

**MOTION: CADDIGAN**

**October 1, 1996  
Regular Meeting  
Res. No. 96-966**

**SECOND: BARG**

**RE: ADOPT BASIC PRINCIPLES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
SUPERVISORS**

**ACTION: APPROVED**

**WHEREAS, the Prince William Board of County Supervisors held its retreat  
on July 19-20, 1996; and**

**WHEREAS, the Board received a summary report from the retreat facilitators  
on August 9, 1996; and**

**WHEREAS, the Board agreed to readopt its Statement of Basic Principles;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Prince William Board of  
County Supervisors that the retreat report is accepted and the attached Statement of Basic  
Principles last revised in July, 1996 is hereby adopted to facilitate Board meetings that are  
respectful of members and of citizens;**

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

**Votes:**

**Ayes: Barg, Caddigan, Hill, Jenkins, McQuigg, Seefeldt, Thompson, Wilbourn**

**Nays: None**

**Absent from Vote: None**

**Absent from Meeting: None**

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*Phillip J. Campbell*  
Clerk to the Board

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**PRINCE WILLIAM BOARD OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS  
BASIC PRINCIPLES**

- To interact with mutual respect, honesty, and trust
- To communicate our expectations with one another
- To agree to maintain the confidentiality of Executive Sessions
- To keep an open mind until all information is in
- To accept divergence where personal principles are involved
- To balance district needs and work for what is in the best interest of Prince William County
- To agree to disagree without holding grudges
- To continue to operate as a team
- To communicate and dialogue openly and honestly with fellow Board members around specific problems
- To agree that when the Board takes a policy position, by majority vote, to stand united on the Board position
- When the Board has taken a position on a Federal or State Legislative issue, the matter will come back to the Board for review and action if the language of the legislation changes. We agree not to condemn other Board members for their stance. We agree to state our reasons for points of disagreement and not to "play" the press for the sake of politics at the expense of other Board members