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**VIRGINIA TOBACCO INDEMNIFICATION  
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**Southside Economic Development Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, July 19, 2006  
1:00 p.m.

Riverstone Technology Park  
South Boston, Virginia

**APPEARANCES:**

- Mr. Thomas W. Arthur, Chairman
- The Honorable Frank M. Ruff, Vice Chairman
- Mr. Clarence D. Bryant, III
- Mr. Scott M. Harwood, Sr.
- Mr. L. Jackson Hite
- The Honorable Clarke N. Hogan
- The Honorable Harrison A. Moody
- Ms. Connie Nyholm
- The Honorable Edward Owens
- The Honorable Thomas C. Wright, Jr.
- The Honorable Rick Siger, Deputy Secretary of Commerce and Trade

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2 COMMISSION STAFF:

3 Mr. Neal Noyes, Executive Director

4 Mr. Ned Stephenson, Director of Strategic Investments

5 Mr. Timothy Pfohl, Grants Program Administration Manager

6 Ms. Britt Nelson, Grants Coordinator, Southside Virginia

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8 MR. ARTHUR: Good afternoon, everyone. I'll  
9 call the meeting to order.

10 Neal, would you call the roll?

11 MR. NOYES: Mr. Arthur?

12 MR. ARTHUR: Here.

13 MR. NOYES: Mr. Bryant?

14 MR. BRYANT: Here.

15 MR. NOYES: Mr. Day?

16 MR. DAY: (No response.)

17 MR. NOYES: Mr. Harwood?

18 MR. HARWOOD: Here.

19 MR. NOYES: Mr. Hite?

20 MR. HITE: Here.

21 MR. NOYES: Delegate Hogan?

22 DELEGATE HOGAN: Here.

23 MR. NOYES: Mr. Moody?

24 MR. MOODY: Here.

25 MR. NOYES: Ms. Nyholm?

1 MS. NYHOLM: Here.

2 MR. NOYES: Mr. Owens?

3 MR. OWENS: Here.

4 MR. NOYES: Senator Ruff?

5 SENATOR RUFF: Here.

6 MR. NOYES: Delegate Wright?

7 DELEGATE WRIGHT: Here.

8 MR. NOYES: Deputy Secretary Siger?

9 DEPUTY SECRETARY SIGER: Here, sitting in  
10 for Secretary Gottschalk.

11 MR. NOYES: You have a quorum, Mr. Chairman.

12 MR. ARTHUR: Do I have a motion to approve the  
13 Minutes of the last meeting?

14 SENATOR RUFF: So move.

15 MR. ARTHUR: It's been moved and seconded that  
16 we approve the Minutes of the last meeting. Any discussion? Hearing none,  
17 all in favor? (Ayes.) Opposed, like sign? (No response.) The Minutes are  
18 approved.

19 Now, it's time to move into the Agenda. First of all, I would  
20 like to thank you all for taking time out of your day and out of your work  
21 week to be part of this, and this is very important with respect to your  
22 various counties in our region, and that's good for everyone. I appreciate  
23 you all coming.

24 I'd also like to take a moment to thank our Staff, Tim and Ned  
25 and Britt and all of the people that had a hand in working with this and

1 reviewing these requests, and I think they've done an excellent job.  
2 Sometimes we don't appreciate them enough, but I just want to say we do  
3 appreciate their work, very much.

4 Now, before us we have 25 applicants, actually, and the Staff  
5 has gone through them. You all should have received this information, and I  
6 hope you have had a chance to review it and go over it. I would like to make  
7 a recommendation in order to speed the process up, and that is that we pull  
8 out for discussion all the applications that were either not funded or were  
9 changed or were reduced in funding. That would be nine of them. We have  
10 16 in which the Staff has approved full funding on. I'd like to vote on them  
11 in a block, unless there is an objection.

12 MR. HITE: I move that we accept the  
13 recommended 16 in the block.

14 MR. ARTHUR: The motion has been made and  
15 seconded. Any discussion?

16 SENATOR RUFF: Can you call off the 16?

17 MR. ARTHUR: The 16 that we're voting on, I'll  
18 call the nine.

19 Brunswick County, the Town of Lawrenceville - Last Mile  
20 Network Project.

21 Campbell County - Campbell County Tourism Brochure.

22 Franklin County - Blue Ridge Foundation.

23 Mecklenburg County - Roanoke River Regional Wastewater  
24 Treatment Plant Expansion Project.

25 Mecklenburg County - The Lake Country Enrichment and

1 Education Center.

2 Patrick County - Wireless Broadband Construction.

3 Patrick County, Town of Stuart - Tourism Wayfinding Signs.

4 SENATOR RUFF: I'd ask that you pull  
5 Mecklenburg out of the block.

6 MR. ARTHUR: I named the ones that --

7 SENATOR RUFF: -- But are these the ones we're  
8 voting on that you're pulling, or is that open for discussion?

9 MR. ARTHUR: The sixteen that we're voting on,  
10 that's right. We're voting on all of them, but those that I listed out, my intent  
11 was the ones I listed, we wouldn't be voting on. If I didn't say that clearly, I  
12 meant to.

13 MR. HITE: You're pulling those out that you  
14 listed, but we're not voting on them now.

15 MR. ARTHUR: I guess I wasn't clear, yes.

16 MR. OWENS: But Amelia County is in there, too?

17 MR. ARTHUR: Amelia County, yes, because  
18 Amelia is not the original application that you have in your packet; there's  
19 been a change.

20 All right, the motion is made and seconded. Any more  
21 discussion on the 16 that we're voting on? Hearing none, all in favor signify  
22 by saying aye? (Ayes.) Opposed, like sign? (No response.) Those 16 are  
23 approved.

24 We'll start one at a time with the nine that I have listed, and  
25 we'll discuss them individually.

1                   Amelia County, which you have the John Tyler Community  
2 College, and there's been a change, and I'd like for Tim to explain that.

3                   DELEGATE WRIGHT: This was originally for  
4 John Tyler Community College Workforce.

5                   MR. ARTHUR: Yes, and there's been a change in  
6 the funding and anticipating getting funding for it next year. They want to  
7 move forward with another project that would involve a county industrial  
8 park, and the Staff recommended it. At this time, I'd like the Staff to tell us  
9 about it. Would you like to tell us what the change has been and why or  
10 what's happening with it?

11                  MR. PFOHL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and  
12 members of the Committee. The John Tyler Education Workforce Training  
13 Center Project, that was originally submitted by the deadline of June 1.  
14 After that deadline passed, the county got word from the Virginia  
15 Department of Housing and Community Development that their request for  
16 the Community Development Block Funds this year would not be funded,  
17 and that left a pretty substantial gap in financing that would not allow them  
18 to move forward with construction of the John Tyler Center. The county  
19 submitted a request in writing to the Staff asking that the funds be used  
20 instead this year, or the allocation in front of you today would be used  
21 instead to create a second entrance into the Amelia County Industrial Park,  
22 and this is a project the Committee has funded over the course of several  
23 years. The county has submitted drawings of that second entrance to us,  
24 they have submitted engineer's estimates and the total construction costs for  
25 this project would be 620,000. So we would be a relatively minor funder of

1 this project, and the county would be in for the vast majority of that cost,  
2 inasmuch as that part which we have stated in past Staff comments that met  
3 expectations.

4 It's also the home of two companies that have established  
5 operations there with TROF assistance from the Commission, Superior Walls  
6 and Old Virginia Cabinets. There are a number of jobs that have been  
7 created in this park, and the Staff would be supportive of creating the second  
8 entrance to the Amelia County Business Park.

9 MR. ARTHUR: Is there a problem with the first  
10 entrance? I think you told me it went through --

11 MR. PFOHL: -- The first entrance was built into  
12 what was an old shopping center, and that was anchored by a grocery store  
13 that went out of business. The current entrance actually comes off of 360  
14 and then has to do a quick left turn to get back to the site where Superior  
15 Walls is located, then it enters the full park and branches off. This would  
16 create a direct straight shot off of 360 into the business park. Some of those  
17 lots have already been graded and are available to be marketed right now,  
18 more accessible and more directly.

19 MR. ARTHUR: Did they get this change in to you  
20 in time to complete your research on this?

21 MR. PFOHL: It's an entrance I'm familiar with.  
22 It's graveled right now, and I've actually driven through that entrance, and I  
23 know exactly the location. They did send us a full-size rendering of that  
24 entrance, and at our request they submitted engineering and construction  
25 costs estimates, which have pretty well been detailed and show that 620,000

1 construction cost. We're satisfied they've done their homework on this. We  
2 did ask them if they did have anything in writing from VDOT as far as  
3 approval for this entrance. They have not provided that yet to us.  
4 Hopefully, we can get an assurance that VDOT is okay with the location of  
5 the entrance. That's probably the missing piece of the puzzle right now.

6 MR. ARTHUR: Thank you, Tim. Any comments  
7 from the floor? You've all heard the change, and it meets the Staff  
8 requirement, and they're happy with it. Anything further?

9 DELEGATE WRIGHT: Mr. Chairman, I'd make a  
10 motion that we accept the Staff's recommendation.

11 MR. OWENS: Second.

12 MR. ARTHUR: The motion has been made and  
13 seconded that we accept the Staff recommendation, Amelia County's change.  
14 The motion is made and seconded. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in  
15 favor signify by saying aye? (Ayes.) Opposed, like sign? (No response.)  
16 It's approved.

17 Brunswick County, Town of Lawrenceville - Last Mile Project.  
18 If you read the Staff's recommendation on why they disapproved it, I'll ask  
19 Tim if he'd like to discuss it further. Those of you who had part of the  
20 conversation with the Commission's Technology Committee are aware that  
21 the backbone broadband network for Southside has largely been constructed,  
22 but there are probably still some branches of that that we hope to be able to  
23 fund at some point. The conversation with that Committee has now turned  
24 to the Commission's role in the funding of the Last Mile Project, so-called  
25 last mile being the local broadband project that comes off the fiber

1 backbone, the exit ramps from the Interstate highways that we helped build  
2 of fiber.

3           We have two requests here today for localities that are asking  
4 for some of their Economic Development allocation to get started on the last  
5 mile. The Technology Committee has not yet met, and they're hoping to in  
6 mid-August, and have conversations about the last mile and what the  
7 Commission's role might be in that, relative to some other funders and local  
8 participation and conditions of our funding, and so forth. The Staff has had  
9 some conversations with the Technology Committee. We're going to  
10 propose when the Committee meets in mid-August that a number of pilot  
11 sites be designated where the Commission could provide some Technology  
12 funding to do some last mile demonstrations of different technologies that  
13 exist from the so-called wi-max, which shoots off a high tower and reaches  
14 several miles out in the communities to the so-called wire mesh networks,  
15 which are antennas mounted on buildings, say in a central business district,  
16 and provide sort of blanket coverage over wireless connections, as well as  
17 fiber connections, in areas that we feel we need to reach with the  
18 MidAtlantic Broadband fiber.

19           The Staff proposes these two last mile requests be included in  
20 that test or list of test sites that the Technology Committee will hopefully  
21 endorse getting started in the next month or so. We spoke with both of the  
22 applicant localities, and I think they're satisfied with that resolution.

23           MR. NOYES: I was just going to mention the  
24 Staff has talked both with the Town of Lawrenceville and Patrick County  
25 officials, and it's our understanding they're fine with this change.

1 MR. ARTHUR: Senator Ruff.

2 SENATOR RUFF: Does that mean this Committee  
3 would revisit these after the Technology Committee meeting, or do we pass  
4 them on to the Technology Committee for action from them?

5 MR. NOYES: Senator Ruff, my understanding of  
6 the process will be that at the meeting in August of the Technology  
7 Committee, Staff will propose including these two places, along with some  
8 other places, as part of the pilot. At this point we don't know precisely how  
9 much money will be involved. We're going to be working on that between  
10 now and then. At the October meeting of the full Commission, the full  
11 Commission would be asked to act on the recommendation coming out of  
12 the Technology Committee.

13 SENATOR RUFF: Mr. Chairman, it would not  
14 come back before this Committee?

15 MR. ARTHUR: Supposedly not, because they've  
16 been promised they would be put into the five pilot sites.

17 SENATOR RUFF: Mr. Chairman, I'd make a  
18 motion that both of these, Brunswick County and Patrick County, this  
19 Committee approve them and recommend that they be sent to the  
20 Technology Committee for a final decision.

21 MR. ARTHUR: We want to make sure, Senator  
22 Ruff, the Technology Committee fund this instead of the county, and that  
23 actually saves them the money. If you put us approving it, we're approving  
24 the funding, are we not?

25 SENATOR RUFF: Mr. Chairman, I would say that

1 those two communities said this was a higher priority for them, so it seems  
2 logical they would pay for it, but I'm willing to withdraw the motion.

3 MR. ARTHUR: It all has to do with the pilot  
4 program, since the Technology Committee is funding the pilot program, as I  
5 understand it. It would save the county money, that's why they're happy with  
6 being put off about it. If I'm wrong, someone tell me.

7 Delegate Hogan.

8 DELEGATE HOGAN: I would ask, and  
9 appreciate the Senator's motion and that he is withdrawing the motion, I  
10 would just say that we don't want these in front of Technology right now, I  
11 don't believe. These proposals, as part of the pilot project, we're going to  
12 consider several different technologies, four or five different technologies  
13 that may or may not accomplish the same goals as these applications, but  
14 perhaps not the same way. I hope not to spend too much time talking about  
15 the specifics of these proposals, but rather about finding four or five good  
16 pilot sites to explore the possibility and efficiency of several different kinds  
17 of technologies, if that makes sense.

18 SENATOR RUFF: Mr. Chairman, I'll withdraw  
19 my motion.

20 MR. ARTHUR: Senator Ruff has withdrawn his  
21 motion. As I read the request, the engineering, as to how they plan to do it,  
22 was not elaborated on, so actually it would be available for any kind of  
23 technology.

24 Delegate Hogan, are you making a proposal or motion?

25 DELEGATE HOGAN: I move to table it.

1 MR. ARTHUR: You've moving to table this.

2 DELEGATE HOGAN: Yes.

3 MR. NOYES: It does not change it.

4 MR. ARTHUR: A motion is made that we table  
5 both applications, the one for Stuart and the one for Lawrenceville. The  
6 motion has been made and seconded. Any further discussion? Hearing  
7 none, all in favor say aye? (Ayes.) Opposed, like sign? (No response.) All  
8 right, they're tabled.

9 That brings us down to Campbell County. Campbell County  
10 wanted 10,000 for a tourist brochure, and the Staff recommended no funding  
11 for that, and it has not been our policy to do that type of thing. Do I hear any  
12 discussion?

13 DELEGATE HOGAN: Mr. Chairman, I move the  
14 Staff's recommendation.

15 MR. OWENS: Second.

16 MR. ARTHUR: A motion has been made and  
17 seconded that we accept the Staff's recommendation. Any further  
18 discussion? If not, all in favor signify by saying aye? (Ayes.) Opposed, like  
19 sign? (No response.)

20 Moving right along. Franklin County Blue Ridge Foundation -  
21 Improvements to Virginia's State Center for Blue Ridge Folklore. Tim,  
22 would you like to discuss that?

23 SENATOR RUFF: Mr. Chairman, we've already  
24 spent that money. Is it properly before us?

25 MR. ARTHUR: You mean all of it? You've got a

1 good point there.

2 DELEGATE HOGAN: Mr. Chairman, I move we  
3 table this.

4 MR. ARTHUR: That's actually the  
5 recommendation of the Staff, but you're right. Since we approved the others.  
6 It's been moved and seconded that we table this motion. Do I hear any  
7 further discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye? (Ayes.) Opposed,  
8 like sign? (No response.) It's tabled.

9 Moving down to Mecklenburg County, the Roanoke River  
10 Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project.

11 Mr. Noyes, would you tell us about that?

12 MR. NOYES: Staff has recommended that this  
13 request be tabled for the time being. We thought it was not clear in the  
14 application that was initially provided to us that there was not sufficient  
15 capacity existing in the South Hill Wastewater Treatment facility to meet  
16 short-term needs and that the application had not addressed alternatives to  
17 very substantial Tobacco Commission financing for this initiative. There  
18 were several problems that Staff looked forward to having an opportunity to  
19 work with the county and South Hill officials to get resolved. We  
20 recommended the matter be tabled and that we work out the problems as  
21 quickly as they can be worked out.

22 DELEGATE HOGAN: Mr. Chairman, I would so  
23 move.

24 MR. OWENS: Second.

25 MR. ARTHUR: The motion has been made and

1 seconded. Any discussion?

2 SENATOR RUFF: There are people here from  
3 Mecklenburg County who have come up here to discuss this. They did talk  
4 to Tim and Neal outside, and I think they certainly, if they came, that they  
5 would like to, or I think we should invite them to speak if they want to.

6 MR. ARTHUR: Does anyone want to speak to  
7 this?

8 MR. CARTER: Yes. My name is Wayne Carter  
9 from Mecklenburg County. There are others here, too, that might want to  
10 speak. Thank you for having us.

11 We were always, it was always the plan of Mecklenburg and  
12 Brunswick Counties with regard to the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant  
13 to have capacity so that we could take care of the business. The County is  
14 not in the water and sewer business. We have an agreement with the Town  
15 of South Hill that we'll take 250,000 gallons per day from that park, that's  
16 the maximum they will take. Several of the industries that we have been  
17 looking at and have submitted projects on are 400,000 gallons per day. We  
18 will not have enough capacity if we get one of those to actually take care of  
19 that. The 1,000,000 gallons can be jointly owned with Mecklenburg and  
20 Brunswick Counties, so these two localities will be using the Roanoke River  
21 Regional Business Park and any of those businesses, and primarily industries  
22 east of the I-85 corridor.

23 MR. ARTHUR: Thank you. Any questions?

24 SENATOR RUFF: Do you have any commitment  
25 from Staff that they will meet and try to work out these issues with you all?

1 Would that be acceptable at this point?

2 MR. CARTER: If that's what the Commission  
3 would like us to do with the Staff, we'd be glad to work out any details.

4 DELEGATE WRIGHT: Is there a possibility of  
5 this being done so that we can bring it up at the full Commission meeting  
6 next week? Can we discuss that with Staff, Tim? Do you think that would  
7 be a possibility, ironing out the differences that exist, or the concerns?

8 MR. PFOHL: Delegate Wright, in light of the  
9 conversations today it sounds like there's a draft agreement that would  
10 outline the ownership and physical improvements that we could see in the  
11 next week. It's a draft and probably won't be executed next week, but we  
12 could see the basic parameters of the agreement. I think there's the issue of  
13 revenues and operating costs, and I suspect the county could probably  
14 provide that for us, provide some projections and incremental operating  
15 expenses and revenues and see how those numbers match up. Then, it boils  
16 down to a couple of policy questions as far as the amount of retail usage, and  
17 probably we'll get some more, clearer information about that in the next  
18 week.

19 DELEGATE WRIGHT: Does that time table  
20 work?

21 MR. CARTER: We want to make that time table  
22 work.

23 SENATOR RUFF: Mr. Chairman, just to follow  
24 up on that, if the details can be worked out, would you be willing to call a  
25 meeting prior to the full Commission meeting in Roanoke?

1 MR. ARTHUR: Next week?

2 SENATOR RUFF: Yes.

3 MR. ARTHUR: We've got a meeting Wednesday  
4 anyway, you mean the morning of the meeting. Let's look again at the  
5 money involved here. You're looking at more money requested than they  
6 totally have in their allocation. The other Mecklenburg request, the Staff has  
7 recommended a partial funding. We've got to look at how to handle that if  
8 we're going to look, or bring it up.

9 SENATOR RUFF: I think the details have to be  
10 worked out, but you are not opposed to having a meeting?

11 MR. ARTHUR: I'm not opposed to meeting, if it's  
12 something we can do in just a matter of minutes before the regular meeting.

13 SENATOR RUFF: That's correct.

14 MR. ARTHUR: No, I'm not.

15 MR. NOYES: Mr. Chairman, has the county had  
16 an opportunity to consult with the Virginia Resources Authority and with  
17 Rural Development to make a determination as to whether or not there are  
18 alternative sources of funding between now and next week?

19 MR. CARTER: I can't make a promise, but we can  
20 attempt to.

21 MR. ARTHUR: I feel like the time frame we're  
22 talking about here is too short to do this. We can certainly handle it in our  
23 October or November meeting, whenever the meeting is. We could have a  
24 meeting before them, and they would have had time to work it out.

25 MR. NOYES: I'm certain that in advance of the

1 scheduled meeting in October there would be time to come to a resolution of  
2 all of the issues that the Staff has raised.

3 MR. ARTHUR: Senator Ruff, does that sound like  
4 something you can live with?

5 SENATOR RUFF: Mr. Chairman, I'd say that if  
6 things could be worked out next week it would be fine, and if they can't, I  
7 think, or I'm kind of getting a signal from the county that they could do it by  
8 October. Is that correct?

9 MR. CARTER: We'll work with you, sir, yes.

10 MR. ARTHUR: Mr. Noyes, would you work with  
11 these people and the Staff in order to try to see if we can get our questions  
12 satisfied next week? If not, look toward the October meeting, whenever it  
13 happens to be. At that time we'll know what our funding is.

14 MR. NOYES: Yes.

15 MR. ARTHUR: I have a motion that has been  
16 made and seconded, any further discussion? Would somebody restate the  
17 motion?

18 DELEGATE HOGAN: The motion has been made  
19 to table it.

20 MR. ARTHUR: The motion is made to table it.  
21 All in favor signify by saying aye? (Ayes.) Opposed, like sign? (No  
22 response.) The motion is tabled.

23 The other Mecklenburg request is the Lake Country Enrichment  
24 and Education Center. Do you want to handle this, Ned, or do you want Tim  
25 to do it?

1 MR. NOYES: Tim is going to handle the  
2 discussion of the individual projects.

3 MR. ARTHUR: Tim.

4 MR. PFOHL: The Education and Enrichment  
5 Center Project is one that I would suggest is almost a direct parallel to the  
6 project that this Committee funded last year in Lunenburg with the old  
7 Kenbridge High School. The Staff approached these projects in a similar  
8 way. We worked with the applicant to identify a building that has a variety  
9 of uses, including recreation and social civic uses, what square footage could  
10 be identified as programs that are a good fit with the Commission's mission  
11 and the Long Range Plan.

12 There are basically two programs that the applicant is proposing  
13 to house in this building. One would be a new site for the Verizon Family  
14 Literary Center, and the second would be some construction trades training  
15 offered by Southside Community College. Generally, this is about 27  
16 percent of the square footage of the building.

17 So what we did with Kenbridge High School, we suggested that  
18 the Committee fund a similar percentage of the cash need for constructing  
19 this program. The cash need is well in excess of 600,000 after you factor out  
20 all of the in-kind donations that the applicant organization has put together.  
21 We're basically proposing that you fund 30 percent to bump that up to factor  
22 in the common areas in the building and so forth, to give them some margin  
23 for those common spaces. Roughly 30 percent of 600,000 in cash is needed  
24 to build the facility, that's why the Staff recommendation in front of you is  
25 for 200,000 funding.

1 I'd also like to mention, Mr. Chairman, this is an example of the  
2 Staff's role of working in an advisory capacity with applicants. Had a lot of  
3 conversation back and forth with the applicants who sent us a pre-  
4 application and then ultimately a full application. Britt did a lot of work in  
5 reviewing the documents with the applicants. We suggested they contact  
6 some other funding agencies. It looks like this type of project would be a  
7 very good fit for USDA's community facilities programs, potentially a fit for  
8 the DHCD community development block grant program. We suggested  
9 they could also approach those other funders to fill in the gap for the  
10 financing of the construction.

11 MR. ARTHUR: Thank you, Tim.

12 MR. NOYES: Mr. Chairman, I'd also point out  
13 that Tim and I have offered to facilitate the meetings on behalf of the  
14 applicant with other funding agencies.

15 MR. ARTHUR: Any further discussion?

16 SENATOR RUFF: Mr. Chairman, there was some  
17 discussion that was held a while ago, and the applicant indicated they  
18 believed that the fund raising would be easier to get if they had a shell  
19 building. It would take a little more than 200,000 to accomplish that.

20 Tim, do you have any comments on that?

21 MR. PFOHL: The applicants indicated to us, and  
22 they are here, and they can speak to that, they could get the building shell  
23 built for about 300,000. That would be their request, that the grant be  
24 recommended to the full Commission at 300,000. They're also in the midst  
25 of a fund raising campaign and are approaching people who would pledge

1 cash toward the construction. I guess you could argue that some of those  
2 cash pledges could be used toward construction, but at this point we  
3 probably need to defer to the applicants to answer any questions.

4 MR. ARTHUR: Is the applicant here?

5 MR. DAVIDSON: Yes, my name is Joe Davidson.  
6 I'm the President of the organization. We feel like 50,000 would push us  
7 over and enable us, along with our own local funding, to build the shell  
8 buildings. It would give our organization a great deal of legitimacy, and  
9 certainly we could move up in the accomplishment of building our capital  
10 fund up to move the timetable much further along. This would facilitate  
11 additional grants with our shell building. We feel like the training force is  
12 needed badly in the Clarksville area. Roughly a third of our citizens have  
13 not graduated from high school. The training and retraining of our citizens  
14 is certainly a major factor. We're grateful for what you have proposed, but  
15 we would like to have an additional 50,000.

16 MR. ARTHUR: Thank you. Do I hear a motion?

17 DELEGATE WRIGHT: I move that we provide  
18 250,000.

19 MR. ARTHUR: Is there a second?

20 SENATOR RUFF: Second.

21 MR. ARTHUR: Any further discussion?

22 MR. OWENS: Mr. Chairman, for clarity sake, Mr.  
23 Chairman. If we're going to use workforce development in only 27 percent  
24 of the building, and the whole project is still 600,000 and that's what they're  
25 asking for, that means we're going to be funding a portion of the YMCA.

1 MR. ARTHUR: Probably so.

2 MR. OWENS: So when the next YMCA comes,  
3 are we going to do the same thing? I'd like to know before I vote. That's the  
4 reason I think the Staff recommended 200,000, just to be the workforce  
5 training portion.

6 MS. NYHOLM: That seems to be a good theory.

7 MR. OWENS: Two hundred fifty thousand,  
8 saying we're going to fund some of the Y, which I don't think the  
9 Commission said, or we said, we weren't going to do that. Would it be right  
10 to do it?

11 MR. ARTHUR: Well, that's supported by your  
12 vote.

13 MS. NYHOLM: I make a motion that we fund the  
14 portion --

15 MR. ARTHUR: -- We have a motion already on  
16 the floor.

17 DELEGATE HOGAN: Mr. Chairman, I'd make a  
18 substitute motion to accept Staff's recommendation.

19 MR. ARTHUR: You heard the substitute motion.

20 SENATOR RUFF: Mr. Chairman, before you  
21 vote, I'd like to ask, I'm going to abstain from this, because I served as  
22 Chairman of the Verizon Learning Center. I get no compensation for that,  
23 but I'll abstain from this vote.

24 MR. ARTHUR: So noted.

25 We have a substitute motion that we fund the Staff's

1 recommendation.

2 DELEGATE WRIGHT: Mr. Chairman, I'll  
3 withdraw my motion.

4 MR. ARTHUR: All right, we still have the  
5 substitute.

6 DELEGATE HOGAN: I made the substitute, but I  
7 don't think --

8 MR. ARTHUR: -- All right, we have a substitute  
9 motion made and seconded that we accept Staff's recommendation. Any  
10 further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor signify by saying aye?  
11 (Ayes.) Opposed, like sign? (No response.) We'll accept Staff's  
12 recommendation.

13 We've now come to the Patrick County Board of Supervisors,  
14 which we've already tabled in conjunction with the other broadband deal.

15 Skipping on down to the Town of Stuart - Tourism Wayfinding  
16 Signs, 20,000. The Staff recommended not funding that.

17 DELEGATE HOGAN: I would so move.

18 MR. ARTHUR: A motion has been made and  
19 seconded that we accept the Staff's recommendation. Any discussion? All in  
20 favor signify by saying aye? (Ayes.) Opposed, like sign? (No response.)

21 Pittsylvania County - Route 58 East Waterline. Pittsylvania  
22 County has asked to have theirs withdrawn, and it will be submitted at a later  
23 date with some minor changes. So, that request has been tabled at their  
24 request.

25 That completes our work. I'd like to thank everyone for their

1 participation, and I'd like to thank the people that came to hear us today. The  
2 floor is open for any public comments from anybody that would like to talk  
3 to us. Does anyone have anything they'd like to talk to us about?

4 We do have to set the next meeting date. It's been requested by  
5 the Executive Director that we state we're going to hold a meeting sometime  
6 in October ahead of the full Commission meeting. They will poll for the  
7 dates that suit everyone. Does anybody have a problem with October?

8 All right, hearing no further comments, do I have a motion to  
9 adjourn? So moved, we're adjourned.

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