

**RESUME**

June 14, 2016

**WORK SESSION TO REVIEW 2016 GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEGISLATION  
AFFECTING PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY**

After each General Assembly session, staff identifies changes in State law which: (1) mandate changes in how the County operates; or (2) authorize new ordinances at the discretion of the Board. The attached summary "scorecard" contains the staff recommendations on which items should be studied further or scheduled for a public hearing.

**2016 Virginia General Assembly  
Legislation Affecting the County**

**I. Changes Mandating Board Action**

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Bill No.</u>	<u>Bill Description</u>	<u>Staff Recommendation</u>	<u>Board Decision</u>	
				<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>
(1)	HB 148, SB 445	Changes the date counties are required to fix the real property tax rate from April 15 to May 15.		1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2. <input type="checkbox"/>
(2)	HB 88	Requires each member of the county electoral board to attend a State Board of Elections training program in the first year of their appointment.		1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2. <input type="checkbox"/>
(3)	HB 1030, SB 574	Requires officers of election to receive training at least once in the year that they are appointed, and whenever there is a change to election procedures that alters their responsibilities.		1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2. <input type="checkbox"/>
(4)	SB 89	Requires the posting of the minutes of local electoral boards' meetings on the boards' websites or the official county/city website. The minutes must be posted as soon as possible, and no later than one week following the meeting.		1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2. <input type="checkbox"/>
(5)	SB 664	Candidates for school board must now have their names listed on the ballot in the order that they filed for that office, not alphabetically.		1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2. <input type="checkbox"/>
(6)	HB 818	Requires the County to post a FOIA rights and responsibilities document on their website. Also requires local public bodies subject to FOIA to designate and publicly identify one or more FOIA officers to serve as the public's point of contact for requesting public records, and to coordinate the public body's compliance with FOIA.		1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2. <input type="checkbox"/>

**II. Changes allowing Board action and/or increasing Board powers**

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Bill No.</u>	<u>Bill Description</u>	<u>Staff Recommendation</u>	<u>Board Decision</u>	
				<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>
(1)	SB 367	The County may adopt ordinances permitting the hunting of coyotes with a rifle of a caliber larger than .22 rimfire. Currently most hunting in Prince George is limited to .22 caliber rifles or shotguns.		1. _____	2. _____
(2)	HB 1166, SB 362	The County may establish "small purchase" procedures not requiring competitive sealed bids or negotiation up to \$25,000. Currently County uses small purchase provisions for some purchases up to \$15,000.		1. _____	2. _____

**III. Changes affecting County powers or Board options**

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Bill No.</u>	<u>Bill Description</u>	<u>Staff Recommendation</u>	<u>Board Decision</u>	
				<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>
(1)	SB 549	Prohibits localities from requesting/accepting certain proffers in connection with rezoning/ proffer condition amendments as a condition of approval of new residential developments. Also prohibits denial of rezoning applications for failure to submit to an unreasonable proffer. Defines reasonable/unreasonable proffers.		1. _____	2. _____
(2)	HB 421	Extends the property tax exemptions for the residences of disabled veterans and surviving spouses of KIA armed forces members to include certain real property improvements to the land surrounding such residences.		1. _____	2. _____
(3)	HB 1203, SB 366	Extends the property tax exemptions for the residences of disabled veterans and surviving spouses of KIA armed forces members to include manufactured homes and to other residences whether or not the veteran or spouse owns the land on which the residence is located.		1. _____	2. _____
(4)	SB 288	Removes the Code provision allowing the county attorney to issue an opinion to a local official or employee that would shield that official from prosecution.		1. _____	2. _____
(5)	SB 493	Prohibits the Board of Supervisors from discussing its salary or benefits in a closed session. (Does not change current practice.)		1. _____	2. _____
(6)	HB 578, SB 169	The County may not request offerors of architecture and engineering services to list any exceptions to proposed contractual terms and conditions until after the qualified offerors are ranked.		1. _____	2. _____
(7)	HB 930, SB 150	Prohibits a public body from requiring that an offeror state any exception to any liability provisions in responding to a Request for Proposal for information technology goods/services. The offeror must state any exceptions at the beginning of negotiation, if selected.		1. _____	2. _____
(8)	HB 1108	Prohibits the use of experience factors as a condition for any bidder's/offeror's eligibility to participate in a solicitation for construction.		1. _____	2. _____