

**JOINT MEETING OF THE
FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL AND THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY**

A joint meeting of the Farmville Town Council and the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County was held at 5:00 pm on Thursday, March 26, 2015, in the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) of the Town Hall, located at 116 North Main Street, Farmville, Virginia.

Attending for Farmville Town Council were Mayor D.E. Whitus, presiding and Council members D.E. Dwyer, S.B. Thompson, T.M. Pairet, A.D. Reid and G.C. Cole. Council members D.L. Hunter and J.J. Davis, Jr. were absent. Staff in attendance was the Town Manager, Gerald Spates and Town Clerk, Lisa Hricko.

Attending for the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County were Chairman, H.F. Simpson, P. Cooper-Jones, Vice Chairman, and Supervisors R.M. Jones; J.R. Townsend; C.W. McKay; C.R. Timmons Jr.; C.L. Gray and J. Wilck. Also in attendance were the County Administrator, Wade Bartlett and Assistant County Administrator, Sarah Elam Puckett.

At 5:15 pm, Mayor Whitus called the Farmville Town Council members to order and Chairman Simpson reconvened the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors.

The Town Manager provided an update on Town projects and invited the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony with Farmville Town Council members for the new CVS Store reopening on Monday, May 18, 2015 at 9:00 am.

The County Administrator updated members on various County projects, including the County schools capital improvements. In addition, he said the County Board of Supervisors have been working on the County Budget and provided information on the changes in assessed values for commercial and residential properties, along with the equalize tax rate.

Council member, Ms. Thompson spoke of the Town's Economic Development and Marketing Committee's vision for a Community Christmas Tree Lighting event. She said the event is still in the early planning stages and invited the County to participate. Members of both governing bodies spoke in support of the joint venture and presented various ideas for the event. Board of Supervisors Chairman Simpson, along with Mr. Wilck, Vice-Chairman Cooper-Jones and Reverend Gray agreed to serve on the County's Christmas Tree Committee.

Supervisors Reverend Gray and Mr. Townsend spoke in support of both governing bodies continuing to work together and the importance of collaboration and discussions.

Council member Mr. Cole spoke in support of the comments by Reverend Gray and Mr. Townsend. He suggested that smaller groups meet, in order to have more in-depth discussions to benefit both Farmville and Prince Edward County.

Chairman Stimpson provided an update on the Town's voluntary boundary adjustment request. The County is in the process of contacting all adjacent property owners and once that has been completed both Committee's will meet jointly before bringing the matter to the governing bodies. Chairman Simpson said the Town's Attorney will be responsible to draw up all necessary documents. Mr. Pairet, Chair of the Asset and Resource Committee said his Committee will meet with the County's Voluntary Boundary Adjustment Committee and will present their recommendation to Town Council.

Mr. Spates spoke of the functionality of the EOC and furnished members with call statics handled by the Farmville 911 Communication Center.

Assistant County Administrator, Sarah Puckett spoke briefly on two opportunities for the Town and County to work together. She mentioned the creation of a joint All Hazard Local Emergency Planning Committee, which will further enhance the opportunity to better coordinate emergency response to the citizens and said that Longwood University and Hampden Sydney College are also interested in participating. She also addressed the importance of establishing a Storm Ready community as a way to coordinate resources. Ms. Puckett informed members that the joint programs require action by both governing. Brief discussions took place with members of both governing bodies supporting the joint programs and agreed that the Town Manager and County Administrator will work out the specifics.

Prior to adjourning, Mr. Spates invited members to tour Farmville's 911 Emergency Communication Center.

There being no other business, the joint meeting of the Farmville Town Council and the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County adjourned at 5:53 pm.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

David E. Whitus, Mayor

Lisa M. Hricko, Clerk