

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MAY 23, 2023

A special meeting was called of the Farmville Town Council held on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at 5:30 PM in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) of the Town Hall, located at 116 North Main Street, Farmville, Virginia.

Mayor Vincent called the Farmville Town Council special meeting to order.

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL**

CALLED BY THE HONORABLE BRIAN R. VINCENT, MAYOR

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH VA CODE §15.2-1418, ON TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023, AT 5:30 PM, A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL WILL BE HELD IN THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER AT THE TOWN HALL, SECOND FLOOR, 116 NORTH MAIN STREET, FARMVILLE, VA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF MEETING JOINTLY WITH THE PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO DISCUSS ITEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST TO THE TOWN AND THE COUNTY.

NOTICE GIVEN BY MARY MCKAY, TOWN CLERK.

The Clerk called the roll. There were present Mayor Brian Vincent, presiding, and Council members Sallie Amos, A.D. “Chuckie” Reid, Tommy Pairet, Adam Yoelin, and John Hardy. Council members Dan Dwyer and Donald Hunter were noted as absent, however entered the meeting at 5:35 PM and 5:52 PM, respectively.

Staff present on behalf of the Town of Farmville were Town Manager Scott Davis, and Mary McKay, Clerk of Council.

Prince Edward County Supervisor Jerry Townsend offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice-Mayor A.D. “Chuckie” Reid.

2025 COUNTY REASSESSMENT

Prince Edward County Administrator Doug Stanley provided an update:

- Last reassessment was completed in 2021.
- Prince Edward County has since changed from a six-year to a four-year reassessment cycle.
- Wampler-Eanes Appraisal Group, Ltd. was awarded the new contract for approximately \$325,000. The County will be paying \$22.95 per parcel, which will include a complete walk-around of every property appraised and will include updated digital photographs.
- The appraisal process is scheduled for July 1, 2023 - December 31, 2024, with the new assessment to go into effect on January 1, 2025.

JOINT BUILDING INSPECTIONS CONCEPT

Town Manager Scott Davis provided an update from a discussion held at a recent Council meeting. Having worked previously for the Town for years before taking employment with Prince Edward County, Building Official Phillip Moore is already familiar with the Town's procedures. Two days per week is sufficient time to complete inspections for the Town without any local code enforcement duties that a Building Official's training does not involve. A part-time employee could be hired to monitor code violations such as tall grass, disabled vehicles, and trash in yards.

Prince Edward County Administrator Doug Stanley mentioned since being employed with the County, Mr. Moore has been assisting with training Town staff on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If the Board and Council wish to move forward, a Memorandum of Understanding can be created to cover 40% of Mr. Moore's time. Mr. Stanley also mentioned the County is looking at a new software package for building inspections where citizens and contractors can go online to apply for building permits.

Building Official Phillip Moore mentioned some redundancy in processing inspection paperwork and the software technology will allow for more efficiency. It was mentioned there is property maintenance under the building code for unsafe housing that will need to be addressed. There have been emergency inspections completed.

Council member Donald Hunter made an inquiry about possible internships with the colleges. Mr. Moore noted possible Code Officials courses to follow up on.

SANDY RIVER WATER PROJECT UPDATE

Doug Stanley noted Prince Edward County has been looking at the Sandy River Reservoir as a potential water source for the community and provided an update on the project.

- In May 2022, the Virginia Department of General Services and Prince Edward County executed a Memorandum of Understanding to work collaboratively for a solution for an

adequate water supply for state facilities in Nottoway County, including Nottoway Correctional Center, Piedmont Geriatric Hospital, and the Virginia Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation.

- In August 2022, the Board approved an interim PPEA agreement with Prince Edward County for construction of a facility and pipeline at the Prince Edward-Nottoway line.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM PROJECT/JOINT DISPATCH CONCEPT

Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator Trey Pyle provided a PowerPoint presentation on a Regional Public Safety Radio System project. An overview was provided of the radio system currently in use and its coverage. Current system issues were noted. Mr. Pyle reviewed the benefits of a regional radio system. A discussion was held on the implementation of the project.

A concept for a Regional Communications Center was also discussed. Mr. Pyle noted that with the current system, all 911 calls are received first to the Farmville Communications Center then dispatched to the appropriate department. With a consolidated dispatch concept, there is one center, one voice, one message. A brief discussion was held on a timeframe for implementation and an available grant opportunity was mentioned.

There appeared to be consensus of both groups to continue working on the projects.

PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY LANDFILL – PERMITTING AND UPGRADES

Doug Stanley provided an update:

- A request was made last fall to increase the daily limit set by the Department of Environment Quality from 175 tons to 300 tons of trash allowed per day at the landfill. There have been times the tonnage has reached near the maximum allowed. The limit was moved from 100 to 175 tons two years ago. To cover the current 30-60 day window until the 300 ton permit approval is received, a request for emergency approval was made last week.
- Construction of the next cell of the landfill is needed to accommodate the trash being received. It is hoped the 18-month process will begin summer 2023, to ensure the County has the ability to keep accepting waste for the foreseeable future. The Board and Property Committee are looking at plans for expansion beyond the current landfill cells.

FIRE AND EMS FUNDING

Trey Pyle provided a PowerPoint presentation on Public Safety Funding for Prince Edward County. A detailed review was provided of the funded agencies within the County and their funding sources - County Funds/Donations, EMS Levy, Fire Programs – Aid to Localities (ATL), and Office of EMS – Four-for-Life.

Scott Davis provided a brief description of funding provided to the Rescue Squad: all vehicle fuel costs (\$22,000 thus far this fiscal year), grounds maintenance around facility, and up to a certain amount for labor costs for vehicle maintenance.

Mayor Vincent opened the floor for questions or any additional items.

- Recognition was made of the student (Antonio Harvey '25) from Prince Edward County School system who was the recipient of the 2023 Barry Goldwater Scholarship and his attendance at Longwood University was noted.
- Doug Stanley provided comments on the recently completed track project and provided a review of the Board's commitment to renovate the Prince Edward Elementary School.
- Comments were made concerning the accountability of the school board and the limited community involvement at a recent community meeting. It was also mentioned that the time and place meetings are held does not encourage community involvement.
- From a request made by Council member Adam Yoelin, Mr. Stanley provided an update on the proposed meat processing plant on Dominion Drive as well as some proposed projects.

Other items were noted:

- An update was provided for the Splash Park.
- Farmville Recreation Department is hosting the 2023 Summer Day Camp beginning next week. Scholarships are available through the Virginia Department of Social Services.
- A suggestion was made for joint meetings to continue with a proposed next meeting date of September, before the Virginia Municipal League Conference is held.
- Mayor Vincent asked for a contact listing to be provided for Council and Board members.
- Vice-Mayor Chuckie Reid asked for an update on the Mary E. Branch building.

Scott Davis advised an application for an Industrial Revitalization Fund (IRF) grant was submitted but was not funded. There is an updated planning study for the building. Melody

Foster with the Commonwealth Regional Council has been asked to continue looking for grant opportunities.

There being no other business, Mr. Hunter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hardy, and with all Council members in favor stating “aye”, followed by the Prince Edward Board of Supervisors adjourning, the meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Brian R. Vincent, Mayor

Mary H. McKay, Clerk of Council