

**SPECIAL CALL MEETING OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
AND THE PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2018**

At the special call Council meeting of the Farmville Town Council held on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 11:00 a.m., in the Emergency Operations Center of the Town Hall, located at 116 North Main Street, Farmville, Virginia, there present were Mayor D.E. Whitus, presiding, and Council members D.E. Dwyer, D.L. Hunter, B.R. Vincent, T.M. Pairet, J.J. Davis, and G.C. Cole.

Staff attending were Gerald Spates, Town Manager; Scott Davis, Assistant Town Manager and Lisa Hricko, Clerk.

The Clerk called the roll for Council, noting all members were present.

Mayor Whitus called the meeting to order, and Mr. Spates read the special call meeting notice:

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL AND
THE PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

CALLED BY THE HONORABLE
DAVID E. WHITUS, MAYOR

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH VA CODE §15.2-1418, ON DECEMBER 12, 2018 AT 11:00 A.M. A SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL AND THE PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL BE HELD IN THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC) AT THE TOWN HALL, 116 NORTH MAIN STREET, FARMVILLE, VA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS TO DISCUSS FUTURE FUNDING ISSUES WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD.

Mrs. Pattie Cooper-Jones, Chair called the reconvened Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors meeting to order.

Present on behalf of Prince Edward County were Supervisors P. Cooper-Jone, Chair, J. Wilck, Vice-Chair, J.D. Emert, R.M. Jones, and G.A. Southall. Absent were O.H. Pride, C.R. Timmons, Jr., and J. R. Townsend.

Staff present were Wade Bartlett, County Administrator, and Sarah Elan-Puckett, Assistant County Administrator.

Also in attendance were W. Taylor Reveley, IV, President of Longwood University and P. Kenneth Copeland, Vice President for Business Affairs and Finance of Hampden -Sydney College.

Speaking on behalf of the Prince Edward Volunteer Rescue Squad were Nat Carter, President, Carol Broadwater, Treasurer and Michael Herndon member of the Prince Edward Volunteer Rescue Squad.

Mr. Nat Carter, President of the Prince Edward Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc., gave a presentation on the state of the Prince Edward Volunteer Rescue Squad. The presentation addressed the long-term, and short-term financial needs that the squad can't meet on its own. Mrs. Carol Broadwater was also present to speak about the financial challenges facing the squad. Highlighted in the presentation were an apparatus inventory, capital expenditures, staffing, a billing analysis, call statistics. Mrs. Broadwater stressed the importance of reliable transportation and addressed the age of the fleet. She said the projected cost to replace an ambulance in 2019 would be \$232,000. Mr. Carter stated the squad needs to replace four ambulances, one in 2019, and one each year after that. Theoretically, the squad would replace an ambulance 3-5 years after its purchase. Mr. Carter identified the need for the squad to hire an executive director to run the day-to-day operations and to oversee the agency. Mrs. Broadwater spoke of the decline in volunteerism and the strain it has placed on members of the Board. She stated the Prince Edward Volunteer Rescue Squad is very open to restructuring. The group discussed the squad's fundraising methods and its current financial situation. Mr. Carter stated if the squad could have the new vehicles provided then they would probably be able to hire the personnel needed with expertise in billing and fundraising to make the payments on the squad building and loan.

Mayor Whitus commented on Farmville as a unique community with unique qualities and suggested that Longwood, Hampden-Sydney, the town and the county help the rescue squad. The group agreed to each send a representative to the squad's January Board meeting. Mayor Whitus stated the representatives would help give the Prince Edward Volunteer Rescue Squad ideas; then the group will see where to go from there. Mayor Whitus suggested that Council member Greg Cole would represent Farmville Town Council. The county supported Supervisor J. Davis Emert representing the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors. Mr. Copeland would represent Hampden-Sydney College. President Reveley would select a representative for Longwood University at a later date.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

David E. Whitus, Mayor

Lisa M. Hricko, Clerk