

July 9, 2024

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held at the Court House, thereof, on Tuesday, the 9th day of July, 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; and Jake Romaine, President, and Emily Gannt, Executive Director, Farmville Downtown Partnership.

Chair Cooper-Jones called the July meeting to order.

Supervisor Townsend 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 Employee of the Month for July is Robert Love, Director of Planning and Community Development. Robbie has been an energetic, dedicated and hard-working addition to the Prince Edward County family since May 2020. He has implemented several positive changes to the County development review processes and improved collaboration and information-sharing among the various local and state agencies through the creation of a Development Review Committee. During the past year, he has capably

managed many significant site development review projects, including the Five Pillars Meat facility, the Dollar General at Kingsville, and the Wawa/car wash project. In addition, he has adeptly handled many sensitive land use projects through the public hearing process, including the Hampden-Sydney shooting range and numerous solar projects. Lastly, working with our consultant, he is guiding the County's Comprehensive Plan review process with the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission and the public.

Robbie continues to be an integral part of the County team and continues to improve the quality of development in Prince Edward County. We would like to say thank you to Robbie for his continued hard work. Prince Edward County is lucky to have such a dedicated employee!

Mr. Stanley added that Mr. Love has taken the department to another level as far as plan review and organization within the department; he thanked him for all his service.

Mr. Love expressed his appreciation to the Board for the opportunity.

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.

Howard Armistead, Farmville, spoke on global warming; he then thanked the Town of Farmville for the work on the paving of streets. Mr. Armistead then expressed his concerns regarding the presidential candidates for the upcoming election in November.

In Re: Board of Supervisors Comments

The Board members thanked all for attending the meeting.

Supervisor Jones congratulated the All Star Baseball and Softball Teams for their accomplishments.

Supervisor Gilliam congratulated Mr. Love on being recognized for his hard work.

In Re: Consent Agenda

On motion of Supervisor Emert, seconded by Supervisor Townsend, 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 May 2024 Treasurer’s Report; the minutes of the meetings held June 11, 2024 and June 20, 2024; Accounts and Claims, Board Mileage Sheets; and Salaries.

Prince Edward Treasurer's Report - May 2024

Name of Bank	Ref #	Int. Rate	Int. Paid	Bank Balance
Benchmark Pooled Fund Account	7654	3.50%	\$62,423.50	\$23,582,915.05
Benchmark Social Services	9746			\$270,407.56
Benchmark School Fund	3352			\$2,486,796.50
Benchmark Food Service	3742			\$429,306.94
TOTAL				\$26,769,426.05

*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%	\$124,122.23	
	0995	1%	\$124,122.23	
Recreation Fund	0998	3.55%	\$17,769.14	
Benchmark 5 Yr CD-letter of credit	0632	1%	\$671,435.50	\$937,449.10
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%	\$23,146.38	
	3494	4.66%	\$2,658,827.65	
	3454	4.65%	\$2,616,615.23	
	3475	4.64%	\$5,235,415.54	\$10,755,185.04
TOTAL				\$14,225,856.16
GRAND TOTAL				\$40,995,282.21

In Re: Community Partner Update – Farmville Downtown Partnership

Jake Romaine, President, Farmville Downtown Partnership, introduced Emily Gannt, Executive Director. He stated upcoming events include Rock the Block, on October 5, 2024; he said local businesses

have been painting their buildings with funding from the façade grant, and it has encouraged others to also paint and repair their storefronts. Mr. Romaine thanked the Board for its support.

In Re: Highway Matters

Sarah Elam Puckett, Assistant County Administrator, recorded concerns to report to Mr. Frederick, PE, Resident Engineer, VDOT.

Supervisor Gilliam reported the ditch line and shoulders need work on Singleton Road.

Supervisor Jones reported that on Prospect Road, branches are encroaching the roadway. He asked if a sign could be placed in the village of Prospect announcing the speed limit.

Supervisor Emert stated the culverts are stopped up on the east side of Prospect.

Supervisor Jenkins asked if Mr. Frederick could call as he has several concerns.

Supervisor Pride stated Kinex is installing the fiber for internet but seems to have skipped Bloomfield Road. Mr. Stanley said they are installing the trunk lines of the fiber and will branch off soon. Discussion followed.

In Re: AFID Grant

At its March meeting, the Board authorized the application to the Virginia Department of Agriculture for an Agriculture and Forestry Industries Development (AFID) Grant. The County's \$42,000 project (\$28,000 grant funding/\$14,000 county funding) has been approved.

As the Board is aware, this is the third AFID Grant awarded to Prince Edward County, which is assisting us with improvements to the operational efficiency at the Prince Edward Cannery. Previously funded projects have included the new boiler, new steam piping, and the replacement of the half-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.

The Board had already budgeted \$14,000 of grant matching funds in the FY 24 Budget, so these funds will be carried over into the FY 25 Budget. The grant is a reimbursement grant, so the County will purchase the grant items and receive reimbursement up to \$28,000 from the state.

Grant Items	Cost Estimate
Processing Equipment – liquid filler, pipe fitting for filler, dry filler, blenders, consistometer, pulper/destoner, kettle whisks, kettle drains	\$23,615
Material Handling & Facility Storage – pallet jack, rolling carts/cages, labeling machine, floor drain covers, faucet, freezer repair	\$15,755
Space Enhancements – wall decal, stools, table, fans	\$1,532
Shipping Costs	\$1,098
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$42,000

Supervisor Emert made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Jones, to accept the grant funds in the amount of \$28,000, and to appropriate the total project cost of \$42,000 into the Cannery budget (with \$28,000 to be reimbursed by the state, and to authorize the County Administrator to execute all grant documents on behalf of the County; the motion carried:

<p>Aye:</p> <p>Pattie Cooper-Jones J. David Emert Llew W. Gilliam, Jr. Victor “Bill” Jenkins E. Harrison Jones Odessa H. Pride Jerry R. Townsend Cannon Watson</p>	<p>Nay: None</p>
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In Re: New Animal Shelter – Civil Design Costs

In June, County Administration and Animal Control staff spent a day with architects working through a needs assessment for the new county animal shelter. That was the first step in the feasibility study and design process. As the Board is aware, the proposed site for the new shelter is a ±9-acre parcel owned by the County Industrial Development Authority located between the Social Security building and FACES on Commerce Drive.

The next steps in the project are: to obtain a boundary, topographical and utility survey of the site; identify underground utilities; and perform a preliminary wetland assessment. The Board was presented a proposal for this scope of work for review and approval.

FY25 BUDGET SUPPLEMENT

Rev/Exp	Fund	Dept	Object	Description	Debit	Credit
3 (Rev)	100	40150	0202	Transfer from SP Fund		\$37,352.00
4 (Exp)	100	94000	0013	Animal Shelter CIP	\$37,352.00	
3 (Rev)	202	41050	0202	From SP Fund Balance		\$37,352.00
4 (Exp)	202	93000	0100	Transfer to General Fund	\$37,352.00	

TRANSFER

Rev/Exp	Fund	Dept	Object	Description	Debit	Credit
3 (Rev)	100	40150	0202	Transfer from SP Fund		\$37,352.00
0	100	100	0001	Cash with Treasurer	\$37,352.00	
0	202	100	0001	Cash with Treasurer		\$37,352.00
4 (Exp)	202	83000	0100	Transfer to General Fund	\$37,352.00	
0	999	300	0100	General Fund		\$37,352.00
0	999	300	0202	Special Projects Fund	\$37,352.00	
0	202	300	0001	SP Fund Balance		\$37,352.00
0	202	300	0053	SP – Committed CIP	\$37,352.00	

Supervisor Gilliam questioned the proposed location. Discussion followed; reasons for the location selected include there are no nearby residences, and the businesses near the proposed site have casement windows which don't open, and it will be near Route 460 which will allow more visibility and easier access for people to adopt a pet.

Supervisor Jones requested the Board prioritize doing the shelter economically and not going above-and-beyond, because of the other projects that are currently underway, such as the elementary school renovation. Mrs. Puckett stated that during the discussions with the architects, a significant portion of the conversation was about the financial discussion for the "wish list" or what the physical structure would involve. She said the Board will get a draft of design and cost estimates.

Supervisor Townsend made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Emert, to approve the Moseley Architects proposal, appropriate the FY25 Budget Supplement and transfer funds as outlined below, and to authorize the County Administrator to execute all documents on behalf of the 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:	
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In Re: Public Hearing – Amendment to the County Code for an Ordinance to Repeal the County Mobile Home (Trailer) Ordinance of 1971

Chair Cooper-Jones announced that this was the date and time scheduled for a public hearing to receive citizen input prior to considering an amendment to the County Code for an Ordinance to Repeal the County mobile Home (Trailer) Ordinance of 1971. Notice of this hearing was advertised according to law in the Wednesday, June 26, 2024 and Wednesday, July 3, 2024 editions of THE FARMVILLE HERALD, a newspaper published in the County of Prince Edward.

At its June 11, 2024 meeting, Crystal Hensley, Commissioner of Revenue, requested the Board of Supervisors consider repealing the *1971 Mobile Home (Trailer) Ordinance*, that requires a \$2.00 mobile home registration fee. She provided the Board information that the fee does not generate adequate revenue to even cover the cost of the administering the ordinance.

An excerpt of the June 1971 Board minutes containing the original ordinance was provided to the Board. Section 15.2-1427 of the *Code of Virginia* directs that an ordinance may be repealed in the same manner in which ordinances are adopted. The Board authorized a public hearing on the attached *Ordinance to Repeal the Mobile Home (Trailer) Ordinance*, as Adopted June 8, 1971.

Chair Cooper-Jones opened the public hearing.

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

Supervisor Emert made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Townsend, to approve the *Ordinance to Repeal the Mobile Home (Trailer) Ordinance, as Adopted June 8, 1971*, effective July 9, 2024; 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	

Supervisor Jones expressed his thanks to Crystal Hensley for her efforts in making government more efficient; he said she is going above and beyond as an elected official and is doing what needs to be done to better serve the taxpayers and to streamline processes; he said the Board is always happy to make government more efficient and are thankful for her taking that initiative.

In Re: Public Hearing – Siting Agreements, CEP Solar, LLC, Piney Grove and Miller Lake Sites

Chair Cooper-Jones that this was the date and time scheduled for a public hearing to receive citizen input prior to considering a siting agreement, pursuant to § 15.2-2316.8(B) of the *Code of Virginia*, by CEP Solar, LLC, related to an 8MWac solar energy facility approved by the Board of Supervisors with a special use permit on Tax Map Parcels 069-A-3, 069-A-9, and 069-A-10, located at the end of Taylor Drive; and pursuant to § 15.2-2316.8(B) of the *Code of Virginia*, consideration of a siting agreement by CEP Solar, LLC, related to a 5MWac solar energy facility approved by the Board of Supervisors with a special use permit on Tax Map Parcels 069-A-15 and 069-A-16, located on the south side of Piney Grove Road (Route 606). Notice of this hearing was advertised according to law in the Wednesday, June 26, 2024 and Wednesday, July 3, 2024 editions of THE FARMVILLE HERALD, a newspaper published in the County of Prince Edward.

The County has been in negotiations with CEP Solar, LLC for siting agreements related to construction and operation of two solar energy facilities, one being 8MWac on land totaling 170.8+/- acres denoted as Tax Map Parcels 069-A-3, 069-A-9, and 069-A-10, and the other being 5MWac on land totaling 81.2+/- acres denoted as Tax Map Parcels 069-A-15 and 069-A-16. Both are zoned A-1, Agricultural Conservation.

Pursuant to §15.2-2316.8(B) of the *Code of Virginia*, the host locality shall schedule a public hearing, pursuant to subsection A of § 15.2-2204, for the purpose of consideration of such siting agreement. If a majority of a quorum of the members of the governing body present at such public hearing approve of such siting agreement, the siting agreement shall be executed by the signatures of (i) the chief executive officer of the host locality and (ii) the applicant or the applicant's authorized agent. The siting agreement shall continue in effect until it is amended, revoked, or suspended.

The agreement for the 8MWac site includes a one-time upfront voluntary payment of \$120,000 (\$15,000 per MWac) plus an annual payment of \$1,400 per MWac. The agreement for the 5MWac site includes a one-time upfront voluntary payment of \$75,000 (\$15,000 per MWac) plus an annual payment of \$1,400 per MWac.

Mr. Love stated combined, these projects will generate approximately \$200,000 for permits and inspections.

Bobbi Rodriguez, Project Manager, CEP Solar, reviewed a presentation on the Solar Economic Benefits. She said the total Economic Benefit Analysis would provide \$2.7 million additional to the siting agreement. She added CEP Solar is looking forward to community engagement.

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 Jenkins, to approve the Siting Agreements with CEP Solar, LLC for the proposed 8MWac and 5MWac solar energy facilities; 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: School Appropriation – Grant Carryover, Authorize Public Hearing

On June 26, 2024, the County Administrator received a letter from the School Board requesting appropriation of \$1,045,095.28 to the school operating budget. For this transaction to take place, the Board will have to authorize a public hearing to amend the FY25 County and School Budgets by the amount of \$1,045,095.28 and then appropriate same funds.

Per section 15.2-2507 of the *Code of Virginia*, a locality may amend its budget during the fiscal year. However, if such an amendment exceeds the currently adopted expenditures by one percent or more, then the locality must advertise the amendment at least seven days prior to the public hearing. The County's currently approved FY25 budget is currently \$75,470,373.00, which means they exceed the one percent threshold.

Supervisor Jones made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Townsend, to authorize advertisement of a public hearing on the amendment to the school's FY25 operating budget to appropriate funding; 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:

In Re: School Appropriation – CARES Act, Authorize Public Hearing

On June 26, 2024, the County Administrator received a letter from the School Board requesting appropriation of \$1,268,635.11 to the school CARES ACT budget. For this transaction to take place, the Board will have to authorize a public hearing to amend the FY25 County and School Budgets by the amount of \$1,268,635.11 and then appropriate the same funds.

Per section 15.2-2507 of the *Code of Virginia*, a locality may amend its budget during the fiscal year. However, if such an amendment exceeds the currently adopted expenditures by one percent or more, then the locality must advertise the amendment at least seven days prior to the public hearing. The County's currently approved FY25 budget is currently \$75,470,373.00, which means we exceed the one percent threshold.

Supervisor Emert made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Gilliam, to authorize advertisement of a public hearing on the amendment to the school’s FY25 CARES Act budget to appropriate funding; 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:

In Re: School Appropriation – Committed Funds, Elementary School Renovations

The County received an invoice totaling \$454,734.00 from Moseley Architects for the Renovations to Prince Edward County Elementary School. The PECPS Capital Improvement Committed Fund available balance is currently \$2,225,663.01. The Board is being asked to transfer \$454,734.00 from the PECPS Capital Improvement committed funds to the School CIP line within the General Fund to cover these expenses.

FY24 BUDGET SUPPLEMENT

Rev/Exp	Fund	Dept	Object	Description	Debit	Credit
3 (Rev)	100	40150	0202	Transfer from SP Fund		\$454,734.00
4 (Exp)	100	94000	0250	School CIP	\$454,734.00	
3 (Rev)	202	41050	0202	From SP Fund Balance		\$454,734.00
4 (Exp)	202	93000	0100	Transfer to General Fund	\$454,734.00	

TRANSFER

Rev/Exp	Fund	Dept	Object	Description	Debit	Credit
3 (Rev)	100	40150	0202	Transfer from SP Fund		\$454,734.00
0	100	100	0001	Cash with Treasurer	\$454,734.00	
0	202	100	0001	Cash with Treasurer		\$454,734.00
4 (Exp)	202	93000	0100	Transfer to General Fund	\$454,734.00	
0	999	300	0100	General Fund		\$454,734.00
0	999	300	0202	Special Projects Fund	\$454,734.00	
0	202	300	0001	SP Fund Balance		\$454,734.00
0	202	300	0310	SP – PECPS Cap Imp	\$454,734.00	

Supervisor Townsend made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Emert, to approve the budget supplement request and appropriate and transfer the same funds; the motion carried:

<p>Aye:</p> <p>Pattie Cooper-Jones J. David Emert Llew W. Gilliam, Jr. Victor “Bill” Jenkins E. Harrison Jones Odessa H. Pride Jerry R. Townsend Cannon Watson</p>	<p>Nay: None</p>
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In Re: School Appropriation – State Funding, Piedmont Juvenile Detention

The Board of Supervisors has received a request from the Prince Edward County School Board to appropriate state funds totaling \$4,500.00 from the Other State Funds - Piedmont Juvenile Detention Center to the Instruction budget line described below. There is no local match required for this appropriation.

FY25 BUDGET SUPPLEMENT

Rev/Exp	Fund	Dept	Object	Description	Debit	Credit
3 (Rev)	250	024020	0099	Other State Funds		\$4,500.00
4 (Exp)	250	061000	0001	Instruction	\$4,500.00	

Supervisor Townsend made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Jones, to approve the FY25 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: School Appropriation – Cafeteria Fund

The Board of Supervisors has received a request from the Prince Edward County School Board to appropriate funds totaling \$197,800.00 from the Food Service Fund to the Food Service budget line described below. There is no local match required for this appropriation.

FY24 BUDGET SUPPLEMENT

Rev/Exp	Fund	Dept	Object	Description	Debit	Credit
0	999	000300	0270	School Cafeteria Fund		\$197,800.00
4 (Exp)	270	065100	0002	Personal Service	\$197,800.00	

Supervisor Townsend made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Emert, to approve the FY24 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 – ATL (Aid to Localities) Funds for Fire Departments

On June 21, 2024, the County received a deposit for the Fire Program Funds or Aid to Localities (ATL) for FY24 in the amount of \$66,974.00. Per Board policy it is recommended these funds be divided among the four Volunteer Fire Departments located in the County, outside the Town of Farmville - Darlington Heights, Hampden-Sydney, Prospect and Rice. The Board is asked to appropriate as follows:

FY24 BUDGET SUPPLEMENT

Rev/Exp	Fund	Dept	Object	Description	Debit	Credit
3 (Rev)	100	24040	0012	Fire Program Funds		\$66,974.00
4 (Exp)	100	32200	0712	Fire Program/ATL – Rice	\$16,743.50	
4 (Exp)	100	32200	0713	Fire Program/ATL – Prospect	\$16,743.50	
4 (Exp)	100	32200	0714	Fire Program/ATL – Darlington	\$16,743.50	
4 (Exp)	100	32200	0715	Fire Program/ATL – Hampden	\$16,743.50	

Supervisor Townsend made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Gilliam, to approve the FY24 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 – Four-for-Life (EMS)

The County received funds in the amount of \$18,585.84 on May 16, 2024, from the Virginia Department of Health for the 2023 Four-For-Life program calendar year. These funds, pursuant to Section 46.2-694, Code of Virginia, shall be used for emergency medical services only.

The Board is asked to approve the carryover appropriation and issuance of funds as follows:

HS First Responders \$2,000.00
 Meherrin Rescue \$4,146.46
 PEVRS \$12,439.38

FY24 BUDGET SUPPLEMENT

Rev/Exp	Fund	Dept	Object	Description	Debit	Credit
3 (Rev)	100	41050	0100	General Fund Balance		\$18,000.00
3 (Rev)	100	24040	0015	EMS & Rescue Squad		\$585.84
4 (Exp)	100	32300	7014	Four-for-Life	\$18,585.84	
				<i>HS First Responders</i>	<i>\$2,000.00</i>	
				<i>Meherrin Rescue</i>	<i>\$4,146.46</i>	
				<i>PEVRS</i>	<i>\$12,439.38</i>	

Supervisor Gilliam made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Townsend, to approve the FY24 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 – Poll Book/Ballot on Demand Grant Funding

The Virginia General Assembly approved grant funding for use by the Department of Elections to assist localities (i) that are currently paper-based and need to implement electronic poll books and (ii) to implement ballot-on demand systems. The grants awarded will be on a 100% reimbursement basis. We have received a proposal from Election Systems & Software in the amount of \$41,164.00. The total invoice covers equipment, installation, training, and the first year of maintenance and support. The Board is asked to approve the purchase and appropriate funds as follows:

FY25 BUDGET SUPPLEMENT

Rev/Exp	Fund	Dept	Object	Description	Debit	Credit
3 (Rev)	100	24040	0023	Poll Book Grant – Registrar		\$41,164.00
4 (Exp)	100	13200	6041	Poll Book Grant	\$41,164.00	

Supervisor Jones made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Townsend, to approve the purchase proposal and appropriate the FY25 Budget supplement 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: Appropriation – FY25 PECPS Committed Funds Appropriation

The County received an invoice totaling \$392,566.08 from Kenbridge Construction Company for the construction of the Mobile Classroom Complex. The PECPS Capital Improvement Committed Fund available balance is currently \$1,770,929.01. The Board is being asked to transfer \$392,566.08 from the PECPS Capital Improvement committed funds to the School CIP line within the General Fund to cover these expenses.

FY25 BUDGET SUPPLEMENT

Rev/Exp	Fund	Dept	Object	Description	Debit	Credit
3 (Rev)	100	41050	0202	Transfer from SP Fund		\$392,566.08
4 (Exp)	100	94000	0250	School CIP	\$392,566.08	
3 (Rev)	202	41050	0202	From SP Fund Balance		\$392,566.08
4 (Exp)	202	93000	0100	Transfer to General Fund	\$392,566.08	

FY25 TRANSFER

Rev/Exp	Fund	Dept	Object	Description	Debit	Credit
3 (Rev)	100	41050	0202	Transfer from SP Fund		\$392,566.08
0	100	100	0001	Cash with Treasurer	\$392,566.08	
0	202	100	0001	Cash with Treasurer	\$392,566.08	
4 (Exp)	202	93000	0100	Transfer to General Fund	\$392,566.08	
0	999	300	0100	General Fund		\$392,566.08
0	999	300	0202	Special Projects Fund	\$392,566.08	
0	202	300	0001	SP Fund Balance		\$392,566.08
0	202	300	0310	SP – PECPS Cap Imp	\$392,566.08	

Supervisor Townsend made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Emert, to approve and appropriate the FY25 Budget supplement and transfer as presented; the motion carried:

<p>Aye:</p> <p>Pattie Cooper-Jones J. David Emert Llew W. Gilliam, Jr. Victor “Bill” Jenkins E. Harrison Jones Odessa H. Pride Jerry R. Townsend Cannon Watson</p>	<p>Nay: None</p>
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In Re: Opioid Settlement Resolution

The Board was presented with a draft resolution approving the County’s participation in the proposed settlement of opioid-related claims against Kroger and their related corporate entities and directing the County Attorney to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the County’s participation in the settlements.

Supervisor Townsend made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Emert, to approve the resolution, which affirms the County’s participation in the proposed settlement of opioid related claims against Kroger and their related corporate entities and directs the County Attorney to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the County’s participation in the settlements, including the required release of claims against settling entities; the motion carried:

<p>Aye:</p> <p>Pattie Cooper-Jones J. David Emert Llew W. Gilliam, Jr. Victor “Bill” Jenkins E. Harrison Jones Odessa H. Pride Jerry R. Townsend Cannon Watson</p>	<p>Nay: None</p>
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**A RESOLUTION OF THE PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
APPROVING OF THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF
OPIOID-RELATED CLAIMS AGAINST KROGER AND ITS RELATED CORPORATE
ENTITIES, AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AND/OR THE COUNTY'S OUTSIDE
COUNSEL TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE
COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE SETTLEMENT**

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic that has cost thousands of human lives across the country also impacts the Commonwealth of Virginia and its counties and cities, including the County of Prince Edward, by adversely impacting the delivery of emergency medical, law enforcement, criminal justice, mental health and substance abuse services, and other services by Prince Edward County's various departments and agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia and its counties and cities, including Prince Edward, have been required and will continue to be required to allocate substantial taxpayer dollars, resources, staff energy and time to address the damage the opioid epidemic has caused and continues to cause the citizens of the Commonwealth and Prince Edward County; and

WHEREAS, a settlement proposal has been negotiated that will cause Kroger to pay over a billion dollars nationwide to resolve opioid-related claims against it; and

WHEREAS, the County has approved and adopted the Virginia Opioid Abatement Fund and Settlement Allocation Memorandum of Understanding (the "Virginia MOU"), and affirms that this pending settlement with Kroger shall be considered a "Settlement" that is subject to the Virginia MOU, and shall be administered and allocated in the same manner as the opioid settlements entered into previously with opioid distributors McKesson, Cardinal Health, and AmerisourceBergen, opioid manufacturers Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Teva Pharmaceuticals, and Allergan, and retail pharmacy chains CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart;

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has reviewed the available information about the proposed settlement and has recommended that the County participate in the settlement in order to recover its share of the funds that the settlement would provide;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors, this 9th day of July, 2024, approves of the County's participation in the proposed settlement of opioid-related claims against Kroger and its related corporate entities, and directs the County Attorney and/or the County's outside counsel to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the County's participation in the settlement, including the required release of claims against Kroger.

Certification

I hereby certify the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Prince Edward Virginia, at a regular meeting in Prince Edward County, Virginia, at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 8 in favor and 0 opposed, this 9th day of July, 2024.

In Re: County Attorney Update

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

- Work on interest in the HIT Park;
- Review of leases and solar sitings;

- Easements for Southside Electric and water utilities;
- Worked on an Animal Control case.

In Re: County Administrator Update

Mr. Stanley presented his County Administrator's report:

Kinex – He and Chelsey White joined a tour with the CRC staff for a site visit on a project, and witnessed Kinex staff splicing fiber at a site in town, direct bury fiber on Schultz Mill Road, and a home installation in Darlington Heights. He said they currently have five crews working in Prince Edward County, and between the three counties, they are close to 100 installs per month. He said we are about two years into the four-year project; as of May 3, they have installed approximately 290 miles of fiber buried in the ground, and have passed 5,656 homes and businesses, and installed service to over 640 residences and businesses.

Community Development – A new part time Planning/Building position, a full-time Senior Permit Technician, Mackenzie Tate will start July 15, and brings 17 years of experience and certifications.

Landfill – the International road tractor used to haul leachate water developed a cracked head last week; staff found a used engine at a cost of \$14,500.

Five Pillars Meats has been approved by the USDA; this means the facility has been accepted and will be placed on the National and International Platform for Food Safety Inspected Services. This is an important step for the facility and are still on track for a September soft opening and a grand opening in October.

Harbor Freight – construction has started this week.

Spring Creek Watershed – Spring Creek, which covers the southwest portion of Prince Edward County, was added to the list on impaired waters in 1998 for not meeting its designated recreational use. The watershed, which included 137,100 acres, was polluted with E. coli from livestock, failing septic systems, pets and wildlife. Utilizing best management practices in a water quality improvement plan, DEQ has removed Spring Creek from the 2020 impaired waters list.

Bush River #2 Dam – The Piedmont Soil and Water Conservation District will have a contractor working on the gate valve of the dam located off Rice Creek Road. They will have to lower water levels about 6" per day for a couple weeks to complete the work.

Upcoming events - include a VDOT meeting on the 18th regarding the High Street roundabout; Crossroads will hold a Back-To-School event on August 10 from 10:00 – 2:00; the next Comp Plan meeting will be held

August 15; the Prince Edward County Extension will hold Dairy Day, Saturday, August 24 from 10:00 – 1:00.

In Re: Closed Session

Supervisor Emert made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Townsend, that the Board convene in Closed Session for the discussion and consideration of the acquisition of real property and the disposition of publicly-held real property, both for a public purpose and related to easements and/or rights of way for water lines and electric and county-owned property near the county landfill, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position of the County, pursuant to the exemptions provided for in Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) of the *Code of Virginia*; and for discussion concerning a prospective business where no previous public announcement has been made of the business' interest in locating in Prince Edward County, pursuant to the exemptions provided for in Section 2.2-3711(A)(5) of the *Code of Virginia*, and for consultation with legal counsel pertaining to litigation related to the assessment and collection of taxes, where such discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the litigating posture of the County, pursuant to the exemption provided for in Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) of the *Code of Virginia*; the motion carried:

Aye:	Pattie Cooper-Jones J. David Emert Llew W. Gilliam, Jr. 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 Jones, 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.

Chair Cooper-Jones thanked the Board for allowing her to attend her training last month, and commended Supervisor Jenkins on the good job he did leading the meeting. She thanked Mr. Stanley, Mrs. Puckett, and Mrs. Atkins Watson for their support.

In Re: Animal Warden’s Report

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

In Re: Virginia Cooperative Extension

Ms. Erin Small, Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Agent, submitted a report for the month of June 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	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 8:59 p.m.