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2 **AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION COMMISSION**

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8 **Full Commission Meeting**

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2 The Honorable Terry G. Kilgore, Chairman

3 The Honorable Frank M. Ruff, Vice Chairman

4 The Honorable Charles R. Hawkins, Chairman Emeritus

5 Mr. Kenny F. Barnard

6 Ms. Gayle F. Barts

7 The Honorable Kathy J. Byron

8 The Honorable Mary Rae Carter, Deputy Secretary of Rural

9 Economic Development, Office of the Secretary of

10 Commerce and Trade

11 Mr. John Cannon

12 Mr. Matt Conrad, Assistant Secretary of the Department of

13 Agriculture and Forestry

14 Mr. David R. Cundiff

15 Mr. Butch Hamlet

16 Mr. Scott Harwood, Sr.

17 Mr. Jordon M. Jenkins, Jr.

18 The Honorable Joseph P. Johnson, Jr.

19 The Honorable Daniel W. Marshall, III

20 Mr. H. Ronnie Montgomery

21 The Honorable Harrison A. Moody

22 Ms. Connie Lee Greene Nyholm

23 Mr. Israel O'Quinn

24 The Honorable Edward Owens

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1 **APPEARANCES: (cont'd)**

2 The Honorable Phillip P. Puckett
3 Dr. David S. Redwine, DVM
4 Mr. Kenneth O. Reynolds
5 The Honorable W. Roscoe Reynolds
6 Ms. Cindy M. Thomas
7 The Honorable William C. Wampler, Jr.
8 The Honorable Thomas C. Wright, Jr.

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11 COMMISSION STAFF:

12 Mr. Neal Noyes, Executive Director
13 Mr. Ned Stephenson, Deputy Director
14 Mr. Timothy F. Pfohl, Grants Program Director
15 Ms. Sara G. Williams - Grants Coordinator, Southwest Virginia
16 Ms. Sarah K. Capps - Grants Coordinator, Southside Virginia
17 Ms. Stephanie S. Kim, Director of Finance
18 Ms. Stephanie S. Allman - Program Administrator

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20 COUNSEL FOR THE COMMISSION:

21 Mr. Francis N. Ferguson, Esquire, Counsel for the
22 Commission

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1 DELEGATE KILGORE: I'll call the Tobacco
2 Commission to order. I'll ask everyone to please speak up,
3 because we don't have microphones, and also so that the
4 public may hear what's going on.

5 Welcome, all of you. I'll call on Senator Ruff.

6 SENATOR RUFF: I want to welcome all the
7 Commission members and members of the public to the Town
8 of South Hill. I'd like to thank the community for being very
9 supportive and receptive as you have been. I think everyone
10 enjoyed themselves last night at the reception, and the Town
11 accommodated us. Nobody complained, and that's the first
12 criteria. Where we had the reception last night was the
13 Advanced Knowledge Center, which the Tobacco Commission
14 has been involved in, actually heavily involved in supporting.
15 Just so certain Commission members will know, that was the
16 old Heilig-Meyers store that was built a couple of years before
17 they went out of business. The community was glad to get
18 that at a reasonable price. Since that time they have used
19 that extensively, so extensively that they bought the old bank
20 building across the street. One of the advantages that you
21 have is that they still have a drive-through, so if you put your
22 money in you can get a degree out of the -- (laughter). So,
23 we're very proud of what's happened there. We welcome you
24 and thank you all for coming.

25 DELEGATE KILGORE: I want to thank the County

1 of Mecklenburg and the Town of South Hill for their hospitality
2 last night. Thank all the sponsors for the great reception we
3 had last night. I think we should give them a hand for that.
4 (Applause.)

5 Mr. Executive Director, if you would call the roll.

6 MR. NOYES: Yes, sir.

7 Delegate Abbitt?

8 DELEGATE ABBITT: (No response.)

9 MR. NOYES: Mr. Barnard?

10 MR. BARNARD: Here.

11 MR. NOYES: Ms. Barts?

12 MS. BARTS: Here.

13 MR. NOYES: Secretary Brown?

14 SECRETARY BROWN: (No response.)

15 MR. NOYES: Delegate Byron?

16 DELEGATE BYRON: Here.

17 MR. NOYES: Deputy Secretary Carter?

18 DEPUTY SECRETARY CARTER: Here.

19 MR. NOYES: Mr. Cannon?

20 MR. CANNON: Here.

21 MR. NOYES: Assistant Secretary Conrad?

22 ASSISTANT SECRETARY CONRAD: Here.

23 MR. NOYES: Mr. Cundiff?

24 MR. CUNDIFF: Here.

25 MR. NOYES: Ms. DiYorio?

1 MS. DIYORIO: (No response.)
2 MR. NOYES: Mr. Hamlet?
3 MR. HAMLET: Here.
4 MR. NOYES: Mr. Harwood?
5 MR. HARWOOD: Here.
6 MR. NOYES: Senator Hawkins?
7 SENATOR HAWKINS: Here.
8 MR. NOYES: Mr. Jenkins?
9 MR. JENKINS: Here.
10 MR. NOYES: Delegate Johnson?
11 DELEGATE JOHNSON: Here.
12 MR. NOYES: Delegate Kilgore?
13 DELEGATE KILGORE: Here.
14 MR. NOYES: Delegate Marshall?
15 DELEGATE MARSHALL: Here.
16 MR. NOYES: Mr. Montgomery?
17 MR. MONTGOMERY: Present.
18 MR. NOYES: Mr. Moody?
19 MR. MOODY: Here.
20 MR. NOYES: Ms. Nyholm?
21 MS. NYHOLM: Here.
22 MR. NOYES: Mr. O'Quinn?
23 MR. O'QUINN: Here.
24 MR. NOYES: Mr. Owens?
25 MR. OWENS: Here.

1 MR. NOYES: Senator Puckett?
2 SENATOR PUCKETT: Here.
3 MR. NOYES: Mr. Redwine?
4 MR. REDWINE: Here.
5 MR. NOYES: Mr. Reynolds?
6 MR. REYNOLDS: Here.
7 MR. NOYES: Senator Reynolds?
8 SENATOR REYNOLDS: Here.
9 MR. NOYES: Senator Ruff?
10 SENATOR RUFF: Here.
11 MR. NOYES: Mr. Stallard?
12 MR. STALLARD: (No response.)
13 MR. NOYES: Ms. Thomas?
14 MS. THOMAS: Here.
15 MR. NOYES: Senator Wampler?
16 SENATOR WAMPLER: Here.
17 MR. NOYES: Delegate Wright?
18 DELEGATE WRIGHT: Here.
19 MR. NOYES: Mr. Chairman, you have a quorum.
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21 DELEGATE KILGORE: Do I have a motion to
22 approve the Minutes of July 29, 2010? All right. It's been
23 moved and seconded. All those in favor of approving the
24 Minutes say aye? (Ayes.) Opposed? (No response.) All right.
25 Senator Wampler.

1 SENATOR WAMPLER: At the request of the Director
2 and the Chairman I would move that we go into executive
3 session in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia
4 Freedom of Information Act, Section 2.2-3711(A)(7)
5 as amended of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of
6 consulting legal counsel on a matter pertaining to this
7 Commission.

8 DELEGATE MARSHALL: I'll second that.

9 DELEGATE KILGORE: All those in favor of going
10 into executive session say aye? (Ayes.) Opposed? (No
11 response.)

12 At this time we'd ask all of you to leave the room while we
13 are in executive session, and then we'll call you back as soon
14 as we're through. Thank you.

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16 NOTE: The Commission goes into
17 executive session at 10:05 a.m., whereupon at 10:20 the
18 Commission is back in open session.

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20 DELEGATE KILGORE: We're back in open session.
21 Senator Wampler.

22 SENATOR WAMPLER: Mr. Chairman, whereas the
23 Virginia Tobacco Commission has convened a closed meeting
24 on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in
25 accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of

1 Information Act, and whereas, Section 2.2-3712(A)(7) as
2 amended of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the
3 Committee that such a meeting was conducted in conformity
4 with Virginia law.

5 Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Committee hereby
6 certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge, that
7 only public business matters lawfully exempt from open
8 meeting requirements under the Act and only such public
9 business matters as were identified in the motion by which the
10 closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or
11 considered by the Committee in that meeting.

12 I'd so move, Mr. Chairman.

13 DELEGATE MARSHALL: Second.

14 DELEGATE KILGORE: There has to be a roll call.

15 MR. NOYES: A yea vote certifies that the statement
16 is accurate.

17 Mr. Barnard?

18 MR. BARNARD: Yea.

19 MR. NOYES: Ms. Barts?

20 MS. BARTS: Yea.

21 MR. NOYES: Delegate Byron?

22 DELEGATE BYRON: Yea.

23 MR. NOYES: Deputy Secretary Carter?

24 DEPUTY SECRETARY CARTER: Yea.

25 MR. NOYES: Mr. Cannon?

1 MR. CANNON: Yea.
2 MR. NOYES: Assistant Secretary Conrad?
3 ASSISTANT SECRETARY CONRAD: Yea.
4 MR. NOYES: Mr. Cundiff?
5 MR. CUNDIFF: Yea.
6 MR. NOYES: Mr. Hamlet?
7 MR. HAMLET: Yea.
8 MR. NOYES: Mr. Harwood?
9 MR. HARWOOD: Yea.
10 MR. NOYES: Senator Hawkins?
11 SENATOR HAWKINS: Yea.
12 MR. NOYES: Mr. Jenkins?
13 MR. JENKINS: Yea.
14 MR. NOYES: Delegate Johnson?
15 DELEGATE JOHNSON: Yea.
16 MR. NOYES: Delegate Kilgore?
17 DELEGATE KILGORE: Yea.
18 MR. NOYES: Delegate Marshall?
19 DELEGATE MARSHALL: Yea.
20 MR. NOYES: Mr. Montgomery?
21 MR. MONTGOMERY: Yes.
22 MR. NOYES: Mr. Moody?
23 MR. MOODY: Yes.
24 MR. NOYES: Ms. Nyholm?
25 MS. NYHOLM: Yes.

1 MR. NOYES: Mr. O'Quinn?

2 MR. O'QUINN: Yes.

3 MR. NOYES: Mr. Owens?

4 MR. OWENS: Yes.

5 MR. NOYES: Senator Puckett?

6 SENATOR PUCKETT: Yes.

7 MR. NOYES: Mr. Redwine?

8 MR. REDWINE: Yes.

9 MR. NOYES: Mr. Reynolds?

10 MR. REYNOLDS: Yes.

11 MR. NOYES: Senator Reynolds?

12 SENATOR REYNOLDS: Yes.

13 MR. NOYES: Senator Ruff?

14 SENATOR RUFF: Yes.

15 MR. NOYES: Ms. Thomas?

16 MS. THOMAS: Yes.

17 MR. NOYES: Senator Wampler?

18 SENATOR WAMPLER: Aye.

19 MR. NOYES: Delegate Wright?

20 DELEGATE WRIGHT: Yes.

21 DELEGATE KILGORE: All right, moving on with the
22 agenda, Southwest Economic Development Committee,
23 Senator Puckett.

24 SENATOR PUCKETT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

25 Page 7, Southwest Economic Development Committee met in

1 Lebanon on October 4th. We approved five grants totaling
2 \$4.6 million, and that's shown in your book on page 7 with a
3 description of all those behind that, if you care to look at it. I
4 would move that those grants be approved as submitted by the
5 Committee.

6 DELEGATE JOHNSON: Second.

7 DELEGATE KILGORE: We have a motion and a
8 second. Any discussion on any of those projects on page 7?
9 All right. All those in favor say aye? (Ayes.) Opposed? (No
10 response.) That carries.

11 Senator Wampler.

12 SENATOR WAMPLER: Mr. Chairman, the Special
13 Projects Committee met a couple of weeks ago and we
14 discussed several items, and it's on page 12 of your packet.
15 You'll see the recommendations from the Special Projects
16 Committee. I would point out that there was one application
17 that was tabled, and that's 2140. The balance of the grants
18 we recommended to you with various levels of approval. The
19 grants totaled \$1.9 million. That's 2150, Cumberland IDA;
20 2135, Prince Edward County Workforce Training Center;
21 repurposing of 1847, Charlotte County, \$1.5 million, and then
22 repurposing of the grant relative to the match for 2145, the
23 Saint Charles Health Counsel.

24 Mr. Chairman, that's the report from the Special Projects
25 Committee in an abbreviated fashion, and the supporting

1 documentation is the next three pages. Staff will be happy to
2 answer any questions that you should have. I would make
3 that as a motion.

4 DELEGATE KILGORE: There's a motion and a
5 second by Delegate Marshall. Any further discussion? All
6 those in favor say aye? (Ayes.) Opposed? (No response.) That
7 passes.

8 Next we go to R&D, Delegate Byron.

9 DELEGATE BYRON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
10 We approved four applications totaling \$8.9 million, and I'm
11 on page 18. Grant numbers 2124, 2129, 2130 and 2131,
12 subject to documentation satisfactory to the Staff.

13 DELEGATE KILGORE: Delegate Byron, did you
14 approve the amount requested on those?

15 DELEGATE BYRON: That is correct, \$8.9 million,
16 those applications that are before you. I so move.

17 SENATOR RUFF: Second.

18 DELEGATE KILGORE: I have a motion and a
19 second. Any more discussion on those? What were they?

20 DELEGATE BYRON: 2124, 2129, 2130 and 2131.

21 DELEGATE KILGORE: Any further discussion? All
22 those in favor say aye? (Ayes.) Opposed? (No response.)

23 DELEGATE BYRON: Mr. Chairman, we also have
24 two applications that don't need any action ---- that the
25 Committee sent to the Partnership for further review. We will

1 be addressing those applications in approximately May of next
2 year when we meet again. For informational purposes, the
3 next application deadline is Friday, December 10th. Those
4 applications that are approved to go to the Partnership will
5 come back and be reviewed with the ones that we're sending
6 today.

7 DELEGATE KILGORE: Those are the ones that are
8 sent to the Partnership for vetting process?

9 DELEGATE BYRON: Yes.

10 DELEGATE KILGORE: Which ones are those?

11 DELEGATE BYRON: 2222, 2224, 2225 and 2228.

12 DELEGATE KILGORE: Those will be sent to the
13 Partnership for vetting?

14 DELEGATE BYRON: Right.

15 DELEGATE KILGORE: We don't have to take any
16 action on that.

17 DELEGATE BYRON: No action. That concludes my
18 report. The deadline is December 10th for new applications.

19 DELEGATE KILGORE: That's for the next round?

20 DELEGATE BYRON: Initial applications to be
21 reviewed by the Committee. I will note that some of the
22 applications that were not approved they will have the ability
23 to review and revise if they feel there was something that was
24 unclear in the application and provide that to the Tobacco
25 Commission, and we'll have further discussion with the

1 applicants if that's the case.

2 DELEGATE KILGORE: Anyone have any questions
3 on these? I know we're running through these pretty fast, but
4 I'll just tell the members of the public that the Committee
5 really worked hard, and R&D was here for quite some time
6 yesterday. They also met on October 13th. Any further
7 discussion or questions? All right.

8 Ed Owens.

9 MR. OWENS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On
10 October 13th the Southside Economic Development Committee
11 met in Danville, and this is on page 22. We're offering for
12 approval 18 grants totaling \$14.3 million with a contingency
13 on some of them.

14 DELEGATE KILGORE: Those can be seen on pages
15 22 and 23?

16 MR. OWENS: Yes, I move we accept the
17 recommendations of the Committee.

18 DELEGATE WRIGHT: Second.

19 DELEGATE KILGORE: Moving all those in a block?

20 MR. OWENS: Yes.

21 DELEGATE KILGORE: It's been moved, and there's
22 a second. Any questions on any grants? It's been moved and
23 seconded to adopt Southside Economic Development
24 Committee's recommendations on the Southside Committee's
25 recommendations that occurred in October. All in favor say

1 aye? (Ayes.) Opposed? (No response.)

2 MR. OWENS: Mr. Chairman, this morning we met
3 at 8:15 and heard from Lunenburg County, and we had a
4 motion and approved the change of a use involving \$800,000
5 for Lunenburg County, and that was grant number 1915,
6 changing the use from renovating a building to the
7 construction of a new building. That's not in your book, but if
8 there are any questions I'm sure Tim or the Staff will be glad to
9 explain.

10 DELEGATE KILGORE: You're changing the use
11 from renovating to a new building?

12 MR. OWENS: Yes.

13 DELEGATE KILGORE: You all met and discussed
14 that this morning?

15 MR. OWENS: Yes.

16 DELEGATE WRIGHT: I'll second the motion.

17 DELEGATE KILGORE: I have a motion and a
18 second, any further discussion? All those in favor of the
19 change for Lunenburg County say aye? (Ayes.) Opposed? (No
20 response.) Thank you.

21 Senator Ruff.

22 SENATOR RUFF: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The
23 Education Committee's report begins on page 38. The first
24 deals with the scholarships for the four-year colleges, and we
25 adjusted the figures up to include inflation and availability of

1 funds.

2 DELEGATE KILGORE: So you have raised it?

3 SENATOR RUFF: Correct. New figures are
4 indicated in yellow. I'd move that be accepted.

5 MR. OWENS: Second.

6 DELEGATE KILGORE: All right. We've got a motion
7 and a second. Changing the scholarship rules, basically you
8 increased the amount?

9 SENATOR RUFF: Yes.

10 DELEGATE KILGORE: All those in favor of
11 increasing that amount for Southside and Southwest say aye?
12 (Ayes.) Opposed? (No response.)

13 SENATOR RUFF: Mr. Chairman, on pages 39 and
14 40 you will see applications that were agreed to from the
15 Education Committee totaling \$3.9 million. If there is no
16 question about those, then I would move them in as a block.

17 SENATOR REYNOLDS: Second.

18 DELEGATE KILGORE: We have a motion and a
19 second. Any further discussion? Any discussion on the
20 Education Committee's recommendations on pages 39 and 40?
21 I have a motion and a second. All those in favor of adopting
22 those recommendations say aye? (Ayes.) Opposed? (No
23 response.)

24 SENATOR RUFF: Mr. Chairman, again this
25 morning we had a meeting and dealt with the New College

1 Institute, and they had a request for an extension to change
2 the use of \$1.2 million that had been awarded in January,
3 2007, and that was grant number 1276. The extension would
4 take them through June, 2013. It's a change in use of the
5 funds that are left. The Committee asks that you approve
6 that.

7 DELEGATE KILGORE: Which one is that?

8 SENATOR RUFF: The original grant was 1276, and
9 I so move.

10 DELEGATE MARSHALL: Second.

11 DELEGATE KILGORE: We have a motion and a
12 second. Any further discussion? All those in favor of that for
13 the new college say aye? (Ayes.) Opposed? (No response.)

14 SENATOR RUFF: That completes my report.

15 SENATOR REYNOLDS: Mr. Chairman, there was
16 one amendment. That amendment was included in that
17 motion?

18 SENATOR RUFF: Yes, that was included.

19 DELEGATE KILGORE: All right. Does that
20 conclude the Education report?

21 SENATOR RUFF: Yes.

22 DELEGATE KILGORE: You also had the Executive
23 Committee.

24 SENATOR RUFF: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We
25 met yesterday afternoon, and there are two actions that we

1 need to take.

2 DELEGATE KILGORE: For an hour and a half we
3 met.

4 SENATOR RUFF: The first is a motion to make
5 some transfers transferring one point some odd million dollars.

6 DELEGATE KILGORE: Maybe we better explain
7 where this money came from. Stephanie, do you want to
8 explain that?

9 MS. KIM: The first one is transferring \$1,068,022
10 from the unclaimed 2009 indemnification, transferring it to
11 the Agribusiness Committee.

12 SENATOR RUFF: We can do these in a block.

13 MS. KIM: Then transferring \$1,090,855 from the
14 Technology fund, since that Committee is no longer active,
15 unobligated balances transferring to the TROF fund. Also,
16 increasing the TROF budget by \$4 million, the FY11 corpus
17 invasion ---- that was not budgeted.

18 DELEGATE KILGORE: Can you tell us why?

19 SENATOR RUFF: We've had some great successes
20 with the TROF fund the first few months of this fiscal year. So
21 that's why we're putting another \$5 million into TROF.

22 DELEGATE KILGORE: Creating jobs, that's why?

23 SENATOR RUFF: Yes.

24 MS. KIM: Increasing the Special Projects fund by
25 \$4 million.

1 DELEGATE KILGORE: Special Projects will be
2 debating that project whenever the chairman sets that
3 meeting, is that correct?

4 SENATOR WAMPLER: Yes, sir.

5 SENATOR RUFF: Mr. Chairman, I'd say that we
6 move this, this request to move that money from unobligated
7 to Special Projects does not guarantee to fund anything.

8 MS. KIM: Increasing the administrative budget by
9 \$300,000 in anticipation of a request for the EB-5 Program.

10 SENATOR RUFF: Mr. Chairman, that, too, would be
11 something that we'll deal with in the future, but it puts the
12 money in place so it could be used if we want to do that.

13 Mr. Chairman, if there are no questions, I move that we
14 transfer those sums in a block.

15 SENATOR REYNOLDS: Second.

16 DELEGATE KILGORE: I have a motion and a
17 second. Any discussion? All those in favor of making those
18 transfers in meeting the FY10 budget say aye? (Ayes.)
19 Opposed? (No response.)

20 SENATOR RUFF: The second action calls for closing
21 the reserve program. We have effectively used up all those
22 funds, so we're going to close that at 5:00 p.m. on October
23 29th, tomorrow at 5:00. No more applications will be accepted
24 after that time.

25 DELEGATE KILGORE: Mr. Executive Director, can

1 you tell us why we're doing that?

2 MR. NOYES: It's because we've exhausted all the
3 funds provided by the Commission for that program. We will
4 know that our funds have leveraged in excess of \$80 million,
5 and involving more than a hundred projects that were
6 considered, roughly half were approved and half failed. These
7 are projects that were consistent with the overall guidelines of
8 the Commission. In particular, I'd point out that many in the
9 technology arena by use of about \$20 million of Commission
10 funds leveraged 40 some million of other funds. It was
11 successful in accomplishing what it was intended to do. We
12 were able to take advantage of the ARRA stimulus program.
13 That program has been dissolved and is no longer operating,
14 so it's time to terminate the reserve program.

15 DELEGATE KILGORE: Any questions or
16 discussion? I know that there has been a good job done by
17 Staff and a lot of pressure on the Staff getting things turned
18 around, and we appreciate that. I'd point out that Tim and
19 Ned and the Executive Director spent a lot of time and work
20 going through that process.

21 Do I have a motion?

22 SENATOR RUFF: Mr. Chairman, I so move that we
23 close that program.

24 SENATOR REYNOLDS: Second.

25 DELEGATE KILGORE: I have a motion and a

1 second to close that program. All those in favor say aye?

2 (Ayes.) Opposed? (No response.)

3 SENATOR RUFF: Mr. Chairman, that completes my
4 report.

5 DELEGATE KILGORE: Executive Director.

6 MR. NOYES: The Commission has just taken action
7 to approve a substantial number of new awards. I would
8 remind the grantees that, and I congratulate them now, and
9 that announcements related to these awards are to be cleared
10 by the Tobacco Commission and not to be made without the
11 knowledge of the Tobacco Commission. The commissioners
12 here have every reason and every right to participate in the
13 announcements. I would encourage you to read your grant
14 agreement, which is very specific on this matter.

15 DELEGATE KILGORE: I would say, Mr. Executive
16 Director, it's important we get the word out about what we're
17 doing in the communities and what investments the Tobacco
18 Commission is making in the communities, but those
19 members representing communities, Southside and
20 Southwest, probably would like to be involved. That's the
21 reason we're saying that we want to get the word out and we
22 want to help you get the word out and we don't want to be
23 blind-sided by it.

24 MR. NOYES: Mr. Chairman, I would draw the
25 members' and the audience's attention to a couple of new

1 publications; in particular our Annual Report has been issued,
2 and it's in your books. Some are on the back table, and
3 everyone is welcome to have a copy.

4 DELEGATE KILGORE: It's very good for those of
5 you in the audience, and it shows you what we've done for a
6 year, very informative. It's also reported in the press; there's
7 some background in there that will help everybody understand
8 what we're trying to do.

9 MR. NOYES: The Annual Report goes to the
10 Legislature. Those of you who don't know that, it's a
11 requirement that we provide copies. Also, there is a new insert
12 that describes the R&D facilities that you funded a couple of
13 years ago. It's a marvelous job, and I appreciate the
14 contributions from all of the R&D centers.

15 I'd like to single out Stephanie Allman. Please stand up.
16 She worked on the insert and has done almost all the work on
17 the Annual Report. You've done a marvelous job, and thank
18 you very much, Stephanie.

19 In front of the new commissioners you will find a sheet
20 for contact information. You'll also find your travel voucher
21 forms. Please, please, fill them out before you leave. Many
22 times telephone numbers change or addresses change, so
23 please fill those out. We try to keep those current as far as
24 contact information. For your expense vouchers, please fill
25 them out and sign them, and Michelle will find you.

1 Mr. Chairman, that concludes my report.

2 DELEGATE KILGORE: Thank you, Neal. I know
3 you have all worked very hard for two or three months trying
4 to get this ready for today, and also I want to thank our staff
5 for all they've done and all the calls they take from the various
6 commissioners and phone calls I get. We appreciate all the
7 hard work that you do. For those of you in the audience, I just
8 want to remind you that the bulk of the work is done through
9 the committees and through that committee process. I want to
10 thank my committee chairs for all the hard work you've done
11 in attending these meetings and also making sure the
12 meetings run smoothly. To all of the commissioners I'll say
13 that's where the rubber meets the road. We really need you
14 participation in that process and in the various committee
15 meetings. We can also hear what's on your mind in those
16 meetings, too.

17 Next is public comment. Is there anyone out there in the
18 public that would like to make a comment? Yes, sir.

19 MR. HARGRAVE: My name is Marvin Hargrave, and
20 I am a resident of Halifax County, and I work in Halifax
21 County and also Mecklenburg County. And I am also a
22 volunteer with the Halifax County IDA. As a private citizen I
23 just wanted to say thank you for the funding that we received
24 today, specifically the Southside Economic Development
25 Committee and also Research & Development, helping to

1 create a lot of jobs in our community. As a private citizen I
2 just want to humbly thank you, and also for the Halifax IDA.

3 DELEGATE KILGORE: Thank you for your
4 comments.

5 MR. HARGRAVE: I'd also be remiss if I didn't say
6 thanks again for the kind of shift in policy with one of the
7 requests that we had that came out of Southside Economic
8 Development. I like the idea we're funding these visitor's
9 centers now, and that is a big part of economic development. I
10 ask that the next request that you may receive continue to
11 look at ways of enhancing quality of life like you have with this
12 change in focus. Thank you.

13 DELEGATE KILGORE: Does anyone else wish to
14 make any public comment?

15 Our next Commission date will be Tuesday, January 11th
16 in Richmond, because all of us will be there preparing to begin
17 the legislative session, anxiously awaiting the next day when
18 the General Assembly convenes. So we look forward to seeing
19 everyone in Richmond. Again, we want to thank you citizens
20 of South Hill for the hospitality that you've shown us and the
21 community at large, so thank you very much.

22 Do I have a motion to adjourn? It's been moved and
23 seconded. All those in favor say aye? (Ayes.) We're
24 adjourned. Thank you, again.

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PROCEEDINGS CONCLUDED.

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4 I, Medford W. Howard, Registered Professional

5 Reporter and Notary Public for the State of Virginia at large, do

6 hereby certify that I was the court reporter who took down and

7 transcribed the proceedings of the **Virginia Tobacco**8 **Indemnification and Community Revitalization**9 **Commission Full Commission Meeting when held on**10 **Thursday, October 28, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the R. T.**11 **Arnold Library, South Hill, Virginia.**
12 I further certify this is a true and accurate transcript to
13 the best of my ability to hear and understand the proceedings.14 Given under my hand this 2nd day of November,
15 2010.

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24 My Commission Expires: October 31, 2014.

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