

RECONVENED MEETING OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2011

And
JOINT COMMUNITY LEGISLATIVE MEETING

At the reconvened meeting of the Farmville Town Council held at 12:00 pm on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at Settle Hall, located on the campus of Hampden-Sydney College, 80 College Road, Hampden-Sydney, VA., there present were Mayor S. C. Newman, Jr., presiding and Council members D.E. Whitus, D.L. Hunter, T.M. Pairet, A.D. Reid, and E.I. Gordon. Council members S.B. Thompson and O.S. Overton were absent. Also attending were Town Manager, Gerald Spates; and Town Clerk, Lisa Hricko.

Chairman Fore welcomed those in attendance. Mayor Newman called Farmville Town Council to order, Chairman Fore reconvened the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors, and Dr. Smith called the Prince Edward County School Board to order.

TOWN OF FARMVILLE 2012 LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Farmville Town Manager, Mr. Spates presented the Town of Farmville's 2012 legislative priorities. Issues he spoke on are as follows:

- The Town of Farmville opposes the repeal or restriction of BPOL, machinery and tools, or excise taxes unless, at a minimum, suitable revenue neutral replacement sources are provided.
- The state and federal government should make payments-in-lieu-of taxes for tax exempt properties in amounts equal to the cost of the local services provided.
- Counties should be granted taxing powers equal to those granted cities and town, without decreasing, limiting or changing town taxing authority. County excise taxes must not be levied on town residents without the explicit approval by a town's governing body.
- The Town supports the constitutional requirement for fair market valuation of property. State imposed changes to the real estate tax must be "local option".
- The Town opposes the tax exempt status of the Longwood University Real Estate Foundation. The Foundation's purchase of real estate, thus removing it from the Town's taxable income, creates a financial burden on the Town.

Prince Edward County Public School Division Superintendent, Dr. Smith addressed the 2012 legislative issues facing Prince Edward County Public Schools.

Prince Edward County Administrator, Mr. Bartlett spoke of Prince Edward County's 2012 legislative concerns.

Longwood University President, Brig. General Finnegan provided the University's 2012 legislative concerns.

The legislative concerns were then addressed by Virginia House of Delegate, James Edmunds II; Republican Candidate for 22nd Virginia Senate District, Thomas, Garrett, Jr.; and Democratic Candidate for 22nd Virginia Senate District, Bert Dodson, Jr.

A motion was made, and seconded that Farmville Town Council will recess this meeting and immediately reconvene in the Town Manager's Conference Room, 116 North Main Street, Farmville, VA. Once convened, Council will immediately go into closed session under Section 2.2-3711.3 of the Code of Virginia for discussion or consideration of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would be adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the Town of Farmville.

Mayor S.C. Newman, Jr.

Lisa M. Hricko, Clerk