

May 14, 2024

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held at the Court House, thereof, on Tuesday, the 14th day of May, 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; Cheryl Stimpson, Director of Finance; Terri Atkins Wilson, County Attorney; Larry Stimpert, Ph.D., President, Hampden-Sydney College; W. Taylor Reveley, IV, President of Longwood University; and William L. King, Jr., Assistant Residency Administrator, VDOT.

Chair Cooper-Jones called the May meeting to order.

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

In Re: Conflict of Interest Disclosures

Supervisor Watson made the following Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement:

As a member of the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors, I, Cannon Watson, am disclosing that I have a personal interest in the transaction under Agenda Item #14 on the May 14, 2024 Board of Supervisors Agenda. Item 14 is the Elementary School Construction Financing – Literary Loan Fund. For this financing, the County will be utilizing its contract for Financial Advisory Services with Davenport & Co., LLC.

I am an equity partner in Davenport & Co., with an ownership interest of less than one-half of one percent, but in excess of \$5,000 per year. Section 2.2-3110(4) of the Code of Virginia enables the County to lawfully enter into the contract with Davenport & Co., as I have no legal authority to participate in the procurement or letting of said contract on behalf of Davenport & Co., and I have no authority to participate in the procurement or letting of said contact on behalf of the County.

In accordance with Sections 2.2-3112(A) and 2.2-3115(F) of the Code of Virginia, I am disclosing my personal interest as an equity partner in Davenport & Co., located at 901 East Cary Street, Suite 1100,

Richmond, VA 23219. I am unable to participate in all discussions and votes when the County utilizes its contract with Davenport & Co. for Financial Advisory Services.

I have filed a declaration of disclosure with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, a copy of which is available for public review.

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 May 2024 employee of the month, Teresa Estes. Teresa began working in Real Estate with the Commissioner of Revenue's office January 2. At that time, their office was 14 months behind on transfers. The COR office is now down to six months. Mrs. Estes has excelled in her new role with a positive attitude and her work ethic is beyond expectation. We would like to thank her for the hard work and dedication. Prince Edward County is truly grateful!

The Board of Supervisors also recognizes Girl Scout Troup 236; Girl Scout Troop 236 is a first-year troop based in Prince Edward County. The mission of Girl Scouts is to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. The seven brownies of Troop 236 exemplified this mission earlier this year. For their first cookie season, the girls collectively sold 1,827 boxes of cookies. All proceeds from cookie sales benefit the troop and their girl-led initiatives. The brownies voted to take a trip to the Richmond Metro Zoo and donate a portion of their proceeds to the Prince Edward County Animal Shelter. Animal Control Officer Adam Mumma welcomed the girls to the shelter to see the operations first-hand and learn about how their funds could best serve the shelter. Ultimately, they donated Kong toys and peanut butter, which they learned is a fun and tasty treat for the dogs. Troup 236 thoroughly enjoyed learning more about this community resource and were happy to give back!

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.

(None.)

In Re: Board of Supervisors Comments

The Board members thanked all for attending the meeting, and congratulated the award recipients.

In Re: Consent Agenda

On motion of Supervisor Emert, seconded by Supervisor Jones, and 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 accepted the March 2024 Treasurer’s Report; the minutes of the meeting held April 9, 2024, April 16, 2024 at 5:30 p.m., April 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., April 18, 2024, and April 30, 2024; Accounts and Claims, Board Mileage Sheets; and Salaries.

Prince Edward Treasurer's Report - March 2024

Name of Bank	Ref #	Int. Rate	Int. Paid	Bank Balance
Benchmark Pooled Fund Account	7654	3.50	\$64,638.51	\$21,785,599.47
Benchmark Social Services	9746			\$246,577.65
Benchmark School Fund	3352			\$3,216,105.40
Benchmark Food Service	3742			\$373,669.01
TOTAL				\$25,621,951.53

***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	3.55	\$17,617.51	
Benchmark 5 Yr CD-letter of credit	0632	1.00	\$669,770.22	\$935,016.51

Benchmark Investment Acct	L796	3.09	\$2,495,000.06	\$2,533,222.02
Farmers Bank	2465	0.50	\$110,590.12	
	2466	0.50	\$110,590.12	
Underground Storage	2478	0.60	\$23,111.81	
	3494	4.66	\$2,628,923.64	
	3454	4.65	\$2,587,121.33	
	3475	4.64	\$5,176,532.48	\$10,636,869.50
TOTAL				\$14,105,108.03
GRAND TOTAL				<u>\$39,727,059.56</u>

In Re: Community Partner Update – Dr. Larry Stimpert, President, Hampden-Sydney College

Dr. Larry Stimpert, President, Hampden-Sydney College, presented a brief history of Hampden-Sydney College; he said the motto in 1775 was “to form good men and good citizens” and they hold that standard today. Dr. Stimpert stated he has made living up to that mission a top priority. He said the College has worked hard to be more selective since 2016, as one out of every five freshmen did not continue to their sophomore year. He said retention is improved; enrollment dipped to 850 but this year has grown back to about 1,000, with a goal of 1,200 over the next few years.

Dr. Stimpert stated there is a good relationship with the County and the community; the partnership provides an economic engine to the County through local restaurants, shops and events, most recently the commencement, and in a few weeks, Alumni Weekend. He said Hampden-Sydney College seeks to be an educational partner, with events such as Literacy Day, when Hampden-Sydney College hosts 2,000 second graders each spring, and there is a new science center with a planetarium. The Foundation that funded the project stipulated in the grant that there would be outreach to the students in the area. He added that they have just received grant funds specifically for the local community, to emphasize the importance of high school completion and to consider going on to college.

Dr. Stimpert then stated that all are welcome to attend the sport camps, day camp, and overnight camp programs; Wilson Trail is a challenging three-mile loop through the woods and is not a flat trail like High Bridge [Trail]. He added there are music, drama, and art offerings at the college, and stated that the music concerts, art exhibitions, drama productions, the museum and the athletic events are free.

Dr. Stimpert stated over \$170 million in construction and renovation is completed, planned or underway; whenever possible, they try to hire local contractors. He said they are looking to expand the shooting facility at the Slate Hill Plantation, which has been in operation for two years; this is a great offering for the college and has more interest than they can accommodate. He said in the two years of operation, there have been no accidents and no complaints.

Dr. Stimpert said there are five female students; faculty and staff can send their children to Hampden-Sydney College tuition-free.

In Re: Community Partner Update – W. Taylor Reveley, IV, President, Longwood University

Dr. W. Taylor Reveley, IV, President, Longwood University, discussed enrollment challenges and some of the recent events, such as graduation and previously, the basketball frenzy, and for Barbara John's Day at Moton Museum. He added Governor Youngkin is to attend the 70th Anniversary event to mark the anniversary of Brown v. Board on Friday [May 17]. Dr. Reveley stated the last stretch has been challenging, to see our two institutions coming through the challenges of the past few years, getting stronger and doing better is an encouraging and great thing. He said he is proud and delighted to do this work together with Dr. Stimpert.

Supervisor Jones asked about enrollment for the coming fall. Mr. Reveley said there were just over 4,500 students enrolled last fall and he hopes to see a little more this fall.

Supervisor Gilliam commended the Hampden-Sydney College and Longwood University grounds crews for their wonderful job keeping everything looking so nice.

Mr. Stanley said that as a parent, he thanked Dr. Stimpert and Dr. Reveley and Longwood University for allowing the local students to have access to the college and university activities/facilities.

In Re: Highway Matters

William A. King, Jr., Assistant Residency Administrator, reported the Route 639 bridge replacement should be complete in 12 weeks, by October. Work on the Route 665 (Worsham) bridge will begin next week setting beams and should be complete in June. He then stated surface paving will begin on the first

Rural Rustic projects from last year: Route 771, Briery Way; Route 780, Old Oak Road; and Route 632, Falkland Road, over the next two weeks.

Mr. King said two contract crews are working on mowing, and ordinary maintenance crews are doing patching and brush cutting. He then stated their contractor will be patching Route 460 eastbound at Prospect in the next few days, weather permitting.

Supervisor Gilliam reported trash on the on-ramp onto Route 15 heading west-bound at Rt. 460.

Supervisor Jenkins reported a large cardboard box on Route 460.

Supervisor Townsend reported water build-up during heavy rains on Virso Road near the ball field.

In Re: Public Hearing – VDOT Six-Year Plan

Chair Cooper-Jones announced that this was the date and time scheduled for a public hearing to receive citizen input prior to considering the proposed County Secondary Six-Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2025-2030 and on the Secondary System Construction Budget for Fiscal Year 2025. Notice of this hearing was advertised according to law in the Wednesday, May 1, 2024 and Wednesday, May 8, 2024 editions of THE FARMVILLE HERALD, a newspaper published in the County of Prince Edward.

Bill King, Assistant Residency Administrator, VDOT, reviewed the Six-Year Plan and FY24 Construction Program for Prince Edward County. He reported roads in the current Six-Year Plan include:

- Briery Way
- Old Oak Road
- Falkland Road
- Rice Creek Road
- Junction Canal Road
- Quail Crossing Road
- Loman Road
- Featherfin Road
- Bell Road
- Schultz Mill Road
- East Pamplin Road
- Mountain Creek Road
- *Various / Cost Centers (Rights of way, traffic, drainage, engineering)*

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 Jones, to approve the FY 25-30 Six-Year Plan and FY 25 Construction Program and authorize the Chair or County Administrator to sign the resolution; 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	

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF PRINCE EDWARD, VIRGINIA
FY 25-30 SIX-YEAR ROAD PLAN
AND FY 25 CONSTRUCTION PRIORITY LIST**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Prince Edward, Virginia, held at the Prince Edward County Courthouse, Board of Supervisors Room, Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.:

MEMBERS 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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

(None)

On motion of Supervisor Townsend, seconded by Supervisor Jones, and carried 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)

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-331 of the *Code of Virginia*, 1950, as amended, provides the opportunity for each county to work with the Virginia Department of Transportation on the development of a Secondary Six-Year Road Plan and budget; and

WHEREAS, this Board has previously agreed to assist in the preparation of this Plan, in

accordance with the Department of Transportation policies and procedures, and participated in a public hearing on the proposed Plan (FY 2025 through 2030), as well as the Construction Priority List (FY 2025) on May 14, 2024, after being duly advertised so that all citizens of the County had the opportunity to participate in said hearing and to make comments and recommendations concerning the proposed Plan and Priority List; and

WHEREAS, William L. King, Jr., Assistant Residency Administrator, Virginia Department of Transportation, appeared before the Board and recommended approval of the Six-Year Plan for Secondary Roads (FY 2025 through 2030) and the Construction Priority List (FY 2025) for Prince Edward County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that since said Plan appears to be in the best interests of the Secondary Road System in Prince Edward County and of the citizens residing on the Secondary System, said Secondary Six-Year Plan (FY 2025 through 2030) and Construction Priority List (FY 2025) are hereby approved as presented at the public hearing.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Prince Edward, Virginia at a regular board meeting in Prince Edward County, Virginia, at which a quorum was present and that same was passed this 14th day of May, 2024.

In Re: Public Hearing – CEP Solar, LLC – Piney Grove Site

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 CEP Solar, LLC for the proposal to construct and operate an 8MWac solar energy facility on land totaling 170.8+/- acres denoted as Tax Map Parcels 069-A-3 and 069-A-9, and 069-A-10, located at the end of Taylor Drive, approximately 0.40 miles from its intersection with Miller Lake Road (Route 613), which is zoned A-1, Agricultural Conservation. Notice of this hearing was advertised according to law in the Wednesday, May 1, 2024 and Wednesday, May 8, 2024 editions of THE FARMVILLE HERALD, a newspaper published in the County of Prince Edward.

Mr. Love stated the County has received an application request by CEP Solar, LLC for a Special Use Permit to construct and operate an 8MWac solar energy facility on land totaling 170.8+/- acres denoted as Tax Map Parcels 069-A-3, 069-A-9, and 069-A-10, located at the end of Taylor Drive, approximately 0.40 miles from its intersection with Miller Lake Road (Route 613). This parcel is in the A1, Agricultural Conservation zoning district and the use requires a Special Use Permit.

The purpose of the Special Use is to allow for the location of a utility scale solar energy facility. The applicant stated that the proposed facility will not be seen nor heard and will not impact adjacent

properties. The facility will not generate noise, light, dust, odor, fumes, or vibrations. Water quality will be addressed according to Virginia Stormwater Management Permit requirements and the site will not generate any significant amount of traffic with the main traffic occurring temporarily during the construction phase.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on March 19, 2024, where no one spoke in opposition of the application. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval with conditions, forwarding the request to the Board of Supervisors for Public Hearing. A list of updated Potential Conditions as recommended by the Planning Commission was provided to the Board of Supervisors.

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

Bobbie Rodriguez, Commonwealth Energy Partners, LLC, reviewed a presentation highlighting the company and the project.

Tyler Utt, Commonwealth Energy Partners, LLC, stated Virginia rigorously protects the environment, wildlife and historical resources. He said the company is very careful in site selection; he discussed the construction process, the operation, and decommissioning of the site. He then reviewed the benefits to the community.

Supervisor Emert questioned where the panels can be taken to recycle during decommissioning. Ms. Rodriguez stated that after the 40-year life of the panels, there is a recycling site in Salisbury, North Carolina. Mr. Utt stated there are several recycling sites in North Carolina and Pennsylvania.

Supervisor Jenkins asked who will maintain the road. Ms. Rodriguez stated the project owner is legally responsible to maintain the land, the road and the driveway.

Supervisor Jones questioned if CEP Solar has decommissioned any sites yet. Ms. Rodriguez stated they have not yet decommissioned any sites since the life of the projects are generally 40 years.

Supervisor Jones stated the firefighters will need information on how to handle a fire on site; Mr. Love stated that is handled under the current revenue share and is bound by the siting agreement. He added the Emergency Operation Plan will address those issues and are set forth in the conditions.

Supervisor Jones then pointed out Section 31-b in the Agreement states soil testing is to be conducted every five years thereafter, and due to concern about heavy metals and other elements, and the

proximity of the site to Sandy River, he requested that be amended to annual testing. Discussion followed regarding soil testing and involvement of numerous colleges and universities in the region.

Supervisor Gilliam asked if there are any sounds when there is fog or heavy mist as there are near high voltage power lines. Mr. Utt said this is a much lower voltage and they do not create noise.

Chair Cooper-Jones opened the public hearing.

Ronnie Fincham, Palmyra, Virginia, expressed his opposition to the project. He stated the inverters on the site “scream” and if the panels are movable, there is clicking. He said pollinators will not benefit due to the heat from the panels as they will kill the insects if touched; he stated wildlife will be displaced once panels are fenced in. Mr. Fincham then stated solar sites have pushed up family cemeteries, and questioned just how “green” solar is.

Brenda Fincham, Palmyra, Virginia, expressed her opposition to the project. She asked how many of the panels provide the megawatts that they are supposed to, and asked how much it is to recycle the panels. She then stated the industry is a scam and asked how much a community’s CO2 levels have decreased [once the panels are installed].

Estelle Jones expressed her support for the project and that she is proud to be a part of the project. She stated the maintenance and remuneration began as soon as the project began. She said they are glad to put part of the farm to use, adding that this will help provide jobs for the community.

Edwin Fowlkes, Tazewell, Virginia, stated he spoke to a number of solar companies prior to agreeing to this one; he said this company has a good outlook, taking care of the cemetery and preserving it and access to it. He said there is an additional cemetery and they are taking care of things.

Andrew Payne reviewed the benefits of solar [projects]; he said there are low maintenance costs and the energy is predictable.

Willie Taylor Sheppard stated he owns property on Taylor Drive but lives in Mississippi; he supports this project and said solar is here to stay.

Chloe Hodges, Energy Bright, said Energy Bright is a non-profit that assists with navigation through clean energy. She asked anyone to reach out to her with questions.

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

Supervisor Emert reviewed several areas in the Conditions that contradict other sub-sections; he said his concern is about the wording in the Conditions. Discussion followed.

Supervisor Gilliam questioned how CEP Solar, LLC started up. Mr. Utt stated the company has investors that provide the capital and reviewed the process, stating the first step is properly siting projects, financing, and then discussed the scale (size) difference in large solar projects and community solar projects.

Supervisor Emert questioned the vegetative buffer plan. Mr. Love stated they may use existing buffer or plantings and each is site-specific.

Supervisor Jones questioned the noise; Mr. Love said that in the Prince Edward County Ordinance, there shall be no more than 50 decibels at the edge [of the property], and this would be for any type of noise.

Supervisor Emert then requested that after three years pass and the project is not complete, it be stipulated that the company must return to the Board for any extension of time.

Supervisor Watson asked how long the governmental process takes. Mr. Utt stated there are many requirements that must be met at the state level. Discussion followed.

Mr. Stanley reviewed the proposed amendments to the Conditions, including the requirement for the Applicant to return to the Board for an extension if the facilities are not constructed and operational within three (3) years of approval, the Board of Supervisors may approve an extension of up to one year upon written request from the applicant detailing the need for an extension; that soil testing will be conducted prior to the issuance of the Land Disturbance Permit and annually every year thereafter; and that the Surety Review Date means the date on which the applicant will update the cost estimate of the Decommissioning of the Plan every five years and reimburse the County for the actual out of pocket costs for such review, and analysis by licensed engineer of each decommissioning cost.

Supervisor Townsend made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Watson, to approve the Special Use Permit request by CEP Solar, LLC for the proposed 8MWac utility scale solar energy facility with the amended conditions as set forth; the motion carried:

Aye: Pattie Cooper-Jones
Jerry R. Townsend
Cannon Watson

Nay: J. David Emert
Llew W. Gilliam, Jr.
Victor "Bill" Jenkins
E. Harrison Jones
Odessa H. Pride

In Re: Public Hearing – Special Use Permit, CEP Solar LLC, Miller Lake Site

Chair Cooper-Jones announced that this was the date and time scheduled for a public hearing to receive citizen input prior to considering a Special Use Permit request by CEP Solar, LLC for the proposal to construct and operate a 5MWac solar energy facility on land totaling 81.2+/- acres denoted as Tax Map Parcels 069-A-15 and 069-A-16, located on the south side of Piney Grove Road (Route 606), across from its intersection with Campbell Lane, which is zoned A-1, Agricultural Conservation. Notice of this hearing was advertised according to law in the Wednesday, May 1, 2024 and Wednesday, May 8, 2024 editions of THE FARMVILLE HERALD, a newspaper published in the County of Prince Edward.

Mr. Love stated the County has received an application request by CEP Solar, LLC for a Special Use Permit to construct and operate a 5MWac solar energy facility on land totaling 81.2+/- acres denoted as Tax Map Parcels 069-A-15 and 069-A-16, located on the south side of Piney Grove Road (Route 606), across from its intersection with Campbell Lane. This parcel is in the A1, Agricultural Conservation zoning district and the use requires a Special Use Permit.

The purpose of the Special Use is to allow for the location of a community solar energy facility. The applicant stated that the proposed facility will not be seen nor heard and will not impact adjacent properties. The facility will not generate noise, light, dust, odor, fumes, or vibrations. Water quality will be addressed according to Virginia Stormwater Management Permit requirements and the site will not generate any significant amount of traffic with the main traffic occurring temporarily during the construction phase.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on March 19, 2024, where only one resident spoke in opposition of the application and the County has received one letter 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 provided a list of updated 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 as far as traffic and noise.

Chair Cooper-Jones opened the public hearing.

Ronnie Fincham, Palmyra, Virginia, stated his opposition to the project. He said no one is willing to see where safeguards are and discussed carbon credits.

Henry Coates, Rice, Virginia, said he is an adjacent landowner and pointed out his concern regarding his private road leading to the site. He said he has given the Fowlkes an easement to access their property, and is concerned about his liability if something happens on the portion of the road that is not to be maintained by the company.

Mr. Utt requested a deferral of consideration of the application and stated he wants to make sure all questions are answered. He requested reconsideration of the prior project, as well.

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

Supervisor Emert made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Townsend, to table the Special Use Permit request by CEP Solar, LLC for the proposed 5MWac community solar energy facility until the June 11, 2024 meeting; 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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Supervisor Gilliam made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Pride, to reconsider and table the Special Use Permit request by CEP Solar, LLC for the proposed 8MWac community solar energy facility until the June 11, 2024 meeting; 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: Draft E&S and Stormwater Management Ordinance Amendments

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has completed a significant initiative to modernize and streamline its construction stormwater management and erosion and sediment control programs. At its June 22, 2023 meeting, the State Water Control Board approved and adopted the Virginia

Erosion and Stormwater Management (VESM) Regulation (9VAC25-875) and approved the repeal of the Erosion and Sediment Control Regulations (9V AC25-840), Erosion and Sediment Control and Stormwater Management Certification Regulations (9V AC25-850), and Virginia Stormwater Management Program Regulation (9V AC25-870). Those Acts, referred to as the "Consolidation Bill," combine stormwater management and erosion and sediment control requirements under the Virginia Erosion and Stormwater Management Act (VESMA), §§ 62.1-44.15:24 through 62.1-44.15:50 of the *Code of Virginia*.

With these regulations becoming effective on July 1, 2024, local ordinances for administration of a VESMA program will need to be updated to reflect both the new law and regulations. DEQ has prepared a model ordinance and staff utilized this model in creating the Draft Erosion and Stormwater Management Ordinance. The existing separate ordinances, Article III. Erosion And Sedimentation Control and Article V. - Stormwater Management, must be repealed and the new consolidated ordinance must be adopted before July 1, 2024. DEQ is not required to review and/or approve the local ordinance prior to adoption.

Supervisor Emert made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Jones, to authorize staff to advertise a public hearing in order to amend and re-ordain the Erosion and Stormwater Management Ordinance at the June 11, 2024 regular meeting; the motion carried:

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

In Re: Family Assessment and Planning Team Appointment

As the Board of Supervisors may be aware, Section 2.2-5207 of the *Code of Virginia* requires each Community Policy and Management Team to "establish and appoint one or more Family Assessment and Planning Teams (FAPT) as the needs of the community require and lists the required representatives of each FAPT." The FAPT shall include the following community agencies, to include the Community Services Board; Juvenile Court Services Unit; the Department of Social Services; the school division, a parent representative, and at the discretion of the CPMT, a representative of a private organization or association of providers for children's or family services and other public agencies.

The CSA Coordinator has received an application for the parent representative for the FAPT. Ms. Donna Woodson has not only been a valuable member of the community but has also served on the FAPT in the capacity of school representative. She has a wealth of knowledge dealing with Special Education and is currently the Vice-Principal of Rivermont Schools in Chase City. Ms. Woodson meets all the requirements to serve as the Parent Representative and will be a wealth of knowledge and support to families requiring services with the Children's Services Act of Prince Edward County. The appointment will be effective immediately and expires on June 30, 2026.

Supervisor Jones made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Emert, to appoint Ms. Donna Woodson to the FAPT whose term will be effective immediately, and will expire on June 30, 2026; 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: Elementary School Construction Financing

As the Board is aware, the Elementary School construction project is estimated at between \$43-\$44 million. With the assistance of Davenport & Co., the County will be structuring a multi-faceted financing plan.

The Schools recently received a grant in the amount of \$8,655,710 through the Virginia Capital School Projects Fund, which leaves approximately \$35 million to finance.

Attached for the Board's consideration is a draft resolution that authorizes the submission of an application to the Virginia Literary Loan Fund. The application is due May 23, 2024 and could enable the County to borrow up to \$25 million at a below-market 3% interest rate for 20 years. This is an application process and the County is not guaranteed this funding.

The remaining balance of the school construction funding is anticipated to come through the Virginia Public School Authority this fall. This financing will be market rate (based on the credit of VPSA, AA+/ AA1) with a term of up to 25-30 years. The application to the VPSA will be determined by the amount of Literary Loan Funding, if any, the county receives.

The Board is asked to approve the resolution for the Virginia Literary Loan Fund which authorizes the application in the maximum amount of \$25,000,000 with a fixed interest rate not to exceed 3.00%, and to authorize the County Administrator and other County representatives to take all actions to complete the submission of the application.

Supervisor Jones made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Gilliam, to approve the attached Resolution Approving Application for a Loan from the Literary Loan Fund of Virginia for Renovation of the Prince Edward County Elementary School; the motion carried:

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

RESOLUTION OF PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVING APPLICATION FOR LOAN FROM THE LITERARY FUND OF VIRGINIA FOR RENOVATION OF PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (**the "Board of Supervisors"**) of the County of Prince Edward, Virginia (**the "County"**) has determined that there is an urgent need to make capital improvements to the County's school facilities, specifically the design, renovation, construction and equipping of Prince Edward County Elementary School and related capital improvements to school facilities (**the "Project"**); and

WHEREAS, the Prince Edward County School Board (**the "School Board"**) has presented to the Board of Supervisors an application (**the "Application"**) addressed to the Virginia Board of Education through its Department of Education (**"VDOE"**) for the purpose of borrowing in a loan from the Virginia Literary Fund through the Virginia Literary Loan Program (**the "Literary Loan"**) of \$25,000,000 to be paid over a period not to exceed 30 years, and the interest thereon at not more than 3 percent paid annually and be treated as general obligation bonds of the County for the purpose of financing the Project for school purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF PRINCE EDWARD, VIRGINIA:

1. Application for Literary Loan. The Application of the School Board for a Literary Loan for the Project in the amount of \$25,000,000 is hereby approved and the County Administrator and other County representatives are hereby authorized to take all actions to assist in completing and submitting such Application to the VDOE and authority is hereby granted to the School Board to borrow \$25,000,000 for the Project for the purposes set out in the Application.

2. Authorization of the Bond and Documents. The Board of Supervisors hereby finds and determines that it is advisable and in the best interests of the County to enter into a Literary Loan by contracting a debt and issue and sell its general obligation bond in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, or such other form required by VDOE (**the "Bond"**) for the purpose of financing the Project and costs of issuing the Bond. The Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Literary Loan and in connection therewith, the issuance and sale of the Bond in accordance with the terms established pursuant to this

Resolution. The Board of Supervisors authorizes a public hearing to be held in accordance with Section 15.2-2606 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended reflecting the Literary Loan, with a subsequent resolution to be considered by the Board of Supervisors ratifying this Resolution following such public hearing.

3. **Details of the Bond.** The Board of Supervisors hereby approves (a) the maximum aggregate principal amount of the Bond of \$25,000,000 with a fixed interest rate not to exceed 3.00% and for an amortization of not to exceed 30 years from its date of issuance, subject to other terms as set forth therein with such changes, including but not limited to changes in the amounts, dates, amortization, payment dates and redemption premiums or prepayment penalties and rates as may be approved by the officer executing it whose signature shall be conclusive evidence of his approval of the same.

4. **Pledge of Full Faith and Credit.** The Bond shall be issued under the provisions of Article VII, Section 10(a) of the Constitution of Virginia. The Bond will be secured by the full faith and credit of the County. For the prompt payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bond as the same shall become due, the full faith and credit of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged. Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-2624 and as provided hereafter, there shall be levied and collected an annual tax upon all taxable property in the County subject to local taxation sufficient to provide for the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bond as the same shall become due, which tax shall be without limitation as to rate or amount and shall be in addition to all other taxes authorized to be levied in the County to the extent other funds of the County are not lawfully available and appropriated for such purpose.

5. **Other Actions.** All other actions of officers of the County taken heretofore or hereafter conforming with the purposes and intent of this Resolution and in furtherance of entering into the Literary Loan, the issuance and sale of the Bond and the financing of the Project are approved, ratified and confirmed. The officers and representatives of the County are authorized and directed to execute and deliver all documents, agreements, undertakings, certificates and other instruments and to take all such further action as may be considered necessary or desirable in connection with the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bond and the financing of the Project, including without limitation entering into a loan or financing agreement, if necessary, execution of any appropriate documents confirming the County's acceptance of the proposal from VDOE, execution and delivery of IRS Form 8038-G as determined necessary by bond counsel and execution and delivery of any requisitions or other documentation of costs related to the Project and conversion of the Literary Loan from a temporary note to a permanent loan.

6. **Bond Counsel and Financial Advisor.** The Board of Supervisors hereby confirms the appointment of Sands Anderson PC to serve as Bond Counsel to the County and Davenport & Company, LLC as Financial Advisor to the County in connection with the issuance of the Bond.

7. **Limitation of Liability of Officials of the County.** No covenant, condition, agreement or obligation contained herein shall be deemed to be a covenant, condition, agreement or obligation of any officer, employee or agent of the County in his or her individual capacity, and no officer of the County executing the Bond shall be liable personally on the Bond or be subject to any personal liability or accountability by reason of the issuance thereof.

8. **Filing of Resolution.** The Clerk or any Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or other agent or employee of the County, is hereby authorized and directed to cause a certified copy of this Resolution to be filed with the Circuit Court of Prince Edward County, Virginia.

9. **Repeal of Conflicting Actions.** All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are repealed.

10. **Effective Date.** This Resolution and the provisions contained herein shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION

The undersigned Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Prince Edward, Virginia hereby certifies that the Resolution set forth above was adopted during an open meeting on May 14, 2024, by the Board of Supervisors with the following votes:

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

Absent:

Nay:

Abstentions: Cannon Watson

Signed this 14th day of May, 2024.

By: _____
Clerk, Board of Supervisors

In Re: Hampden Lane – Acceptance of Deed of Dedication

The Buffalo Creek Estates Subdivision, located off Route 658 (Fire Forks Road), was recorded in 2006 and consists of 13 lots. Currently there are six homes constructed. Hampden Lane was dedicated for public use as part of the acceptance of the subdivision plat by the County however the first 800 +/- feet of the 80' right-of-way were not part of the subdivision and were never dedicated for public use nor accepted by the County.

Property owners in the Buffalo Creek Estates Subdivision have been trying to get their road up to state standards and turn it over to the State for maintenance. The issue of dedication of this northern portion of the right-of-way has been the hold up. Property owners have been working with the owners of that property, Kim and Sandy Yeatts, who have agreed to the dedication. A copy of the deed, drafted by Gary Elder, is attached for the Board's consideration.

Supervisor Emert made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Jones, to approve the acceptance of the deed of dedication from Kim and Sandy Yeatts for an 800 +/- foot portion of right-of-way described as Hampden Lane and shown on the attached plat for public use; 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: Revenue Sharing Project – Manor House Drive

Mr. Stanley provided the Board the Project Agreement Smart Scale/Revenue Sharing Project for the construction of the turn lanes at U.S. 15 (Farmville Road) and Manor House Drive. As the Board will recall, the Revenue Sharing project was approved in October 2021. The County has also received VDOT Smart Scale funding for this project in the amount of \$2,641,800.

At the Board meeting on June 8, 2021, the Board authorized staff to work with CRC and submit a revenue sharing application for the Manor House Drive turn lane project. Working with the CRC we were able to get the pre-application filed with VDOT by the July 1st deadline. The Board modified the resolution at its meeting on July 13th meeting to increase the project estimated cost match from \$1,500,000 to \$3,055,585. As discussed at the June 8th meeting the project match would come from CDA funds, developer funds, and/or grant funds. Much of the increase is based on three factors including pushing construction out to 2027 (with inflation), right-of-way cost, and contingency.

Due to the uncertainty of the cost escalations, VDOT Central Office at that time requested we readopt a resolution without a cost estimate. As noted previously, the Board will have the opportunity to turn down the funding if the local match cannot be secured when the VDOT funding is available.

In 2022, the County submitted two Smart Scale applications - Manor House Drive turn lanes and improvements to the Route 692 (Kingsville Road)/Route 665 (Abilene Road) Intersection. Neither project scored highly with the Manor House turn lane project scoring a 0.15, but because of the revenue sharing match on the Manor House Drive turn lane project, our CTB Board Member worked with VDOT to find additional funding over and above the revenue sharing funding to complete the project.

Moving forward with the project will require that the Board commit to funding the \$3 million local match. Originally, we had hoped to be able to use CDA funding and/or a developer match to help pay all or a portion of the match. Reality is, without the County's funding of the project it will not move forward and neither will the Manor development. Previous correspondence with VDOT has indicated that VDOT will permit the development of an additional 32 new single-family detached homes in addition to the existing 18-hole golf course and 10 cottages. With the ultimate potential for 1,500-2,000 residential units based on the current zoning of the property, development of the property as envisioned is not possible with construction of turn lanes. Those that have been around may remember that VDOT originally planned to widen Route 15 from Lowes down through Kingsville to Worsham. That project was originally funded, but canceled and funding transferred to a project in Lynchburg. Turn lanes were not constructed at the Manor given the fact that they would be been throw-away work with the widening. I do not think anyone estimated the impact on the Manor at that time.

The Board has sufficient funding in Fund balance to cover the full cost of the project match. It should be noted that an outside engineer that we had look at the project feels that the cost should be significantly less; particularly if we can get Dominion to adjust the power lines at their cost during their proposed upgrade next year. In addition, current construction is not anticipated until 2028 which would give the County additional time to plan for the project. VDOT has currently estimated the right-of-way match would be billed in spring 2026 and construction match in spring 2028. The County could also consider making a portion of the payment a "loan" to the CDA. Ultimately, the County would recoup the investment cost if there is any significant development at the Manor. In the short-term, a safer entrance would be provided for those entering and exiting the golf course and the motorists on Route 15. Lastly, development of the Manor has the potential to expand housing options for the community and reverse the trend for loss of population.

Manor			
Potential Development Impact			
# Homes Constructed	Home Value	Total Value	Annual RE Revenue
100	\$400,000	\$40,000,000	\$204,000.00
200	\$400,000	\$80,000,000	\$408,000.00
500	\$400,000	\$200,000,000	\$1,020,000.00
750	\$400,000	\$300,000,000	\$1,530,000.00
1000	\$400,000	400,000,000	2,040,000.00

Robert Atkinson, Poplar Hill CDA Board Chairman, stated that internally, there has been a lot of movement recently with the Manor Project. He said a group [of local investors] has purchased the last parcel except for the golf course itself. He said that group has started stabilizing the house work with the Foundation. He said this is a huge project for a developer; further discussion followed.

Mr. Stanley reported VDOT states only 32 more houses can be built before turn lanes have to be constructed.

Supervisor Townsend made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Watson, to approve the VDOT Project Administration Agreement for VDOT Project #6015-073-0644 and authorize the County Administrator to execute the agreement and all necessary documents on behalf of Prince Edward County; 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 Website - Upgrade

The County's current website was designed by host Granicus and went live in 2020. Since development, the website has become the primary resource for the public for information on County government resources.

The website needs a refresh and an upgrade to improve functionality and user experience. In working with our consultant Letterpress, we identified the Albemarle site - www.albemarle.org (which was also developed by Granicus). The Albemarle site has a much cleaner feel to it. In reaching out to Granicus we received a quote to upgrade our current site to this format at \$19,900.04. There is also an annual maintenance cost of \$8,980.04 (currently paying \$5,209.31).

Among the features the new website will offer:

- Enhanced user experience
- Easier for staff to create and publish pages
- Streamlined digital journey across platforms
- Digital heatmaps to show what areas are most important to visitors

It is recommended that websites should be refreshed every three to four years to match new branding, new technologies, and address user needs. It is also important to stay up to date with design trends and technology updates.

Supervisor Jones made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Emert, to approve a contract with Granicus for the updating of the County’s website and authorize the County Administrator to execute the contract as outlined; 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

In Re: FY 24 School Appropriation, State Funds

The Board of Supervisors has received a request from the Prince Edward County School Board to appropriate the state funds described below for a total of \$2,500.00 for the 2023-2024 school year. The Board has also received a request from the Prince Edward County School Board to appropriate funds totaling \$200,000.00 from the Food Service Fund to the Food Service budget line described below. There is no local match required for this appropriation.

FY24 BUDGET SUPPLEMENTS

Rev/Exp	Fund	Dept	Object	Description	Debit	Credit
3 (Rev)	250	024020	0113	National Board Certification		\$2,500.00
4 (Exp)	250	061000	0001	Instruction	\$2,500.00	
0	999	000300	0270	School Cafeteria Fund		\$200,000.00
4 (Exp)	270	065100	0002	Personal Service	\$200,000.00	

Supervisor Jones made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Townsend, to approve the budget supplement request 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

In Re: Appropriation – Sheriff’s Reimbursement

The Sheriff’s Department received reimbursement funding totaling \$4,264.00. The Board is asked to appropriate funds as follows:

FY24 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Rev/Exp	Fund	Dept	Object	Description	Debit	Credit
3 (Rev)	100	24040	0036	DCJS – TDO/ECO Reimbursement		\$4,264.00
4 (Exp)	100	31200	1202	Salaries & Wages – OT	\$4,264.00	

Supervisor Emert made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Jones, to approve the FY24 County Budget amendment 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

In Re: Appropriation – National Opioid Settlement Funds

In April, Prince Edward County received funds totaling \$47,153.08 from the Opioid Settlement Fund Trust. Prince Edward County has received a total of \$125,074.77 in settlement funds for FY 23 and FY24. These funds are required to be used for opioid remediation. Staff is asking the Board to appropriate the funds received as follows:

FY24 BUDGET SUPPLEMENT

Rev/Exp	Fund	Dept	Object	Description	Debit	Credit
3 (Rev)	100	18990	0056	National Opioid Settlement		\$47,153.08
4 (Exp)	100	52400	5601	Opioid Remediation	\$47,153.08	

Supervisor Townsend made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Gilliam, 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

In Re: Appropriation – Asset Forfeiture Appropriation

The Commonwealth's Attorney is requesting the Board appropriate \$1,757.01 from the state forfeited assets fund for the purchase of a VCIN terminal printer with a 3-year protection plan.

FY24 BUDGET SUPPLEMENT

Rev/Exp	Fund	Dept	Object	Description	Debit	Credit
3 (Rev)	105	41050	0105	Forfeited Asset Fund Balance		\$1,757.01
4 (Exp)	105	31700	6020	Forfeited Asset – Comm Atty	\$1,757.01	

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

In Re: Appropriation – IDA Reimbursement

The Industrial Development Authority received requests for tax incentive payments from Hotel Express and Sandy River Distillery. Incentive payments are directly linked to real estate and personal property taxes collected by the County from these entities. Sandy River Distillery also receives a Tourism Grant for five years in the amount of \$5,000.00 per year. This grant is funded by the transient occupancy tax. Staff is asking the Board to appropriate funds previously collected to reimburse the IDA for tax incentive and grant expenditures.

FY24 BUDGET SUPPLEMENT

Rev/Exp	Fund	Dept	Object	Description	Debit	Credit
3 (Rev)	100	41050	0100	General Fund Balance		\$34,778.49
4 (Exp)	100	93000	0710	Transfer to IDA Fund	\$34,778.49	
3 (Rev)	710	41050	0100	Transfer from General Fund		\$39,778.49
4 (Exp)	710	81500	3389	Hotel Express PP	\$8,104.50	
4 (Exp)	710	81500	3390	Hotel Express RE	\$23,845.56	
4 (Exp)	710	81500	3395	Sandy River Distillery RE	\$2,373.03	
4 (Exp)	710	81500	3396	Sandy River Distillery Tangible	\$108.90	
4 (Exp)	710	81500	3397	Sandy River Distillery M & T	\$346.50	
4 (Exp)	710	81500	5896	Tourism Grant – SRD	\$5,000.00	

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

In Re: Appropriation – IDA Land Sale Appropriation

In March, the County received \$245,000.00 for the Industrial Development Authority for the closing on the sale of the lot located in front of the Farmville Lowe’s in the Business Park. Staff requests the Board to appropriate these funds to the IDA, as follows:

FY24 BUDGET SUPPLEMENT

Rev/Exp	Fund	Dept	Object	Description	Debit	Credit
3 (Rev)	100	18990	0050	Sale of Property		\$245,000.00
4 (Exp)	100	93000	0710	Transfer to IDA Fund	\$245,000.00	

Supervisor Jones 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

In Re: Appropriation – Business Park Access Development Reimbursement

The Commonwealth Regional Council submitted a request for reimbursement through VDOT for the Business Park Road Development Project. The County received disbursements totaling \$150,000.00. The Board is asked to approve the appropriation for FY24 to recoup costs previously approved and expended.

FY24 BUDGET SUPPLEMENT

Rev/Exp	Fund	Dept	Object	Description	Debit	Credit
3 (Rev)	100	24040	0021	VDOT Access Road Project		\$150,000.00
4 (Exp)	100	94000	0007	Business Park Road Dev	\$150,000.00	

Supervisor Jones 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

In Re: County Attorney Update

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

- wrapped up the Motorola radio system equipment lease;
- reviewed and updated the siting agreements on the Miller Lake and Piney Grove solar projects;
- worked on Zoning issues;
- worked with Animal control on two dog issues;
- worked with the IDA.

Supervisor Townsend asked about the process taken for dogs repeatedly running loose; discussion followed.

Supervisor Emert asked staff to research the nuisance dog issue for a possible ordinance amendment.

In Re: County Administrator Update

Mr. Stanley presented his County Administrator’s report:

FY24 Budget – I am pleased to report that as of this week the County has met our revenue estimates for FY 2024-2025.

Prince Edward County Elementary School – The Virginia Department of Education announced the construction grant awards for 2024. The Prince Edward County Elementary School project scored a 79 (7th Highest rated project) and was awarded the full 20% project grant award of \$8,655,710. Congratulations to PECPS and thank you to Moseley Architects for assisting with the grant application. We had

We are working with Davenport and bond counsel on resolutions for the Board to consider at its May meeting for financing of the project. We will look to obtain Literary Loan (up to \$25 million) and Virginia Public School Authority (VPSA) funding for the project. The Literary Loan offers a subsidized rate of 3.0% from the state but is capped at the \$25 million max.

Extension Office – Received word this week that Extension Agent Erin Smalls, who left to take similar position in Goochland, is returning to the Prince Edward Office!

2025 Reassessment – As of April 22nd we are approximately 75% complete with the reassessment with 11,364 of 14,263 parcels assessed. We are on schedule to complete the project this fall. The County received a few inquiries this month regarding assessors on people’s property. We put out a press release and Facebook post to alert the public that reassessment work is being performed. We are also looking into getting a short video that we can share with the public on the reassessment process.

Virginia Fire Programs/Smoke Alarm Grant – We received notice this week that we received a smoke alarm grant that will provide 30 smoke alarms for approximately 15 homes countywide. Alarms will be offered and installed by our local fire departments.

Prince Edward County Landfill – DEQ performed an unannounced inspection of the landfill in February. The County received a copy of the report this week. Several minor issues were noted including litter on the site and the exposed face of the landfill being too large. Staff sent a response to DEQ this week. Landfill operation manual has been update.

Landfill/Cell F Construction – The contractor’s survey team was onsite this week to begin marking the area for clearing.

HIT Park – The IDA has received some serious interest in the HIT Park and are currently vetting potential developers. We should also hear word in the next month on grant applications with the Tobacco Commission and the Virginia Business Ready Sites program.

Opioid Abatement Grant – The County’s consultant was in town this past week and began meetings with stakeholders including the Commonwealth Attorney, judges, STEPS, and the Crossroads CSB. The grant will cover work for the next year as we look to makes sure support systems are in place for the establishment of a Recovery Court for PE, Buckingham, and Cumberland counties.

Regional Economic Development Organization (REDO) – I met with Convergent, the non-profit agency working with the CRC, to discuss the private fundraising efforts for the REDO. In the coming month they will be meeting with perspective donors.

Visitor’s Center – General Services has engaged a contractor to caulk and paint the Visitor’s Center. The trim on the building is peeling and has some soft/rotten woodwork. County staff will replace these areas as needed. Work should start in the next week.

In Re: Animal Warden’s Report

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

In Re: Cannery - Home

Rodney Scott, Cannery Manager, submitted a report for the month of April 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 April 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 April 2024, which was reviewed and ordered to be filed with the Board papers.

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

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	

the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.