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**VIRGINIA TOBACCO INDEMNIFICATION
AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION COMMISSION**

701 East Franklin Street, Suite 501
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Southside Economic Development Committee Meeting

Wednesday, July 25, 2007
4:00 p.m.

Wygat Music Hall
Longwood University
Farmville, Virginia

1 **APPEARANCES:**

2 Mr. Thomas W. Arthur, Chairman

3 Mr. Clarence D. Bryant, III

4 Mr. Scott M. Harwood, Sr.

5 Mr. L. Jackson Hite

6 The Honorable Harrison A. Moody

7 Ms. Connie G. Nyholm

8 The Honorable Edward Owens

9 The Honorable Thomas C. Wright, Jr.

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11 COMMISSION STAFF:

12 Mr. Neal Noyes, Executive Director

13 Mr. Timothy J. Pfohl, Grants Program Administration Manager

14 Ms. Stephanie Wass, Director of Finance

15 Ms. Britt Nelson, Grants Coordinator, Southside Virginia

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17 OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL:

18 Mr. Francis N. Ferguson, Deputy Attorney General, Counsel for the

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1 MR. ARTHUR: I call this meeting to order. This
2 will be a rather short meeting of the Southside Economic Development
3 Committee. We're going to cover some issues that were tabled to this short
4 meeting. One of the issues we have received additional information on since
5 the last meeting, so we'll re-address that problem.

6 With that, I want to thank you all for coming and being here,
7 everybody has been patient, and we'll try to move this right along.

8 With that, Neal, would you call the roll, please?

9 MR. NOYES: Mr. Arthur?

10 MR. ARTHUR: Here.

11 MR. NOYES: Senator Ruff?

12 SENATOR RUFF: (No response.)

13 MR. NOYES: Mr. Bryant?

14 MR. BRYANT: Here.

15 MR. NOYES: Delegate Byron?

16 DELEGATE BYRON: (No response.)

17 MR. NOYES: Mr. Day?

18 MR. DAY: (No response.)

19 MR. NOYES: Secretary Gottschalk?

20 SECRETARY GOTTSCHALK: (No response.)

21 MR. NOYES: Mr. Harwood?

22 MR. HARWOOD: Here.

23 MR. NOYES: Mr. Hite?

24 MR. HITE: Here.

25 MR. NOYES: Delegate Hogan?

1 DELEGATE HOGAN: (No response.)

2 MR. NOYES: Mr. Moody?

3 MR. MOODY: Here.

4 MR. NOYES: Ms. Nyholm?

5 MS. NYHOLM: Here.

6 MR. NOYES: Mr. Owens?

7 MR. OWENS: Here.

8 MR. NOYES: Delegate Wright?

9 DELEGATE WRIGHT: Here.

10 MR. NOYES: Mr. Chairman, you have a quorum.

11 MR. ARTHUR: Thank you.

12 We have three issues to address, and I'd like to take the one that
13 should not be any problem and have staff explain to us the revisiting of the
14 Greenville County item.

15 MR. PFOHL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This has
16 to do with the proposal that the Committee passed on two weeks ago
17 involving Greenville County and the Southside Virginia Workforce
18 Development Center which is under construction in Greenville County. It's
19 the Regional Partnership.

20 The staff initially advised the Committee two weeks ago,
21 because the principal user of the facility is a related party to the
22 Commonwealth in the form of the Southside Virginia Community College.
23 Secondly, that restricted funds were being requested for this phase of
24 construction that we were running into problems staying in compliance
25 staying with the tax-exempt bonds that were issued three years ago.

1 We subsequently learned last year that when Greenville
2 County was funded from their allocation for this very same project, our bond
3 counsel was able to construct a grant agreement that Southside Community
4 College is a party to, where they make certain provisions that do keep us in
5 compliance with the tax-exempt bonds. Consequently, Greenville indicated
6 to us that they would like for you to reconsider their proposal for \$189,404.

7 Staff is confident that the bond counsel will help us fund this
8 from restricted funds and stay in good standing with the IRS.

9 MR. HITE: Mr. Chairman, I move adoption of
10 staff's recommendation, subject to bond counsel's input.

11 MR. ARTHUR: A motion has been made, and it's
12 been moved and seconded that we accept the staff's recommendation. Any
13 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor signify by saying aye? (Ayes.)
14 Opposed, like sign? (No response.) The ayes have it.

15 The next issue involves two locations in the same area
16 requesting the same funds and exactly the same amount, all of the allocation.
17 It was tabled, allowing Delegate Hogan and Mr. Harwood over here to solve
18 this problem. I'd like to call on Mr. Harwood to tell us what he has found
19 out.

20 MR. HARWOOD: Delegate Hogan, I did confer
21 with him on the telephone this afternoon, and I think what Delegate Hogan
22 and I are going to suggest is that the money be split between the two
23 localities and let us individually work with them. He thinks some of the
24 funding can be cut and the remaining funding for the project can be found
25 elsewhere within the next year, which should suit the time frame of both

1 projects.

2 MR. ARTHUR: That sounds like King Herod,
3 split the baby, in my opinion.

4 MR. HARWOOD: That was his suggestion, and I
5 personally though Clarke would be here at four o'clock.

6 MR. ARTHUR: What I see here is that we've got
7 one project ready to go, and we've got one still working on approval from
8 the contractor, which may or may not come, probably will. The decision
9 we've got to make this afternoon is, do we go with staff or do we change it.
10 I believe that's the discussion we've got here.

11 Does anybody want to add anything? Do we want to make a
12 motion we go ahead with staff?

13 MR. BRYANT: I'll make a motion that we accept
14 the staff's recommendation.

15 MR. ARTHUR: A motion has been made that we
16 accept the staff's recommendation.

17 MR. HITE: I'll second the motion.

18 MR. ARTHUR: The motion has been seconded.
19 Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of staff's recommendation
20 signify by saying aye? (Ayes.) All opposed? (No response.) We'll go with
21 the staff's recommendation.

22 That concludes our business, does anyone want to say
23 anything? Any public comment? Hearing none, do we have a motion to
24 adjourn?

25 DELEGATE WRIGHT: So move.

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MR. ARTHUR: We're adjourned.

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Given under my hand this 6th day of August, 2007.

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