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**Southwest Economic Development Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, September 23, 2015  
8:00 A.M.

Wytheville Meeting Center  
Wytheville, Virginia

1 **APPEARANCES:**

2 The Honorable Charles W. Carrico, Sr., Chairman  
3 Ms. Rebecca Coleman  
4 Ms. Mary Rae Carter, Special Advisor for Rural Partnerships  
5 Mr. H. Ronnie Montgomery  
6 The Honorable Will Morefield  
7 The Honorable Ralph K. Smith  
8 Mr. Richard Sutherland

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10 COMMISSION STAFF:

11 Mr. Evan Feinman – Executive Director  
12 Mr. Ned Stephenson – Deputy Executive Director  
13 Mr. Timothy S. Pfohl – Grants Program Administration  
14 Director  
15 Ms. Sara G. Williams – Grants Program Administrator,  
16 Southwest Virginia  
17 Ms. Jessica Stamper – Grants Assistant, Southwest Virginia  
18 Ms. Stacey Richardson – Executive Assistant

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21 Ms. Elizabeth B. Myers, Assistant Attorney General  
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23 Ms. Kristina Stoney, Senior Assistant Attorney General  
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1 SENATOR CARRICO: Good morning, I'll  
2 call the Southwest Economic Development Committee meeting  
3 to order.

4 MR. FEINMAN: Roll call, Senator  
5 Carrico?

6 SENATOR CARRICO: Here.

7 MR. FEINMAN: Ms. Coleman?

8 MS. COLEMAN: Here.

9 MR. FEINMAN: Ms. Carter?

10 MS. CARTER: Here.

11 MR. FEINMAN: Mr. Montgomery?

12 MR. MONTGOMERY: Present.

13 MR. FEINMAN: Delegate Morefield?

14 DELEGATE MOREFIELD: Here.

15 MR. FEINMAN: Senator Smith?

16 SENATOR SMITH: Here.

17 MR. FEINMAN: Mr. Sutherland?

18 MR. SUTHERLAND: Here.

19 MR. FEINMAN: You have a quorum, Mr.  
20 Chairman.

21 SENATOR CARRICO: Thank you. Let's  
22 start with number 3066, the Smyth Washington Regional  
23 Industrial Facilities Authority. I think they have some more  
24 information that we didn't have in the request. So Jason, if  
25 you'd come forward and tell us what you have for us.

1 MR. BERRY: Good morning, Mr.  
2 Chairman. I'm Jason Berry, Washington County  
3 Administrator. I've got Rob Cornett the manager of our service  
4 authority with me. The request is to increase the water  
5 capacity to the Highlands Business Park. At its current rate  
6 it's 15,000 gallons per day and we'd like to increase it to  
7 100,000 gallons per day to meet the current capacity of the  
8 sewers, which is 100,000 gallons per day.

9 The need for this request actually we've  
10 got a new company moving from Phoenix to Washington  
11 County and that will be 140 jobs, \$14 million in capital  
12 investment. This company makes hand sanitizers that the  
13 Commission is aware of through a TROF grant. They have  
14 new products like hand wipes. The bottom line is that as the  
15 company moves from Phoenix is their main product right now.  
16 They sell to CVS, Walgreens, Krogers, Amazon, et cetera.  
17 They make 40,000 bottles of this per day. They are planning  
18 to go to 200,000 bottles per day in Washington County and  
19 that's just one product. All the other products like wipes and  
20 smaller bottles for airplanes and this will eat up the capacity.  
21 The bottom line is that the capacity of water just for this one  
22 company, newly established will be about 7,000 gallons per  
23 day and almost fifty percent return capacity.

24 The SWIFA Board and the Authority has  
25 partnered together with a \$2.1 million project to provide this

1 capacity. Just a few weeks ago SWIFA stepped up provided  
2 an additional \$250,000 of their money to put toward this  
3 project. The original request was a half million dollars and we  
4 plan to reduce that and ask for \$250,000. We've got some  
5 money from the service authority, we've got some ARC money  
6 and the request from the Tobacco Commission is for 250.

7 I'll be happy to take any questions.

8 SENATOR CARRICO: You mentioned the  
9 ARC money, do you already have that grant?

10 MR. CORNETT: This is due next week.  
11 That's an application being filed for approval of this request.

12 SENATOR CARRICO: Any Committee  
13 members have any questions?

14 DELEGATE KILGORE: You refer to the  
15 VRA at the last meeting.

16 MR. PFOHL: Yes, at the September 2<sup>nd</sup>  
17 Committee meeting Mr. Chairman, the staff recommended and  
18 the Committee voted to send this to VRA for the long program.  
19 This is one of several revenue generating projects for the  
20 Southwest this year. This would be leading up to a decision  
21 either for a loan or some sort of grant package.

22 SENATOR CARRICO: Any other  
23 questions? What the county is asking for is a reduction of  
24 3066 from 500 to 250. I know from the tallies I see here  
25 there's 681,019, I think, but probably if we're going to approve

1 there probably should be some contingency upon receiving  
2 ARC money to move forward on the grant.

3 MS. COLEMAN: Mr. Chairman, the  
4 capacity, that's not federal match involved?

5 MR. CORNETT: Yes, that's correct.

6 SENATOR CARRICO: Anyone else?  
7 We've got a request before us, do I hear a motion?

8 MS. COLEMAN: I'd make a motion as  
9 long as we have the ARC money.

10 SENATOR CARRICO: Contingent upon  
11 the ARC money. There's a motion to fund \$250,000  
12 contingent upon the ARC grant being approved. Is there a  
13 second? Well, hearing none, so we have no second on that.

14 There's one thing I skipped over, I know  
15 we felt at the last meeting that we approved at the last meeting  
16 the 5/21 minutes. I need a motion on the last ones.

17 MR. MONTGOMERY: So moved.

18 SENATOR CARRICO: There's been a  
19 motion to approve the 9/2/15 minutes. We've got a second.  
20 All in favor say aye. (Ayes.) Opposed? (No response.) The  
21 minutes are approved from 9/2.

22 Yesterday, and I assume we'll bring it up  
23 today, we had a meeting with the Executive Committee to  
24 discuss the LMU project that was in this Committee and  
25 discussing language for the policy, I'm sorry, Strategic Plan.

1 Policy bylaws, it's the Strategic Plan stating that we should not  
2 approve dollars for projects that have already been paid for.  
3 The Executive Committee listened to that and referred it back  
4 to Southwest because it's believed that even though the  
5 language is should not there is a leeway for the Committee to  
6 be able to do, it's permissive language and it's not etched in  
7 stone.

8 So we have the LMU project back before  
9 us and that's a \$5.2 million project according to the amount  
10 requested. We also heard testimony in the Executive  
11 Committee.

12 DELEGATE KILGORE: It was sent back  
13 to the Southwest Committee to try to come up with a solution  
14 to the problem. They had to move faster than they originally  
15 thought. They were faster than our grant cycle. What I would  
16 like us to consider, it has to be approved by the full  
17 Commission is that we help them with the debt service in  
18 whatever amount we agree to. This is a big project for Lee  
19 County and it's a huge economic driver. When you look at the  
20 \$11 million that was put back in the budget or general fund  
21 that came from the King School of Medicine, which we didn't  
22 give to the medical college; then you look in Southside where  
23 we funded the Southside at Liberty and the one in Southwest  
24 we didn't do that. That money went back in the general fund.

25 I know yesterday we committed \$5



1 specifically on this project, the staff has said many times it's a  
2 good project but I want to prepare the Committee for likely  
3 volume of requests that you all will need to say no to if we  
4 agree to this. And that's something that I want to put out  
5 there on your radar. In one instance when we had this  
6 previously that would pay down expenditures that had already  
7 been made and there's a lot of people who have spent money  
8 already and they're all going to come before you all and ask for  
9 reimbursement. The budget won't change. There will be more  
10 applicants than there's money available and there will be a lot  
11 more nos to be said. So I just wanted to make the Committee  
12 aware of that.

13 SENATOR CARRICO: I think that also  
14 was discussed pretty extensively in the Executive Committee  
15 and that is if we do in this new policy and that is if we do  
16 reach a new policy that we shouldn't be funding any projects  
17 after they have been paid for then that at some point we'll be  
18 facing things in the future. I know it's a big decision for the  
19 Committee but this is one project I think that we've been  
20 involved in and we've been invested in already. We've had a  
21 lot of discussion on it this morning.

22 MR. MONTGOMERY: I understand this  
23 debt was incurred in the spring of this year in order to  
24 complete the building that houses 200 students there.

25 MR. DEBUSK: Yes.

1 MR. MONTGOMERY: This is my fourth  
2 term on the Tobacco Commission and this is the only project I  
3 remember and I know that they were ready to go when we  
4 heard about it and they went ahead and built it. The  
5 difference in the strategic plan and it doesn't say shall not.  
6 But as you read the statute it's not shall, it's may. If it's  
7 generally says not, I mean, and I understand this but this  
8 money and as I understand it maybe this was June of this  
9 year and that didn't meet our schedule, is that right?

10 DR. JOHNSON: The documents  
11 Chairman Carrico has before him and those loans were made  
12 the beginning of May, which is the same time we sent in our  
13 correspondence to you. We had to continue on with the  
14 project and get it built for the students coming in. We really  
15 didn't have a choice there. I hope I've answered your  
16 questions.

17 SENATOR CARRICO: Stay right there for  
18 a moment in case we have other questions. Does any  
19 Committee member have a question?

20 MS. CARTER: I want to make sure I  
21 understand what we're talking about here, the proposal here.  
22 The proposal is to give money to Lincoln Memorial to basically  
23 help them with their debt service, right?

24 SENATOR CARRICO: Correct.

25 MS. CARTER: And the proposal is for \$6

1 million?

2 SENATOR CARRICO: I don't think  
3 there's a proposal for an amount yet. I think that's for this  
4 Committee to decide as to how much we would do and then  
5 based on what the full Commission when we meet in a little  
6 while wants to do.

7 MS. CARTER: I have another question.

8 SENATOR CARRICO: Ms. Carter?

9 MS. CARTER: Yesterday in the Executive  
10 Committee meeting we talked about the fact that we had a  
11 strategic plan that was adopted in 2012.

12 SENATOR CARRICO: Correct.

13 MS. CARTER: Our legal counsel and Liz  
14 if you don't mind would you state again what you said in the  
15 Executive Committee meeting that if we choose to do this,  
16 we've never done it before.

17 MS. MYERS: Certainly. While the  
18 statements that have been made and this language  
19 interpreted to be permissive with the word should and my  
20 advice is that you're opening yourself up to not only a slew of  
21 new requests, I think as the director mentioned, but simply  
22 criticism for being, for not following your own policy. Does  
23 that answer your question?

24 MS. CARTER: Yes, thank you. I have  
25 another question, Mr. Chairman.

1 SENATOR CARRICO: Ms. Carter?

2 MS. CARTER: I worry that we are truly  
3 going to go down a slippery slope with this project. This  
4 project is a worthy project and there's no question about that.  
5 If we decide that we're going to give our grant fund money to  
6 an entity without being preapproved as we've always done, if  
7 we are truly, truly going down a slippery slope and for that  
8 reason I cannot support that.

9 SENATOR CARRICO: Any further  
10 comment or questions? I remind the Committee that we have  
11 \$681,019 as remaining there. So anything that the  
12 Committee feels we should do or any motions that we have or  
13 if we recommend –

14 DELEGATE KILGORE: If you have a  
15 motion.

16 SENATOR CARRICO: Any motions you  
17 may want to include that this includes this use by the general  
18 fund, not by the Southwest, it's not there.

19 DR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman, may I  
20 offer a point of clarification?

21 SENATOR CARRICO: Yes, you may.

22 DR. JOHNSON: You said the grant was  
23 not timely made, I just wanted to make sure that it was, the  
24 communication actually went in ahead of the July deadline  
25 and we turned around and the grant request was in there in a

1 timely fashion and all of our paperwork was on time. I wanted  
2 to make sure that was clarified.

3 MS. CARTER: Then I'm confused.

4 DR. JOHNSON: There is a grant request  
5 sitting in Southwest.

6 MS. CARTER: But this would be used to  
7 retire the debt?

8 DR. JOHNSON: Yes.

9 MR. DEBUSK: I think there's a paper  
10 trail all the way back. I don't think we missed a lick. You can  
11 always go back and look at it.

12 MR. FEINMAN: Mr. Chairman, the grant  
13 request was timely within our cycle and the thing that didn't  
14 match up was their necessary construction cycle with our  
15 funding cycle. They got all the paperwork in on time but they  
16 needed to build sooner than this body could act. So that's  
17 what was out of time. The rest of our grants, what we do is we  
18 approve it and then they build. They had to build  
19 simultaneously with the paperwork.

20 DELEGATE KILGORE: I think the  
21 difference there is that they just had to build.

22 SENATOR CARRICO: The number of  
23 projects we see here that we've seen because they're not fully  
24 developed as the Commission requested this one got ahead of  
25 us.

1 DELEGATE MOREFIELD: Mr.  
2 Chairman?

3 SENATOR CARRICO: Delegate  
4 Morefield?

5 DELEGATE MOREFIELD: Mr. Chairman,  
6 Lincoln Memorial's closest competitor within the region, who  
7 would that be?

8 MR. DEBUSK: The University of  
9 Tennessee at Knoxville.

10 DELEGATE MOREFIELD: When  
11 comparing and I think there was reference made yesterday to  
12 the cost of tuition for LMU. If you compare the cost to attend  
13 LMU versus a state institution, you have a rough estimate of  
14 that cost?

15 MR. DEBUSK: You see the state schools  
16 if you're a student from the state you get a state discount. I  
17 think it's 28-30,000. Private schools run somewhere around  
18 forty-some. Remember that states will only take so many from  
19 the state because they need the income from out of state  
20 students. A great deal of the budget is planned on having out  
21 of state students because they'll be paying the forty to 45,000  
22 a year. Sometime some of the student, it runs up to 45 or  
23 50,000, so that's the way that works.

24 DELEGATE MOREFIELD: Mr. DeBusk,  
25 in your opinion, do you believe that it's going to be harder and

1 harder for private institution like yourself to compete with the  
2 state universities?

3 MR. DEBUSK: Would you ask that  
4 again?

5 DELEGATE MOREFIELD: Do you believe  
6 that it's going to become harder to compete with state  
7 universities?

8 MR. DEBUSK: Not at the graduate level.  
9 The medical school at LMU gets four and a half thousand  
10 applications per year but we have a mission, we always take  
11 the Appalachian people first, the states can't do that. At the  
12 veterinary medicine school, I think we have nine hundred to a  
13 thousand applications to it would just, we're in the right  
14 space; we're in the poorest county of the state and we do raise  
15 tobacco, a lot of tobacco and in fact more than anyone else in  
16 Southwest Virginia. If you need to have a history of tobacco  
17 background, this is what we're about. We're a tobacco area.  
18 Our roots go back. We raise over a hundred acres of tobacco a  
19 year in Lee County. We have some basic roots that this  
20 money was meant for in my opinion. But this is almost like  
21 hey, you did too good a job and we'd rather have it drug out  
22 for years and it may happen and money goes here and money  
23 goes there. We haven't wasted one penny. We did it right.  
24 And we're honest people.

25 DELEGATE MOREFIELD: I'd like to

1 make a comment, Mr. Chairman. I do commend you for your  
2 efforts in staying ahead of the game on this. In reference to  
3 the comment I made on competition with state universities, I  
4 read an article the other day that the University of Virginia is  
5 going to be requesting an additional \$115 million from the  
6 General Assembly in addition to the budget in the next budget  
7 and a large percentage of that is for operational purposes. I  
8 have great concern with the costs that are increasing at these  
9 state universities and the cost of tuition.

10 Here we have a project, and I think  
11 reference was made yesterday this will have a tremendous  
12 impact on Lee County. If you look at what's happening right  
13 now on the Wall Street market and also some universities are  
14 competing with other universities. There's an attraction of  
15 being located in large areas versus the rural areas. Now, we  
16 have an opportunity here where the closest competition is  
17 down in Knoxville. As I said yesterday, the Commission was  
18 set up for one purpose, to make sound investments. I do  
19 respect the Secretary's comment that we have to be very  
20 careful not to set a precedent and we could be going down a  
21 slippery slope but we do and I don't want to set a precedent  
22 but we do have the right as Commission members to look at  
23 these case by case decisions. We are held accountable for the  
24 decisions we make. The individual bodies that appoint us to  
25 these positions on the board will hold us accountable for what

1 we do.

2 I think we have a tremendous  
3 opportunity here to make a sound investment. When you look  
4 at the numbers from yesterday, 154% match for LMU and  
5 that's incredible. You tell me what project has come before  
6 this Committee that has made such a diligent effort on their  
7 own behalf as far as the match is concerned. We should be  
8 using you as a role model to set a precedent for future projects  
9 that come before this Commission.

10 Mr. Chairman, I'm going to make a  
11 recommendation or a motion that we refer this to the full  
12 Commission for this request.

13 SENATOR CARRICO: You're going to ask  
14 for the full grant request, so as I stated before, there's  
15 \$681,000 with this Committee. If you look at your motion and  
16 include the general fund, that's where the money would be  
17 coming from. So do you want to make that motion? Or I  
18 would suggest that it would come from the general fund, not  
19 from Southwest.

20 DELEGATE MOREFIELD: And what's the  
21 reason?

22 SENATOR CARRICO: For the reason we  
23 don't have it.

24 DELEGATE KILGORE: I just wanted to  
25 make a point that \$11 million I believe went into the general

1 fund originally with Southwest but we've already spent \$5  
2 million and that was for the VRA loan package or marketing  
3 for the loans.

4 DELEGATE MOREFIELD: If we make  
5 that motion for this Committee to refer it to the full  
6 Commission, does the full Commission have the option of  
7 amending that request?

8 SENATOR CARRICO: Do you want to  
9 leave your motion the same or do you want to amend it?

10 MR. FEINMAN: What specifically is the  
11 motion?

12 SENATOR CARRICO: The specific motion  
13 made by Delegate Morefield that we refer this project to the  
14 full Commission to be funded in the full amount.

15 DELEGATE MOREFIELD: And I would  
16 remind the Committee members this will give an opportunity  
17 to or will give an opportunity or an ability to amend to another  
18 amount if possible.

19 DELEGATE KILGORE: That may be a  
20 little bit tough to say that. They don't have five million. The  
21 \$5.2 million, I'm not sure where that –

22 DELEGATE MOREFIELD: Mr.  
23 Chairman?

24 SENATOR CARRICO: Delegate  
25 Morefield?

1 DELEGATE MOREFIELD: I'm aware of  
2 that, procedurally just to get it to the full Commission.

3 SENATOR CARRICO: We have a motion  
4 on the table and the motion is that –

5 MR. MONTGOMERY: I'll second that  
6 motion.

7 SENATOR CARRICO: All right. We have  
8 a motion and a second that the Committee refer or this  
9 Committee refer grant number 3072 in the amount of  
10 \$5,269,769 to the full Commission to be funded in its full  
11 amount. All those in favor say aye. (Ayes.) All opposed?

12 MS. CARTER: No.

13 SENATOR CARRICO: One no. All right,  
14 we'll do a roll call.

15 MR. FEINMAN: Senator Carrico?

16 SENATOR CARRICO: Yes.

17 MR. FEINMAN: Ms. Coleman?

18 MS. COLEMAN: Yes.

19 MR. FEINMAN: Ms. Carter?

20 MS. CARTER: No.

21 MR. FEINMAN: Mr. Montgomery?

22 MR. MONTGOMERY: Yes.

23 MR. FEINMAN: Delegate Morefield?

24 DELEGATE MOREFIELD: Aye.

25 MR. FEINMAN: Senator Smith?

1 SENATOR SMITH: No.

2 MR. FEINMAN: Mr. Sutherland?

3 MR. SUTHERLAND: Aye.

4 SENATOR CARRICO: The ayes have it.  
5 It will go before the full Commission. Looking at the agenda, I  
6 think that completes everything we have as far as Southwest  
7 Committee. That takes us to public comments.

8 DELEGATE MOREFIELD: Mr.  
9 Chairman?

10 SENATOR CARRICO: Delegate  
11 Morefield?

12 DELEGATE MOREFIELD: I do have a  
13 request. The meeting for the Southwest Committee, we  
14 considered a request from the birthplace of country music.  
15 Mr. Chairman, I think we have a balance of \$681,019. With  
16 permission of the Committee, I would like to make a motion to  
17 reconsider that request. We have representatives from the  
18 birthplace of country music here to explain their request.

19 SENATOR CARRICO: You're asking that  
20 we bring back up the request for the birthplace of country  
21 music number 3079?

22 MR. FEINMAN: 3079, a request for \$1  
23 million.

24 MR. RAINERO: Mr. Chairman, thank you  
25 very much. I'm John Rainero and I'm here on behalf of our

1 president who couldn't be here today. We appreciate the time  
2 this morning and we would ask for a reconsideration for a  
3 smaller amount and an amount of \$250,000. As you know, or  
4 you may not know, our \$12 million museum with the Tobacco  
5 Commission was so generous in helping us get started and it  
6 is completed and it's been a very successful project. That was  
7 the first project that the Tobacco Commission worked in  
8 conjunction with New Market tax credit funding and historic  
9 tax credit funding and we are approaching this project the  
10 same way.

11                   This is a building next door to us. It's in  
12 between the soon to be constructed Hotel Bristol and the  
13 Birthplace of Country Music Museum. We are still working on  
14 aligning all the funding mechanisms. New Market tax credit  
15 funding requires all of the funds to be available at one time.  
16 Last time you allowed us \$250,000 grant and we did redo the  
17 roof on the museum. This time we're asking for \$250,000 and  
18 this would allow us ideally to improve the building, which is  
19 between our new museum and the soon to be constructed  
20 Hotel Bristol. That would require explicit approval from the  
21 Department of Historic Resources. I'm not sure we can do  
22 that until we're ready to build the whole building. The  
23 \$250,000 currently approved would allow us to redo the roof  
24 on this building and improve some minor structural issues  
25 that would secure the building for future use as we continue

1 the process of working through New Market and historic  
2 resources tax credit funding. We are into phase two on this  
3 process.

4 So we're asking for this and it would  
5 count towards the total New Market package and let us get  
6 started on this project. We have the plans about eighty  
7 percent complete on this building. Thank you very much for  
8 your consideration and I'll be glad to answer any questions.

9 SENATOR CARRICO: Any questions from  
10 the Committee? The ask is \$250,000 and we have 681,019.

11 DELEGATE MOREFIELD: If we do not  
12 utilize the remaining balance, where does that leave us?

13 MR. FEINMAN: In this fiscal year?

14 SENATOR CARRICO: Yes, in this fiscal  
15 year.

16 MR. STEPHENSON: It's a carry forward.

17 SENATOR CARRICO: So next year this  
18 681 will be added to whatever is appropriated next year?

19 MR. STEPHENSON: Yes.

20 DELEGATE MOREFIELD: Mr. Chairman,  
21 I have a question.

22 SENATOR CARRICO: Delegate  
23 Morefield?

24 DELEGATE MOREFIELD: Mr. Rainero,  
25 this Bristol project, you better explain as far as the location,

1 how close it is to the Birthplace of Country Music?

2 MR. RAINERO: Actually the Hotel Bristol  
3 is on the same block as the Birthplace of Country Music.  
4 We're taking an old building and putting a \$12 million  
5 museum next door and an annex as we call it and that will  
6 expand our educational capabilities and our radio station.  
7 Next door to this building is the Hotel Bristol. Ideally, we  
8 would like to have construction of this building coincide with  
9 the construction of the Hotel Bristol so that we do not  
10 negatively impact their business once that hotel is up and  
11 running. They estimate that to be 2017. It's on the same  
12 block, two doors down, actually one door down.

13 DELEGATE MOREFIELD: Would you  
14 explain to the Committee the support you have received from  
15 the community as far as this project and donations?

16 MR. RAINERO: This building was  
17 acquired through a private donation of \$300,000 and we've  
18 also received a million dollar gift from a foundation, that is for  
19 the museum and not for this building. We had the festival  
20 this weekend and was highly successful. We've had quite a bit  
21 of private support and we continue to wrap up our efforts for  
22 fundraising for this building. As for the museum, that was  
23 part of the pot of money we used for New Market historic  
24 resource tax credit funding and Tobacco Commission funding.  
25 We did have a portion of that private funding and we

1 anticipate having the same setup as far as our funding  
2 mechanism for this building also.

3 SENATOR CARRICO: Anyone have any  
4 further questions? All right, grant number 3079, request for  
5 one million and now they're requesting \$250,000 and as I  
6 said, we have a balance of \$681,019. Anyone have any  
7 questions on this motion?

8 MR. MONTGOMERY: What happened to  
9 it before the Committee, what was it then?

10 SENATOR CARRICO: They were asking  
11 for a million dollars and we didn't have a million. Anyone else  
12 on the Committee have a question?

13 DELEGATE MOREFIELD: Chairman, I  
14 move that we approve \$250,000.

15 SENATOR CARRICO: We have a motion  
16 to approve \$250,000 for the Birthplace of Country Music,  
17 grant number 3079. Is there a second? Hearing none, that's  
18 it.

19 Moving on to public comment. Anyone in  
20 the audience like to make a public comment?

21 DELEGATE MOREFIELD: Mr. Chairman,  
22 I have one more request. I'd like us to reconsider 3066,  
23 Smyth Washington Regional.

24 MR. FEINMAN: The Committee voted  
25 upon that.

1 SENATOR CARRICO: Your request is  
2 grant number 3066, reconsideration. Is there a second for the  
3 motion to reconsider? All right, Ms. Coleman seconds. All in  
4 favor of the reconsideration say aye. (Ayes.) Opposed? All  
5 right, we have it before us. A request for \$250,000 for request  
6 number 3066, Smyth Washington Regional Industrial  
7 Facilities Authority for \$250,000. Is there a motion?

8 MS. COLEMAN: I so move.

9 SENATOR CARRICO: Ms. Coleman  
10 moves that we approve grant number 3066 upon ARC grant  
11 approval. Is there a second?

12 MR. MONTGOMERY: Second.

13 SENATOR CARRICO: It's been moved  
14 and seconded. All in favor of the motion say aye. (Ayes.) All  
15 opposed? (No response.) All right, approved.

16 Now, any further public comment?  
17 Seeing none, we are adjourned.

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20 PROCEEDINGS CONCLUDED.

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