

Joint Meeting of the
Farmville Town Council
And the
Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County
(Reconvened meeting of both governing bodies)

The joint meeting took place at 12:00 pm on Thursday, November 18, 2010, in the community meeting room of the Farmville Prince Edward Community Library, located at 1303 West Third Street, Farmville.

Town Council members present: Mayor Newman, Jr. presiding, and Council members Whitus, Overton, Reid, and Gordon. Also in attendance was Town Manager, Gerald Spates. Council member Pairet arrived at 12:20 pm. Council members Thompson and Hunter were absent.

County Board of Supervisors present: Chairman Fore presiding, and Supervisors Wilck, Campbell, Simpson, McKay, Jones, Gantt and Wiley.

Supervisor McKay offered the blessing.

Supervisor Fore reconvened the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors and Mayor Newman reconvened the Farmville Town Council.

**REQUEST FOR FUNDING ON BEHALF OF THE FARMVILLE PRINCE EDWARD
COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

Town Manager, Mr. Spates spoke on the library's request for additional funding of \$30,000, to cover staffing costs associated with extending the operating hours of the library. He said the Town and County jointly borrowed \$4.2 million dollars to build the facility, with the Town paying one third and the County paying two thirds of the costs. The project came in under budget by \$274,249.09. The remaining funds will be distributed with one-third going to the Town and two-thirds going to the County. Currently, the library operating hours are Monday through Saturday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm and closed on Sundays. Due to the large number of patrons visiting the library, Librarian, Peggy Epperson is proposing extending the operating schedule to Monday through Thursday, 10:00 am – 9:00 pm with Friday and Saturday hours remaining 10:00 am – 6:00 pm. Depending on staffing availability, they are considering limited hours on Sunday afternoons. The additional twelve hours of staffing per week will cost approximately \$30,000 annually.

Elective officials from both governing bodies spoke in support of the library and extending the hours of operation. Supervisor McKay suggested that the library keep a record of

patrons using the facility, during the extended hours, in order to determine if the additional funding will be needed during the next fiscal budget period.

On motion by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Wilck, and with a unanimous show of hands in support, the Board of Supervisors approved appropriating two thirds of the requested \$30,000 to help offset labor costs associated with extending the operating hours for one year.

On motion by Dr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Overton, and with a recorded vote with Council members Whitus, Pairet, Overton, Reid, and Gordon voting “aye”, Council supported the Town Manager’s recommendation and agreed to fund one third of the requested \$30,000 to help offset labor costs associated with extending the hours of operation of the Farmville Prince Edward Community Library.

The Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors took action on a Virginia Department of Transportation Enhancement Grant application on behalf of the Moton Museum. The Board authorized the County Administrator to submit the grant application and request that the Commonwealth Regional Council administer the grant.

Town Manager, Mr. Spates provided a verbal update on various Town projects. Discussions took place on economic development and the importance of the Town and County working together to promote the area.

There being no other business before the Town and County, Farmville Town Council and the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors adjourned the meeting at 1:30 pm.

Mayor S. C. Newman, Jr.

Lisa M. Hricko, Clerk