

May 21, 2019

At a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held at the Court House, thereof, on Tuesday, the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2019; at 7:00 p.m., there were present:

J. David Emert

Llew W. Gilliam, Jr.

Robert M. Jones

Odessa H. Pride

Gene A. Southall

Jerry R. Townsend

James R. Wilck

Absent: Pattie Cooper-Jones

Also present: Wade Bartlett, County Administrator; and Sarah Elam Puckett, Assistant County Administrator.

Chairman Wilck called the special meeting to order.

In Re: Award of Construction Bid - Courthouse

Mr. Bartlett said the County received two responses for the County's bid to renovate the Prince Edward County Courthouse. The bids were opened May 14, 2019. He stated the bids were as follows: Blair Construction: \$4,485,000; Kenbridge Construction: \$4,724,000. Mr. Bartlett reviewed the unit prices for Soil Excavation, Trench Rock Removal, Bulk Rock Removal, and Over-excavation from each company.

Mr. Bartlett stated the architect reviewed the bids and found that each met the County's requirements; the architect recommends the contract be awarded to Blair Construction.

Following some discussion, Supervisor Townsend made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Pride, to award the Contract to Blair Construction and authorize the County Administrator to sign all required documents and issue a Notice to Proceed; the motion carried: the motion carried:

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

In Re: Closed Session

Supervisor Emert made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Townsend, that the Board convene in Closed Session for discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds for the County's six-year re-assessment, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position of the County, pursuant to the exemption provided for in Section 2.2-3711(A)(29) of the *Code of Virginia*; the motion carried:

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

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

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

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

Aye: J. David Emert  
Llew W. Gilliam, Jr.  
Robert M. Jones  
Odessa H. Pride  
Gene A. Southall  
Jerry R. Townsend  
James R. Wilck  
Absent: Pattie Cooper-Jones  
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 Pride made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Jones, to authorize the County Administrator to enter into negotiations with Wampler Eanes for the purpose of awarding the reassessment contract upon satisfactory completion of those negotiations, and to authorize the County Administrator to sign all necessary documents; the motion carried:

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

In Re: Holiday Schedule

Mr. Bartlett stated the Governor designated Friday, July 5 [2019] as a state holiday; since the County changed the Personnel Policy to follow the state holiday calendar, the Prince Edward County Courthouse will be closed July 4 and July 5 [2019].

Supervisor Pride asked if that will include the landfill and convenience sites. Mr. Bartlett said it does not but those individuals will be given the equivalent number of hours off. He added the landfill may be able to close early.

In Re: Fire-EMS Committee Appointments

Chairman Wilck appointed members to the Fire-EMS Committee as follows: Supervisor Townsend, Chair; Supervisor Southall and Supervisor Gilliam.

In Re: Work Session with New VDOT Resident Engineer

Sarah Elam Puckett, Assistant County Administrator, said Scott Frederick, the new VDOT Resident Engineer, will be happy to meet with the Board prior to the Six Year Plan Public Hearing on June 11, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Bartlett reviewed a draft of the Six Year Plan; he said there are amendments to the printed plan. He said Schultz Mill is being changed to Rice Creek, and Featherfin will be increased a few tenths of a mile. Discussion followed.

Supervisor Jones left the meeting and returned to the meeting during the discussion.

Supervisor Pride requested the topic of Piedmont Senior Resources (PSR) be added to the next meeting's agenda. She said she has some concerns.

Mr. Bartlett said several requests have come in; several years ago, the Board adopted a policy to limit the amount of funding to help control costs of outside organizations.

Supervisor Townsend stated FACES is asking for a tax exemption and PSR is now asking for the same. He asked since the Board is controlling the funding, are the organizations looking for a different angle. He asked how much revenue is lost if the Board grants those exemptions.

Mrs. Puckett said that over 20% of the real estate in this county is tax exempt. She said some of that is Longwood [University] and Hampden-Sydney [College], and organizations that already have state tax exemption status. She said the personal property records are not public information. Discussion followed.

Mr. Bartlett said the determination of lost revenue is part of the public hearing process; it is in the State Code, before a locality should make any decision, that is one of the items that would be discussed before the Board would vote on providing tax exempt status to any organization. Discussion followed.

Chairman Wilck stated he, Supervisor Emert and Supervisor Jones are on a committee to review the issue of annexing property. He said he doesn't believe there is much for the three of them to discuss, but needs information from Mr. Bartlett regarding the potential changes in sales tax and property tax.

Mr. Bartlett said the State Code states a voluntary boundary adjustment of adjacent property can be done. The only property owners that signed it are not adjacent to the Town of Farmville [limits]. Mr. Bartlett explained the properties that would need to be crossed in order to reach the proposed properties.

Chairman Wilck said that if the County approves this adjustment, it would lose the right to do the zoning and the County may want to hold that [property] for retail. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Puckett said the County would lose utility tax, funding for VDOT, and authority on zoning, among others. Further discussion followed.

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

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

the meeting was recessed at 8:01 p.m. until Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room, 111 N. South Street, Third Floor, Farmville, Virginia.