Board would like to recognize our March 2024 employee of the month, Trey Pyle. "Trey works hard 24/7 - 365 for the greater good of Prince Edward County. His tireless efforts in EMS /Firefighting on a daily basis ensures the safety of citizens. Performing and leading of Search & Rescue operations that have led to saving the lives of both humans and pets. He is a team player and is on call willing to help fellow employees with their departmental needs. He has brought innovations in his field through the use of modern safety apparatus, drone technology, and

best management practices. He is always smiling even in the face of adversity and never complains about the long hours that are often required in ensuring public safety." Prince Edward County citizens and employees are blessed "to have such an inspired, driven and dedicated employee" on their team!

In Re: Public Participation

Public Participation is a time set aside for citizens to share their thoughts, ideas and concerns. An official record is made of each person's contribution tonight and will be directed to the County Administrator for follow-up; any necessary follow-up will be noted and tracked. Follow-up may consist of an immediate response, or planned action by the County Administrator or Board, or by placement on a future Board agenda. Tonight's agenda cannot be changed, because the public needs advance knowledge of and the opportunity to review related materials regarding items addressed by the Board. To further assist public information, the Board requests the Administrator, Attorney or county staff to immediately correct any factual error that might occur.

Katie Little, residing out of state, telephoned in to voice her concerns regarding the proposed contract regarding the ICE Facility. *(Due to technical difficulties, her contribution was inaudible.)*

Sarah Gandam, student at Longwood University, expressed her concerns over the "problematic nature" of the ICA Farmville Detention Center, stating it is unable to take care of the detainees. She requested the facility be shut down and urged the Board use their position of power to not allow Prince Edward County to enter a contract with ICE, shut down the facility and demand the release of the detained immigrants.

Torrence Sydnor, student at Longwood University, expressed his concerns regarding the mismanagement at the Farmville Detention Center, and the suffering of the detainees. He said the facility should be shut down and requested the Board not enter into the proposed contract.

Myles Johnson, student at Longwood University, expressed his support for discontinuing the contract with ICE and shut down the Farmville Detention Center. He said that as an advocate for human rights, this facility holds a history of human rights violations. He asked the Board to come together to end this contract as it has a negative impact on the lives of many, and to set an example for the future.

Gabriella Bustillo, student at Longwood University, said she is the daughter of immigrants and asked that the Board not enter into the contract to keep ICA Farmville, due to testimonies of the mistreatment of the detainees. She said it is her moral obligation to speak up for what is right.

Jesse Franzblau, Washington D.C., stated he is with National Immigrant Justice Center, and requested the Board not enter into the agreement with ICE and the Immigration Centers of America.

Ian Danielsen, Town of Farmville, spoke regarding HB 1427, which is on its way to the Governor's Office for signature, gives judges wider discretion in fixing suspended sentence time for misdemeanor sexual offences. He said that in 2020, there was criminal justice reform in the General Assembly that limited all misdemeanors to just 12 months probation. He said not all misdemeanors are the same. He said his son was approached on 2nd Street and was solicited while riding his bike; his son declined and the man moved on, but a police report indicated the man was a sexual offender, but could not be held having served his probation. He said HB 1427 would allow judges to hold the man to account.

Cynaria Mitchell spoke on behalf of Jocelyn Watson, a student at Longwood University, who is demanding justice for the inhumane treatment of detainees and for the end of the contract with ICE and to shut down the Farmville Detention Center.

Amber Qureshi, Attorney with the National Immigration Project, urged the Board to not enter into the Contract with ICE to keep the Farmville Detention Center open. She stated she has represented several detainees at this center and has been told of brutality, abuse and neglect that detainees have faced at this detention center. She added that she is currently working on a case with people that have won their immigration cases and were detained several more months. She said this Center is a "scourge on the County's reputation if the Board proceeds with this contract, and will inevitably have to sign a subcontract with a private prison company, and all those companies care about are profits, not people."

In Re: Board of Supervisors Comments

The Supervisors welcomed all and thanked everyone for their feedback.

Supervisor Jones thanked all for holding the Board members accountable and for their involvement.

Supervisor Watson thanked all and congratulated Mr. Pyle; he added that Public Participation sheds light on issues that the Board members are sometimes not aware.

Chair Cooper-Jones thanked all for participating and voicing their concerns.

In Re: Consent Agenda

On motion of Supervisor Emert, seconded by Supervisor Jones, and carried:

Aye: Pattie Cooper-Jones
 J. David Emert
 Lew W. Gilliam, Jr.
 Victor "Bill" Jenkins
 E. Harrison Jones
 Odessa H. Pride
 Jerry R. Townsend
 Cannon Watson

Nay: None

the Board accepted the January 2024 Treasurer's Report; the minutes of the meeting held February 13, 2024, February 20, 2024, and February 22, 2024; Accounts and Claims, Board Mileage Sheets; and Salaries.

Prince Edward Treasurer's Report - January 2024

Name of Bank	Ref #	Int. Rate	Int. Paid	Bank Balance
Benchmark Pooled Fund Account	7654	3.50	\$65,662.44	\$21,488,869.24
Benchmark Social Services	9746			\$198,970.88
Benchmark School Fund	3352			\$2,929,706.69
Benchmark Food Service	3742			\$431,268.63
TOTAL				\$25,048,815.44

*Note: School Fund and Cafeteria Fund balances shown above are estimated balances due to end of the fiscal year.

Certificates of Deposit

	Ref #	Int. Rate	Bank Balance	Available Balance
Benchmark	0994	1.00	\$123,814.39	
	0995	1.00	\$123,814.39	
Recreation Fund	0998	0.50	\$17,595.36	
Benchmark 5 Yr CD-letter of credit	0632	1.00	\$669,770.22	\$934,994.36
Benchmark Investment Acct	L796	3.09	\$2,495,000.06	\$2,514,141.92
Farmers Bank	2465	0.50	\$110,453.31	
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Underground Storage	2478	0.60	\$23,111.81	
	3494	4.66	\$2,598,706.46	
	3454	4.65	\$2,587,121.33	
	3475	4.64	\$5,176,532.48	\$10,606,378.70
TOTAL				\$14,053,208.85
GRAND TOTAL				<u>\$39,605,605.04</u>

In Re: Business Partner Update

This month the County will begin a series of periodic "Business Spotlights" for the Board to hear from the community's major employers and business leaders. The Board will be joined at the March meeting by Mr. Guy Kellner, Owner of Paris Ceramics.

Mr. Guy Kellner has proven himself to be a dynamic and collaborative member of the business community. He recently became the owner of Paris Ceramics and purchased the building in 2021. The successful custom tile manufacturing company was established in 1982 and has pioneered the reclamation of both antique stone and terracotta. The manufacturing facility is comprised of over 90,000 square feet and is located in the Prince Edward Business Park. Here in Farmville, luxury flooring material from around the world is processed and sold to architects, builders, and designers for luxury homes. There are eight showrooms in major cities located across the United States.

Mr. Kellner said it is a pleasure to operate a business in Prince Edward County; he said he has hired a number of people that have come out of the prison system to allow them to rehabilitate into daily life. He then presented a story of one of his employees that chooses to remain in his employ instead of finding a job closer to Richmond where he now resides. Mr. Kellner said the employee said that the way he is treated, and the way the County and the area has welcomed him, he cannot get the home that he has here. Mr. Kellner said he feels the same.

In Re: Community Partner Update – Piedmont Soil & Water Conservation District

Deanna Fehrer, District Manager of Piedmont Soil & Water Conservation District, introduced Horace Adams and Jimmy Gates, Board members of the organization. She said the agency is non-regulatory and helps citizens with education, financial and technical services to promote soil health and water quality. She reported the General Assembly has provided annual funding of \$1 - \$2 million in cost share funding. Ms. Fehrer said there are 14 flood control structures built in the 1950s through the 1990s, and stated real-time monitoring has been installed in 13 of the dams, which can be monitored remotely. She said they offer a cost-share program that helps with septic repairs and pump-outs, which is available in certain watersheds. She said the residential homeowner program to help control water runoff on their property, to include landscaping, rain gardens, and rainwater harvesting.

She thanked the Board of Supervisors for its support; she stated that for the past several years, they have been level-funded for at least 10 years, and requests the same this budget year, \$11,840.

In Re: Community Partner Update – Prince Edward County Extension Office

Jake Morgan, Unit Coordinator, Virginia Cooperative Extension, gave a brief overview of the organization, and stated he is the 4-H Agent and the Agriculture & Natural Resources Agent position is currently vacant.

Mr. Morgan then reviewed the programs and activities going on at the Extension Office, including 4-H Teams, Summer Camp, a Four for 4-H Fund Run, Shooting Sports, Plant-A-Tree event, Bucket Garden Program, Camp Loud & Clear (a camp for the deaf and hard of hearing held at Holiday Lake), a Horse Club, and Tech Change Makers (teens helping seniors with tech). He said Cloverbud camping and the Teen Summit are rewarding. He closed by stating that for every dollar that the County provides, there is a \$3.65 return on that investment.

In Re: Community Partner Update – Virginia Food Works

Allie Hill, founder of Virginia Food Works, presented a report on the activities at Virginia Food Works and the Cannery, listing the types of products being produced recently and the many ways Virginia Food Works helps clients. She said Longwood students will be coming to make applesauce, and Virginia Cooperative Extension agents will be training at the facility, doing hands-on production. She said they will send an invitation to the Board to come tour and get hands-on too. She stated there is a need for a new filling machine, and they would like a peach-pitter and a dry filling machine. She then thanked the Board for its support.

In Re: AFID Grant for the Cannery

The Governor's Agriculture and Forestry Industries Development Fund Infrastructure Grant Program (AFID Infrastructure Program) provides grants of up to \$50,000 per to political subdivisions for community infrastructure development projects that support local food production and sustainable agriculture. Projects receiving funding through the AFID Infrastructure Program must demonstrate a broad community benefit and directly support local food production and sustainable agriculture. Grant funds should be used primarily for capital expenditures.

As the Board is aware, the County has utilized this grant program the last two years to make infrastructure improvements to the County Cannery. Funded projects have included the new boiler, new steam piping, and the replacement of the ½ ton chain hoist and temperature recorders. This year the County has coordinated with the team from Virginia Food Works, who manage the commercial operations at the cannery, to identify cannery infrastructure that will also support our commercial canning goals.

Below are the proposed grant project items for the 2024 AFID Grant round. The Board already budgeted \$14,000 of grant matching funds in the FY 24 Budget, so no additional appropriation will be needed. The \$14,000 of matching funds will enable the County to apply for \$28,000 of grant funds for a total project cost of 42,000.

Item	Cost Estimate
Filling Machine (Liquids)	\$18,000
Auger Filling Machine (Dry Goods)	8,750
All-Terrian Pallet Jack	7,000
Commercial Blenders (2)	3,500
Storage Cages (2)	1,000
Consistometer	350
Pulper/Pit and Seed Remover	3,400
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$42,000

Supervisor Townsend made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Emert, to authorize the AFID grant application, authorize local match funds at \$14,000 and authorize the County Administrator to execute and submit the application; the motion carried:

Aye: Pattie Cooper-Jones Nay: None
 J. David Emert
 Llew W. Gilliam, Jr.
 Victor “Bill” Jenkins
 E. Harrison Jones
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 Cannon Watson

In Re: Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Month

Professor Ian Danielsen and students from his Longwood University Social Work class annually ask the Board to consider adopting a proclamation to designate April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Prince Edward County. A draft proclamation for 2024 for consideration was presented to the Board.

Supervisor Emert made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Townsend, to approve the Proclamation setting April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention Month; the motion carried:

Aye: Pattie Cooper-Jones Nay: None
 J. David Emert
 Llew W. Gilliam, Jr.
 Victor “Bill” Jenkins
 E. Harrison Jones
 Odessa H. Pride
 Jerry R. Townsend
 Cannon Watson

Proclamation
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH
April 2024

WHEREAS, nationally, over three million children annually are subject to abuse and neglect allegations with Child Protective Services; and

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2023, Prince Edward County's Child Protective Services' 24-hour hotline received approximately 149 referrals for protective services, but also many from people seeking help, guidance, and referrals to parenting programs and supportive services; and, also in Fiscal Year 2023, over 283 children in Prince Edward County were involved with Child Protective Services; and

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends on involvement among all people; and

WHEREAS, the Prince Edward County Department of Social Services, other community human services agencies, the Prince Edward County Public Schools, and community partners work together to offer programs and services to strengthen resilience and support families and protect children from abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic increased stressors on families, thereby increasing risk factors for child maltreatment; and

WHEREAS, all Prince Edward County residents, community agencies, faith groups, and businesses are encouraged to renew their commitment to preventing child abuse, supporting families, and promoting the safety, family resilience, and child well-being;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all residents of Prince Edward County, does hereby proclaim the month of April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Prince Edward County and urges all residents to wear blue on April 1st - Virginia's Wear Blue Day, plant a pinwheel garden to show support, and find ways to support families and help all children in our community be safe.

In Re: Public Hearing - Amendment to the County Animal Control Ordinance

Chair Cooper-Jones announced that this was the date and time scheduled for a public hearing to receive citizen input prior to considering amendments to Article II – *Animal Control Officers* and Article III – *Dogs*, of Chapter 10 – Animals of the County Code. Notice of this hearing was advertised according to law in the Wednesday, February 28, 2024 and Wednesday, March 6, 2024 editions of THE FARMVILLE HERALD, a newspaper published in the County of Prince Edward.

Adam Mumma, Chief Animal Control Officer, reported there were a total of 3,500 rabies vaccinations in the past year. He said of those, half of the dog owners purchased tags. He then reported that in the past 55 days, 115 “critters” were brought into the shelter.

Chief Animal Control Officer Mumma then said that at its February meeting, the Board authorized a Public Hearing for consideration of amendments to Article II and Article III to *Chapter 10-Animals* of the *County Code*, as follows:

- § 10-30 - The amendments change the ordinance to align with the practice the County currently follows regarding the hiring of county animal control officers by the County Administrator.
- § 10-41 - The amendments update the County Ordinance with unlawful acts enumerated in the Code of Virginia.
- § 10-42 - The amendments clarify and update the County Ordinance with respect to the requirement of individuals to report to local animal control when finding a companion animal.
- § 10-43 - The amendments clarify and update the County Ordinance with respect to the abandonment of animals.
- § 10-50 - The amendments clarify and update the County Ordinance with respect to the requirement of individuals to a dog license (tag).
- § 10-51 - The amendments update the County Ordinance on how to obtain a county dog license (tag).
- § 10-52 and 10-53 - The amendments correct errors from when the County Ordinance was published.
- § 10-61 - The amendments update the County Ordinance on rabies clinics.
- § 10-70 -The amendments update and clarify the County Ordinance with respect to running at large and removes the requirement that an animal control office will first provide notice to an animal owner or custodian that a dog is or has been running at large. The amendments also insert the violation of any dog running at large in a pack.

Chair Cooper-Jones opened the public hearing.

There being no one wishing to speak, Chair Cooper-Jones closed the public hearing.

Supervisor Townsend made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Gilliam, to approve the amendments to *Chapter 10 – Animals* of the *County Code*, as presented; the motion carried:

Aye:	Pattie Cooper-Jones	Nay: None
	J. David Emert	
	Llew W. Gilliam, Jr.	
	Victor “Bill” Jenkins	
	E. Harrison Jones	
	Odessa H. Pride	
	Jerry R. Townsend	
	Cannon Watson	

In Re: Public Hearing – Special Use Permit, Prince Edward County IDA

Chair Cooper-Jones announced that this was the date and time scheduled for a public hearing to receive citizen input prior to considering a request for a Special Use Permit by Douglas P. Stanley, County Administrator on behalf of Prince Edward County Industrial Development Authority for an elevated water storage tank not to exceed 265' in total height with booster pump station on land denoted as Tax Map Parcel 039-A-3, located on the south side of Kelly Lane, at its intersection with Persimmon Tree Fork Road (Route 638). Notice of this hearing was advertised

according to law in the Wednesday, February 28, 2024 and Wednesday, March 6, 2024 editions of THE FARMVILLE HERALD, a newspaper published in the County of Prince Edward.

Mr. Robert Love stated the County has received an application for a Special Use Permit by Douglas P. Stanley, County Administrator on behalf of Prince Edward County Industrial Development Authority for an elevated water storage tank not to exceed 265' in total height with booster pump station on land denoted as Tax Map Parcel 039-A-3, located on the south side of Kelly Lane, at its intersection with Persimmon Tree Fork Road (Route 638). This parcel is in the C1, General Commercial zoning district and the use requires a Special Use Permit.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on February 20, 2024; no one spoke in opposition of the application and the County had received no correspondence opposing the request. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval with conditions, forwarding the request to the Board of Supervisors for Public Hearing. The Board was presented with a list of Potential Conditions as recommended by the Planning Commission.

County staff is of the opinion the use is generally compatible with the zoning district and will have minimal impacts on surrounding properties.

Chair Cooper-Jones opened the public hearing.

There being no one wishing to speak, Chair Cooper-Jones closed the public hearing.

Supervisor Gilliam asked if the outflow would be 1,400 gallons per minute.

Mr. Joe Hines, Timmons Group, said the water tower will serve the HIT Park data center site. He said there will be adequate fire flow and water pressure.

Bruce Strickland, Timmons Group, said the capacity out will be higher for the HIT Park and back into the Town system. He then described the construction of the tower; he added that the County will have a choice of color and any decoration, and an anti-graffiti coating will be applied at ground level.

Supervisor Emert made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Townsend, to approve the Special Use Permit request by Douglas P. Stanley, County Administrator on behalf of Prince Edward County Industrial Development Authority for an elevated water storage tank not to exceed 265' in total height with booster pump station with the following conditions as recommended by the Planning Commission; the motion carried:

Aye: Pattie Cooper-Jones
J. David Emert
Llew W. Gilliam, Jr.
Victor “Bill” Jenkins
E. Harrison Jones
Odessa H. Pride
Jerry R. Townsend
Cannon Watson

Nay: None

Prince Edward County IDA – Special Use Permit CONDITIONS

SITE PLAN

1. Development activities on the site shall be limited to those as specified in the Special Use Permit Application and Site Plan. The final locations of incidental facilities may be adjusted provided no such adjustment violates any buffers, setbacks, or other statutory requirement. The concepts reflected in the filed special use permit dated 02/02/2024 are hereby made part of these development conditions.
2. Any proposed expansion of the operation, change of activities or additional facilities or activities shall be submitted to the Prince Edward County Planning and Community Development office for review prior to implementation. Any changes may be subject to Permit amendment procedures, including Public Hearings.
3. All landscaping shall be mulched and maintained to the reasonable satisfaction of the Prince Edward County Planning and Community Development Director. Any vegetation found to be of poor condition shall be replaced and/or improved at the reasonable direction of the Planning and Community Development Director or his designee.
4. The elevated water tank with all appurtenances shall not exceed 265’ in total height. Obstruction lighting shall only be provided if required by Federal Aviation Administration.
5. All security lighting shall be designed and installed so as to minimize glare onto adjoining properties or any public access road. All security lighting shall be full cut-off type fixtures.

ENVIRONMENTAL

6. All pollution control measures, erosion and sediment control measures, storm water control facilities, and all construction activities shall comply with the requirements of the appropriate federal, state, and local regulations and ordinances.
7. Any development activities of structural or of a land disturbing nature not specifically addressed by these Conditions shall be in conformance with applicable provisions of federal, state, and local statues and regulations.

TRANSPORTATION

8. All entrance permits must be approved by the Virginia Department of Transportation. Development activities shall comply with all requirements of VDOT.

GENERAL

9. The elevated water storage tank shall be inspected every five years by a private firm contracted by the applicant. A copy of the inspection report shall be submitted to the Prince Edward County Planning and Community Development Office.

10. This Permit is non-transferable, except and unless written notice from the Permittee regarding the transfer, and a signed document from the proposed new Permittee is received by the Planning and Community Development Office which states that the new Permittee agrees to comply with all terms and Conditions imposed with the original Permit Issuance. If the proposed new Permittee desires to amend the original Permit Conditions, amendments must be addressed by the Prince Edward County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors through the Special Use Permit process.
11. Failure of Permittee to full conform to all terms and conditions may result in revocation of this Special Use Permit if said failure or failures are not corrected or addressed to the satisfaction, not to be unreasonably withheld, of the County within thirty (30) days of written notice from the County.

In Re: Highway Matters

Staff recorded concerns from the Board to report to VDOT:

- Supervisor Gilliam reported potholes, everywhere.
- Supervisor Emert reported a large pothole and ponding on Harris Creek Road and the eastern entrance off of Old Route 460, going into Pamplin.
- Supervisor Jenkins reported rough road on Quail Crossing Road.
- Mrs. Sarah E. Puckett advised the Board of upcoming road closures on Weaver Road for a pipe replacement, and on Free State Road for a railroad crossing.

In Re: Resolution – Approval of Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

In 2020, the Commonwealth Regional Council (CRC) was awarded a grant through FEMA's Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program to undertake an update of the CRC's Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Counties of Prince Edward, Amelia, Buckingham, Charlotte, Nottoway, Lunenburg and the Towns of Farmville, Dillwyn, Charlotte Court House, Drakes Branch, Keysville, Phenix, Kenbridge, Victoria, Blackstone, Burkeville and Crewe have worked together with staff from the CRC to update the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, as part of a mitigation planning requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. A plan update is required every five years.

The Disaster Mitigation Act charges localities with the responsibility of identifying, assessing, and mitigating the risks within their communities to help ensure that critical services would continue to function if a disaster were to occur. The update of the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan has been approved by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. It is important to note that with an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan, the County is eligible for future mitigation grant opportunities, if available, to implement pre- and post-disaster projects.

Supervisor Townsend made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Gilliam, to adopt the draft resolution approving the update of the CRC Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan; the motion carried:

Aye: Pattie Cooper-Jones
J. David Emert
Llew W. Gilliam, Jr.
Victor “Bill” Jenkins
E. Harrison Jones
Odessa H. Pride
Jerry R. Townsend
Cannon Watson

Nay: None

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT
COMMONWEALTH REGIONAL COUNCIL
REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, Prince Edward County is vulnerable to an array of hazards that can cause loss of life and damage to public and private property; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to seek ways to mitigate situations that may aggravate such circumstances, and the development and implementation of a hazard mitigation plan can result in actions that reduce the long-tenn risk to life and property from hazards; and

WHEREAS, the County is covered under a regional hazard mitigation plan that outlines ways to protect its citizens and property from the effects of hazards, in accordance with Section 322 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act; and

WHEREAS, that plan must be reviewed and updated every five years for the County to remain in compliance with Section 322 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, and to remain eligible for certain types of federal assistance in the event of a disaster affecting the County; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Regional Council (CRC) has undertaken an update of the regional hazard mitigation plan, which includes Prince Edward County, with input from the appropriate local and state officials; and

WHEREAS, citizens have been afforded an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the actions in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency have reviewed the updated hazard mitigation plan for legislative compliance and have approved the plan pending the completion of local adoption procedures.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County hereby adopts the updated CRC Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, as applicable to the County, and agrees to take such official actions as reasonably necessary, and as available resources allow, to carry out the proposed actions in the plan.

In Re: Economic Development & Tourism Department Update

Chelsey White presented her report to the Board:

Economic Development

- February IDA Meeting updates – there is continued interest in the PEC Business Park from commercial developers and the IDA and staff continued to work with prospects; ongoing marketing of the HIT Park with the consultant and site visits to the HIT Park, several additional NDAs are in the works.

- VEDP BRSP Virtual Site Tour of the HIT Park as the next step in the grant application +process. The funding amount was \$16.9 to develop the water infrastructure at the HIT Park.
- March 11th site visit at the HIT Park with prospect.
- Economic Development Strategic Plan coordination meeting with RKG Associates
- Submitted TRRC Southern Virginia Grant proposal to fund industrial access road for the HIT Park project. The funding amount requested was \$442,005.00.
- Working towards finalizing the sale of the business park lot for the Harbor Freight project. Will hold a special IDA meeting about this on Friday, March 15th.
- Continued to participate in economic development programs, collaborations, and educational opportunities through regional and state organizations including VEDP, SOVA, Longwood SBDC, RISE, and VEDA.

Tourism

- Consultation with a company to develop a new PEC Tourism Website featuring the county as a premier wedding destination.
- Participated in quarterly Virginia's Crossroad March. Prince Edward County is partnering with the regional tourism organization on a marketing leverage program grant to update Virginia's Crossroads website, its overall brochure and to also update the regional Civil War Trails brochure including Lee's Retreat and the Wilson Kautz Trail. This overhaul of the marketing materials includes the Civil Rights in Education Heritage Trail brochure which was updated through another grant around 2018 (no changes in these sites have been made).
- Meeting with a CBS 6 News Senior Account Manager about partnering to promote Farmville/Prince Edward County.
- This month we began the VA 250 Exhibit project in partnership with local stakeholders and Letterpress Communications.
- February Prince Edward County Tourism Council regular meeting updates - re-elected officers for the year: Chair – Mark Smith, Vice-Chair – Caryn Kayton, Secretary – Molly Kinahan.
- Virginia's Crossroads quarterly meeting – Prince Edward County was recommended and approved to host the National Civil War Trails board meeting in Prince Edward County in 2025.
- Renovation work being completed at the Visitor Center including updating the hours of operation sign and adding it to the glass door and updating the flooring behind the front desk.
- We continued to participate in local, regional, and state organizations including THOYA, Virginia's Crossroads, and the Virginia Tourism Corporation in marketing the County's tourism opportunities.

In Re: Professional Pre-Audit Services

To enable the County of Prince Edward to meet the requirements of the Statement of Auditing Standards 115 (SAS 115) issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and provide guidance to external auditors on how they should communicate internal control related matters identified in their audit to an organization's financial statements, the staff is recommending the County engage professional accounting services to provide the pre-audit scope of work. Rodefer Moss provided this scope of service to the County for the previous year's audit and continues to provide the same scope of services to neighboring counties, to include Lunenburg, Charlotte, Appomattox, and Cumberland. Their letter of engagement, which includes their scope of services and fee scheduled is attached. Staff anticipate they will start pre-audit services on or about June 1, 2024.

Supervisor Emert made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Townsend, to approve hiring Rodefer Moss for pre-award services as outlined and authorize Mr. Stanley to execute the agreement; the motion carried:

Aye:	Pattie Cooper-Jones J. David Emert Llew W. Gilliam, Jr. Victor "Bill" Jenkins E. Harrison Jones Odessa H. Pride Jerry R. Townsend Cannon Watson	Nay: None
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In Re: Appropriation – Landfill Appropriation – Cell F Construction & Dump Truck

On February 13, 2024, the Board approved to award a lump sum contract for \$1,594,000 to Sargent Corporation and include a 5% contingency amount for any necessary change orders for the construction of Cell F at the Prince Edward County Landfill. The Board also authorized the purchase of the 2018 John Deere 41 OE in the amount of \$198,500 from the Landfill Construction Fund. We ask that the Board appropriate these funds as follows:

FY24 BUDGET SUPPLEMENTS

Rev/Exp	Fund	Dept	Object	Description	Debit	Credit
3 (Rev)	331	41050	0331	Landfill Const. Fund Balance		\$ 1,872,200
4 (Exp)	331	94000	0051	Landfill Construction	\$ 1,673,700	
4 (Exp)	331	94000	8001	Equipment	\$ 198,500	

Supervisor Townsend made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Jones, to approve the FY24 County Budget supplement and appropriate the same funds; the motion carried:

Aye:	Pattie Cooper-Jones J. David Emert Llew W. Gilliam, Jr. Victor "Bill" Jenkins E. Harrison Jones Odessa H. Pride Jerry R. Townsend Cannon Watson	Nay: None
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In Re: Appropriation – VTC Grant

On December 13, 2023 Prince Edward County was awarded the VTC VA250 Grant for our "Celebrating Virginia's History: A Look at Prince Edward County" campaign. This is a reimbursement grant through the Virginia Tourism Corporation in the amount of \$10,000.

The Board is asked to approve and appropriate as follows:

FY24 BUDGET SUPPLEMENTS

Rev/Exp	Fund	Dept	Object	Description	Debit	Credit
3 (Rev)	100	24040	0101	VTC VA250		\$10,000.00
3 (Rev)	100	81600	5896	VTC VA250	\$10,000.00	

Supervisor Emert made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Townsend, to approve the FY24 County Budget supplement and appropriate the same funds; the motion carried:

Aye: Pattie Cooper-Jones J. David Emert Llew W. Gilliam, Jr. Victor “Bill” Jenkins E. Harrison Jones Odessa H. Pride Jerry R. Townsend Cannon Watson	Nay: None
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In Re: Appropriation – Animal Control Donations

Animal Control received donations in FY24 totaling \$1,340 and has unspent donations from FY23 in the amount of \$1,065 towards the care of boarded animals. The Board is asked to appropriate FY24 donations and carryforward the unspent donations from FY23 as follows:

FY24 BUDGET SUPPLEMENTS

Rev/Exp	Fund	Dept	Object	Description	Debit	Credit
3 (Rev)	100	41050	0100	General Fund Balance		\$1,065.00
3 (Rev)	100	18990	0003	AC Gifts & Donations		\$1,340.00
4 (Exp)	100	35100	6014	Other (Donations)	\$2,405.00	

Supervisor Townsend made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Jones, to approve the FY24 County Budget supplement and appropriate the same funds; the motion carried:

Aye: Pattie Cooper-Jones J. David Emert Llew W. Gilliam, Jr. Victor “Bill” Jenkins E. Harrison Jones Odessa H. Pride Jerry R. Townsend Cannon Watson	Nay: None
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In Re: County Attorney Update

Mrs. Terri Atkins Wilson, County Attorney, reported work over the past month included:

- Work on Harbor Freight real estate and title issues;

- Review of contract on Landfill Cell F;
- Work on a dangerous dog case with Animal Control;
- Work on a petition filed regarding the seizure of a dog not being treated properly;
- Several FOIA questions.

In Re: TRC Farmville, LLC – Modification of Deed Restrictions

Mrs. Atkins Wilson stated the Industrial Development Authority (IDA), is preparing to close on the sale of the lot located in front of the Farmville Lowe's in the Business Park, south of Farmville, and the buyer's title company has requested the following statement to be signed and authorized by the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors:

The Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, Virginia (the "Board") hereby (a) approves of the execution of this Special Warranty Deed as required by that certain Agreement attached to the Deed from the Board of Supervisors of the County of Prince Edward, Virginia to Prince Edward County Industrial Development Authority recorded among the Land Records of Prince Edward County, Virginia in Instrument #200601797 (the "Agreement") and (b) waive, release and terminate the applicability of those certain Protective Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for the Prince Edward County Industrial Park recorded among the Land Records of Prince Edward County, Virginia in Book 370 at pages 634 - 638 (the "Protective Covenants") in their entirety with respect to the Property (described on Exhibit A), including without limitation, the waiver, release and termination of all approval rights, the right and option to repurchase and the right of first refusal set forth in such Agreement and/or in such Protective Covenants. Following the execution of this Special Warranty Deed by the Board, the Agreement and the Protective Covenants shall be deemed of no further force or effect with respect to the Property.

The Instrument #200601797 mentioned and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court describes the conveyance of three parcels, including the 20-acre parcel that was later divided between the Lowe's parcel and this particular parcel. The agreement attached to the deed instrument requires that the County must be notified and must approve of the sale of any portion of this tract and the County would determine if a public hearing was necessary, that the proceeds from the resale of any lot would be transferred from the IDA to the County's General Fund and that the lot would be subject to the protective covenants and conditions as provided in Deed Book 370, Pages 634-638 in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office. A copy of this deed is included in the packet.

The Protective Covenants as listed in the Deed Book 370 at Pages 634-638 cover a wide range of issues and subjects. A copy of this instrument is also included in the packet. The buyer was requesting that the Protective

Covenants be waived, released and terminated as they apply to this particular lot. Many of the items covered with the covenants are currently covered by our zoning regulations. The Agreements states that it would expire 20 years after adoption, which was signed in 2002, but it would be in place for 10-year intervals unless revoked by an action of the Board of Supervisors.

Following some discussion, Supervisor Watson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Emert, to approve the Special Warranty Deed, prepared by the County Attorney, and signed by the Industrial Development Authority of Prince Edward County, for the sale of property known as Tax Map #51-10-2C, as required by Instrument #200601797, as recorded as in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office of Prince Edward County, Virginia; and to approve the waiver, release and termination of those certain Protective Covenants with respect to this particular parcel of land being sold by the Industrial Development Authority of Prince Edward County, Virginia, located at the corner of U.S. Highway Route 15, adjacent to Lowe's; and to authorize the Chair of the Prince Edward County and/or the County Administrator to sign all necessary documents required to complete the two tasks above; the motion carried:

Aye:	Pattie Cooper-Jones	Nay: None
	J. David Emert	
	Llew W. Gilliam, Jr.	
	Victor "Bill" Jenkins	
	E. Harrison Jones	
	Odessa H. Pride	
	Jerry R. Townsend	
	Cannon Watson	

In Re: County Administrator Update

Mr. Stanley presented his report:

- In the newspaper, there are articles about the Barbara Rose Johnson statue at the Capital, the sales tax bill and the poultry cooperative; progress is being made in the community.
- Nottoway /Prince Edward Boundary Line - Hurt&Proffitt have completed approximately half of the field work. The project is approximately 50% complete.
- Virginia Business Ready Sites Program - We held a "virtual" tour with the grant team from the Virginia Economic Development Partnership to review Prince Edward's \$16,977,000 grant application. The project would construct a 12" waterline from the Town system to a new 1-million-gallon water tank on Persimmon Tree Fork Road. The project would also provide funding for a waterline from the proposed Sandy River Reservoir to the water tank. Lastly, the grant would provide funding for an option on adjacent property to allow us to market a larger site. I want to commend Chelsey for putting together an excellent presentation working with Rhett Weiss, our data center consultant, and Timmons.
- The Sales Tax Bill has rolled into the statewide Bill and has gone to the Governor's desk for consideration.
- Enterprise Zone Bill/SB 722/ HB61- SB722 and HB61 authorize the Governor to renew enterprise zones for up to four five-year renewal periods for zones designated on or after July 1, 2005, and for up to two five-year renewal periods for zones designated before July 1, 2005, giving each current EZ community five more years.

Under current law, zones designated on or after July 1, 2005, may be renewed for up to three such periods and zones designated before July 1, 2005, may be renewed for up to one such period.

This additional time is important to us, as it will enable our rural counties to sustain our competitive momentum. SB722 was incorporated into SB679 and reported out by a vote of 15-0. The bill has been approved by the senate and house and been sent to the Governor for signature.

- Solar Community Meeting - CEP Solar has submitted applications for the two solar sites below in the next week. The Planning Commission will hold hearings on the applications on March 19th
- The Miller Lake project will contain up to 5 MWac. The project is located on Parcel IDs: 069-A-16 and 069-A-15 off Miller Lake Rd and Piney Grove Rd. in Prince Edward County, VA.
- The Piney Grove project will contain up to 8 MW ac. The project is located on Parcel IDs: 069-A-9, 069-A-10, 069-A-3 off Taylor Rd and Piney Grove Rd. in Prince Edward County, VA.
- Economic Development Strategic Plan - The Prince Edward County Industrial Development Authority is working with RKG Associates consulting firm to complete an economic development strategic plan. We have invited a number of valued leaders of the business and development community to take part in the economic development strategic plan working group. We are planning to hold the kickoff meeting later this month and will firm up the date in the coming weeks.
- Internet Access/BEAD Proposal - I was contacted last week by Brightspeed, the company that owns the former assets of CenturyLink. Brightspeed is looking to submit a Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) Program grant application for \$6.7 million. The project would upgrade from copper wire to fiber approximately 641 residences/businesses in the Farmville area. Most of this area is not part of the Kinex project area since it already had internet access. The project should provide better speed and access for those customers. They will be coming back to the County in the next several months for a letter of support.
- Manor Turnlane Smartscale/Revenue Sharing Project – Sarah Puckett virtually attended a VDOT staff meeting on the project on 2/21. We are working with VDOT and Dominion to try to coordinate Dominion's planned upgrades to the local transmission line along Route 15 so that they can be relocated to get out of the project footprint.
- Sandy River Project/DEQ - On March 5th, DEQ held a public hearing at Prince Edward County High School on the draft permit application. I was able to make an opening statement and was followed by seven speakers. Only one, Crewe Town Manager, had any negative comments. He went on record that Crewe supported the application as long as it did not steal its water customers and cause financial harm to Crewe. I want to thank Supervisors Townsend and Gilliam, James Ghee, Ilsa Loeser, Brad Watson, and Ken Copeland for speaking on the County's behalf. All were extremely well spoken and personalized comments on the project's impact on our community.
- Sandy River Project/DGS Proposal - On March 8th the Prince Edward County Project Team submitted our proposal to the Virginia Department of General Services (DGS) for providing water to the state facilities in Burkeville. We provided 4 different proposed water rates based on whether we were serving just the state facilities, the state facilities+ Towns of Crewe and Burkeville, and those facilities+ development at the HIT Park. The Project Team has done a fantastic job of pulling the proposal together. Time will tell if DGS feels that this proposal is the best one to ultimately meet their needs. Three years of work is culminating.
- 2025 Reassessment - As of March 1st we are approximately 49% complete with the reassessment with 7,020 of 14,263 parcels assessed. We are on schedule to complete the project this fall.
- Assistance to Firefighter's Grant - County staff submitted a \$1.7 million grant application for the Assistance to Firefighter's Grant to purchase the radios for the emergency radio system upgrade project. If successful, any funds received will reduce Prince Edward's portion of the radio system upgrade cost.
- Kinex Broadband Project - As of March 1st, a total of 261 miles of middle-mile conduit and fiber have been installed in Prince Edward County (37 miles/VATI and 224/RDOF) and 2,959 passings have been completed with a total of 495 customer installs.

In Re: Personnel Committee Report

The Personnel Committee met at 4:00 p.m. Members present: Pattie Cooper-Jones, Dr. Odessa Pride, & Harrison Jones.

The Personnel Committee makes the following recommendations to the Board of Supervisors:

1. Amendment to the County Personnel Policy - The Committee recommends that the Board approve to repeal the underlined section of the original Personnel Policy and approve the highlighted amendment:

Original 4.10 Overtime and Compensatory Time

B. Authorization For Overtime

1. Overtime work shall be authorized to cover emergencies, inclement weather conditions and unusual working requirements, and may be authorized only by the employees Department Head prior to such work being performed.
2. Non-exempt employees who work approved overtime shall receive compensatory time off at the rate of one and one-half hours (1 ½) for each hour worked. The maximum accrual of compensatory time shall be 40 hours.
3. It is the policy of Prince Edward County that overtime shall be accrued on the basis of hours worked in excess of 40 hours per week.
4. Department directors shall take all necessary actions to allow employees to use their accrued compensatory time. Department directors are also responsible for ensuring that an employee under his /her supervision does not accrue more than 40 hours of compensatory time.

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2. Non-exempt employees who work approved overtime shall receive compensatory time off at the rate of one and one-half hours (1 ½) for each hour worked. The maximum accrual of compensatory time shall be 40 hours.

For non-exempt safety employees, as defined by the Fair Labor Standards Act, who work approved overtime shall receive compensatory time off at one and one-half hours (1 ½) for each hour worked. The maximum accrual of compensatory time shall be 80 hours. When a non-exempt employee reaches their maximum accrual of compensatory time, any resulting overtime worked will be paid at the time of accrual at the rate of one and one-half hours (1 ½) for each hour worked.

Any remaining compensatory time will be paid at the employee's regular rate of pay at the end of the calendar year. Under no circumstances will compensatory time be rolled over into subsequent years.

3. It is the policy of Prince Edward County that overtime shall be accrued on the basis of hours worked in excess of 40 hours per week.
4. Department directors shall take all necessary actions to allow employees to use their accrued compensatory time. Department directors are also responsible for ensuring that an employee under his /her supervision does not accrue more than the maximum allowed.
2. Approval of the requests by Sheriff Epps for the four promotions and one merit increase as outlined on attachments, effective April 1, 2024.

Supervisor Townsend made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Emert, to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to amend Section 4.10 of the Personnel Policy and approve the promotions and merit increase as requested by Sheriff Epps; the motion carried:

Aye:	Pattie Cooper-Jones	Nay: None
	J. David Emert	
	Llew W. Gilliam, Jr.	
	Victor "Bill" Jenkins	
	E. Harrison Jones	
	Odessa H. Pride	
	Jerry R. Townsend	
	Cannon Watson	

In Re: Award of Community Organizer Contract

The County received word in December that we were awarded a \$44,750 joint planning grant from the Opioid Abatement Authority. The grant will cover Prince Edward, Buckingham, and Cumberland counties and will provide a roadmap on how we utilize our abatement funds moving forward. The grant will help us conduct a gap analysis of treatment, services, and infrastructure for persons affected by substance use disorder in the county and surrounding areas. This analysis will determine the best and highest use of the opioid abatement funds available to the locality. The goal is to identify needs and develop a comprehensive plan that identifies and prioritizes community needs and how best to meet immediate and future needs. This effort will culminate with coordinated applications to use the opioid abatement resources available.

The County put out a request for proposals (RFP) for a vendor to perform the scope of work identified. The County received one response to the RFP from Helen Elizabeth Reavis. Ms. Reavis has over 48 years of experience in human services at four different DSS Departments. Most recently she served as the consultant working with

Warren County, Va in the development of their drug treatment court docket. Mr. Stanley personally worked with Ms. Reavis as the Director of Social Services for Warren County from 2011-2017. She has specific background and knowledge to get this project completed as outlined. As proposed, the project would be completed over the course of the next year into the first quarter of 2025.

After negotiations, Ms. Reavis has agreed to perform the scope of work for the 12-month project at a cost of \$3,000 / month + travel expenses. This budget will fit within the \$50,000 project budget.

Supervisor Emert made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Townsend, to award a contract to Helen Elizabeth Reavis for Community Organizer services for the develop a gap analysis of substance abuse services for the development of a regional drug treatment court docket and to authorize the County Administrator to sign the contact and all necessary grant paperwork; the motion carried:

Aye:	Pattie Cooper-Jones J. David Emert Llew W. Gilliam, Jr. Victor “Bill” Jenkins E. Harrison Jones Odessa H. Pride Jerry R. Townsend Cannon Watson	Nay: None
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In Re: Alcohol Safety Action Program

A letter from the Southside Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program (Southside Virginia ASAP) was presented for the Board’s consideration. As the Board may be aware, Piedmont ASAP is dissolving effective May 31, 2024, and the Counties of Appomattox, Buckingham, Charlotte, Cumberland, Lunenburg, Nottoway, and Prince Edward will now be served by the Southside Virginia ASAP Program. Nottoway and Lunenburg will be served by a different ASAP.

In order to move forward with participating with Southside Virginia ASAP, two actions by the Board are required:

1. Approve the attached resolution to memorialize Prince Edward County's participation in Southside Virginia ASAP; and
2. Appoint one representative to the Southside Virginia ASAP Policy Board.

At present, Donna Nunnally is the Board-appointed County representative on the Piedmont ASAP Board. Russell Dove is the community representative on the Piedmont Board for the County. Ms. Nunnally has noted that she will not be interested in continuing to serve. Mr. Dove has said he is willing to serve on the Southside Board, at

the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors. The term of office is three years, June 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027. Or, the Board may choose to advertise the position.

Following some discussion, Supervisor Emert made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Townsend, to approve the resolution authorizing Prince Edward County’s participation in the Southside Virginia ASAP program; and appoint Russell Dove to a three-year term of office on the Southside Virginia ASAP Policy Board to expire June 30, 2027; the motion carried:

Aye:	Pattie Cooper-Jones J. David Emert Llew W. Gilliam, Jr. Victor “Bill” Jenkins E. Harrison Jones Odessa H. Pride Jerry R. Townsend Cannon Watson	Nay: None
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In Re: Closed Session – Consultation with legal counsel for intergovernmental contact: 2.2-3711 (A)(8); and award of public contract for detention facility services: 2.2-38711(A)(29)

Supervisor Emert made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Townsend, “that [we] go to Closed Session pursuant to 2.2-3711(A)(8), consultation with legal counsel and Section 2.2-3711(A)(29), award of a public contract;” the motion carried:

Aye:	Pattie Cooper-Jones J. David Emert Llew W. Gilliam, Jr. Victor “Bill” Jenkins E. Harrison Jones Odessa H. Pride Jerry R. Townsend Cannon Watson	Nay: None
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The Board returned to regular session by motion of Supervisor Emert, seconded by Supervisor Townsend, and adopted as follows:

Aye:	Pattie Cooper-Jones J. David Emert Llew W. Gilliam, Jr. Victor “Bill” Jenkins E. Harrison Jones Odessa H. Pride Jerry R. Townsend Cannon Watson	Nay: None
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On motion of Supervisor Emert, seconded by Supervisor Townsend, and carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Pattie Cooper-Jones
J. David Emert
Llew W. Gilliam, Jr.
Victor "Bill" Jenkins
E. Harrison Jones
Odessa H. Pride
Jerry R. Townsend
Cannon Watson

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.

Supervisor Emert made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Townsend, to approve the Intergovernmental Service Agreement (IGSA) with the Department of Homeland Security in substantially the form presented at this meeting, with such changes as may be approved by the Chair of the Board, who is hereby authorized to execute such agreement, and any related agreements and certificates; provided however that such approval is specifically conditioned upon the acceptance by DHS of the fee structure proposed by the County for such agreements; the motion carried:

Aye: Pattie Cooper-Jones
J. David Emert
Llew W. Gilliam, Jr.
Victor "Bill" Jenkins
E. Harrison Jones
Odessa H. Pride
Jerry R. Townsend
Cannon Watson

Nay: None

Supervisor Emert made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Townsend, to approve the subcontracting service agreement with Abyon, LLC, in connection with the intergovernmental service agreement with DHS in substantially the form presented at this meeting, with such changes as may be approved by the Chair of the Board, who is hereby authorized to execute such agreement, and any related agreements and certificates; the motion carried:

Aye: Pattie Cooper-Jones
J. David Emert
Llew W. Gilliam, Jr.
Victor “Bill” Jenkins
E. Harrison Jones
Odessa H. Pride
Jerry R. Townsend
Cannon Watson

Nay: None

Discussion followed concerning the potential for hiring of a Public Safety Director.

In Re: Animal Warden’s Report

Mr. Adam Mumma, Chief Animal Control Officer, submitted a report for the month of February 2024, which was reviewed and ordered to be filed with the Board papers.

In Re: Building Official’s Report

Mr. Phillip Moore, Building Inspector, submitted a report for the month of February 2024, which was reviewed and ordered to be filed with the Board papers.

In Re: Commonwealth Regional Council Items of Interest

Ms. Melody Foster, Executive Director, submitted a report for the month of February 2024, which was reviewed and ordered to be filed with the Board papers.

In Re: Tourism and Visitor Center Report

Ms. Chelsey White, Director of Economic Development and Tourism, submitted a report for the month of February 2024, which was reviewed and ordered to be filed with the Board papers.

On motion of Supervisor Emert, seconded by Supervisor Townsend, and adopted by the following vote:

Aye: Pattie Cooper-Jones
J. David Emert
Llew W. Gilliam, Jr.
Victor “Bill” Jenkins
E. Harrison Jones
Odessa H. Pride
Jerry R. Townsend
Cannon Watson

Nay: None

the meeting was recessed at 9:50 p.m., until Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.