

**Town of Farmville  
Board of Commissioners  
February 28, 2012**

The Farmville Board of Commissioners met in special session on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building Courtroom with Mayor Robert L. Evans presiding. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Jamin Dixon, John Baker, John Moore, Richard Hicks and David Shackelford; Interim Town Manager Sam Noble and Town Clerk Amy B. Johnson.

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**1. Joint Meeting- Town of Farmville Board & Farmville Rural Fire Board**

Interim Town Manager Noble stated the joint meeting with the Farmville Rural Fire Board and the Town Board is to review the proposed upcoming 2012/2013 budget for the Farmville Fire Department prior to Chief Lee Keel submitting the budget to Pitt County.

Chief Keel reviewed the proposed FY 2012/2013 budget for the Farmville Fire Department.

*On motion by Commissioner Baker, the Board approved the proposed FY 2012/2013 budget for the Farmville Fire Department. The motion carried unanimously.*

**2. Proposal to Complete Automated Metering System (AMR)**

Interim Town Manager Noble recommended the Town strive to complete the change over from manual read electric and water meters to an automated meter reading (AMR) system prior to June 2013. Noble indicated a grant application has been submitted for funding 1500 AMR water meters. He also indicated there are only 375 AMR electric meters needed to complete the electric side of the program.

**3. Postponement of Prepaid Metering System**

Interim Town Manager Noble recommended the Town complete the AMR program prior to implementing a prepaid electric metering program. Noble stated the primary reason for the recommendation is that the prepaid electric metering program will not work without automated meters. In addition, Noble stated that special collars are needed for the automated electric meters at a cost of \$250 each in order to turn customers on/off. Noble explained the Town has not established a private site for after-hours purchase of additional power nor have they implemented the ability to offer online or credit card payments. He further explained the prepaid program software will cost the Town \$2,000 monthly.

**4. Public Safety Workout Facility**

Police Chief Donnie Greene requested approval of a lease agreement between the Town of Farmville and Bright Leaf Shopping Center for lease of a building previously utilized by Subway for a workout facility for the police and fire departments. Greene stated the lease is for a one year period for \$1.00. He explained that the Police received workout equipment from State surplus for free.

*On motion by Commissioner Dixon, the Board authorized for Mayor Evans to execute the lease on behalf of the Town. The motion carried unanimously.*

**5. Status of Farmville Industrial Park**

Wanda Yuhas, Pitt County Economic Development Director, presented possibilities for the Farmville Industrial Park. She spoke with the Board about popular industries and stated bioprocessing companies were a new popular area. Yuhas stated they were willing to help the Town market but the Town needed to decide how they wished to utilize the property; whether in small lots or a big lot.

**6. Closed Session**

*On motion by Commissioner Hicks, the Board adjourned into closed session at 7:27 p.m. pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss matters relating to personnel. The motion carried unanimously.*

*On motion by Commissioner Hicks, the Board returned into regular session at 7:53 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.*

*On motion by Commissioner Shackelford, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.*

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Robert L. Evans, Mayor

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Amy B. Johnson, Town Clerk