Regular Meeting Monday, Aug. 23, 2010

(FOLLOW-UP AGENDA)

ACTION I TEM KEY STAFF

- 1. <u>Closed Session 2.2-3711.A.1.3.5.7</u>
- 2. <u>Invocation & Moment of Silence in Honor of Mary</u>
 Holliman and Larry Amy
 (Invocation and moment of silence held)
- 3. Recognitions Featured Employees
 (Recognized Robbie Smith of the Sheriff's Dept.
 and Nathan Davis of REMSI who was unable
 to attend due to being on a call)
- 4. Additions to Agenda

(Mr. Huber requested the Board defer consideration to the September Board meeting of item "9c – "Application to Unsafe Structures Ordinance to Dilapidated Properties" to allow for adequate notification to property owners of Board consideration of the matters related to unsafe structures)

5. Public Hearings

a. Revisions to the Pulaski County Zoning Ordinance to incorporate a full section for the regulation of Wind Energy Systems in Pulaski County.

(Kevin Byrd, Executive Director of the New River Valley Planning District Commission, provided details related to work leading up to presenting the draft Wind Energy Systems Ordinance – Public hearing held – Board approved revisions, as recommended by Planning Commission, with revisions to include the elimination of non-property line setbacks and variation in insurance requirements based on the size of the wind energy system – Amend ordinance as appropriate)

Ms. Wright

b. <u>Ordinance allowing the operation of golf carts</u> and utility vehicles

(Mr. Huber provided details regarding the proposed ordinance, including that the Board of Supervisors can only do what is allowed by the State Code, clarifying that State Code calls for this to apply to only licensed drivers -Public hearing held – Mr. Joe Ray spoke in favor of the ordinance and expressed concern over the safety of individuals driving golf carts without proper lights, referenced the need for more policing to control use of alcohol at the park, and questioned the applicability of the ordinance on private roads - Mr. Gary Buckner expressed concern over allowing utility vehicles to be driven at the park - Mr. Huber advised the proposed ordinance does apply to utility vehicles and golf carts and that the State Code allows for both and it would be the Board of Supervisors decision to place both golf carts and utility vehicles in the ordinance -Board deferred action on this matter. pending a joint visit by the Board to the park, with said visit to include Sheriff Davis and Anthony Akers, with Board to also visit the park on an individual basis - Schedule a time for Board to visit park - Place on September Board agenda)

Ms. Hanks

Recess 2 minutes

6. <u>Citizen Comments</u>

(Jean Anderson expressed concern over the recent announcement in the local Southwest Times of the potential boundary adjustments, specifically questioning the effect on mini farms or hobby farms -Mr. Huber advised no agreement had been reached between the town and county, noting if a boundary adjustment was agreed upon that included her property, it would be up to the town zoning ordinance to govern how the town land would be used -Ms. Anderson expressed concern over the plans for empty buildings in downtown Pulaski - Mr. Sheffey suggested Ms. Anderson provide her concerns to the town by visiting the town's web site which had a link allowing for citizen input - Mr. Huber noted he had communicated directly to the town that there has not been any support for the proposal)

7. Highway Matters:

- a. Follow-up from Previous Board meeting:
 - Review of Highway Matters Section of Key Activity Timetable (KAT)

(Mr. Clarke indicated he thought the issues from the July Board meeting related to requests for signage had been addressed, although he had not personally viewed the areas in question – Review & provide update)

Mr. Clarke

(Mr. Clarke advised there was no record of a 25 mph speed limit having been established on Morgan Farm Road and that a formal speed study would need to be conducted to do so)

(Mr. Sheffey advised the signage recently installed on Hickman Cemetery Road related to tractors had been stolen – Mr. Clarke advised VDOT could reinstall the signage one additional time; however, VDOT could not continue to re-install signage that is stolen due to staff time and costs involved)

Mr. Clarke

(Mr. Pratt inquired as to the status of "Watch for Children" signage on Quesenberry Road – Mr. Clarke to review this matter and provide an update at a future meeting)

Mr. Clarke

b. Overgrowth on Route 654, Old Baltimore Road
 (Mr. Pratt described the area between Route 100 and Barrett Ridge Road, beside June Lane –
 VDOT to review – Place on KAT)

Ms. Hanks

c. <u>Virginia Byway and National Byway Designation</u>
(Approved resolution – Send to appropriate agency)

Mr. Hiss

d. <u>Citizen Comments</u>

(Mr. Thomas Pifer explained plans underway for the development of a subdivision requiring a 25 mph speed limit designation on Borman St., noting an entrance is needed by VDOT, but is being held up due to no 25 mph speed limit designation – Mr. Clarke explained his understanding the road had never been

posted – Supervisor Akers indicated the road had been posted in the past off of Bagging Plant Road – Mr. Pifer suggested the road had previously been posted at 25 mph, but signs had been torn down – Board approved VDOT conducting a formal speed study, subject to determination that a formal posting had not been done by VDOT in the past – Search previous years minutes – Provide update to VDOT)

Ms. Hanks

e. Board of Supervisors Comments

(Supervisor Akers indicated the Code of Virginia allows for speed limit postings in residential neighborhoods to be 25 mph – Mr. Clarke advised, in order for VDOT to post, a speed study must be conducted – Mr. Huber advised entrance permits are related to the actual posted speed – Board members requested Mr. Clarke provide Mr. Huber with a definition of "residential" as it relates to posting of speed limits in residential neighborhoods and provide Board with update – Place on KAT)

Mr. Clarke

Ms. Hanks

(Mr. Conner expressed appreciation to VDOT for the speed limit signs on Hatcher Road)

(Mr. Bopp expressed appreciation to VDOT for the recent improvements to Loving Field; Brookmont Road; and the double bridges)

(Mr. Pratt requested confirmation of plans to review the speed limit issue on Borman Street)

8. Treasurer's Report

(Ms. Worrell reported Treasurer's staff is working on tax tickets)

9. Reports from the County Administrator & Staff:

a. Appointments:

Clean Community Council
 (Reappointed Anthony Meredith for an additional three years with term to end September 2013; and Ed Hoggatt for an additional three years with term to end October 2013 –

Notify Mr. Meredith and Mr. Hoggatt of reappointment - Update appointment listing)

Ms. Wright

Ms. Hanks

2. Wireless Authority

(Staff noted vacancy exists - Confirm district requirement and ask local newspapers to notify public of vacancy with interested individuals to contact county staff - Place on future agenda)

Ms. Hanks

b. **Key Activity Timetable**

(Mr. Conner inquired about the status of the eternal flame - Mr. Hiss advised he was working on obtaining quotes and plans were to call a final meeting of ad hoc committee to review the quotes, with a presentation to the Board at its September meeting - Place update on September agenda)

Ms. Hanks

Application of Unsafe Structures Ordinance C. to Dilapidated Properties

(Place on September agenda)

Ms. Hanks

d. Scheduling of County Administrator's Evaluation (Scheduled for Thursday, September 16^{th at} 5:00 p.m. at Tom McCarthy's home - Press were formally invited)

Courthouse Tree e.

(Mr. Huber explained the history of the tree being removed - Board extended a special thanks to Nancy Burchett, Curtis Boyd and others from the General Properties staff for discovering the need to have tree removed - Send letters to individuals instrumental in having tree removed)

Mr. Hiss

10. Items of Consent

Approval of Minutes of July 26, 2010 a. (Approved - Enter/Index)

Ms. Hanks

b. Accounts Payable

(Approved)

Ms. Spence

Interoffice Transfers & Appropriations C. (Approved)

Ms. Newby

d. <u>Ratification and/or Approval of Contracts.</u> Change Orders & Agreements, Etc.

- Acceptance of DUI Enforcement Grant & Pulaski/ Giles Regional Crash Team Grant Funding (Approved)
- 2. <u>Draper Area CDBG Planning Grant</u> (Ratified)
- NRV Home Consortium Memorandum
 of Understanding
 (Approved Memorandum of Understanding)
- e. <u>Personnel Changes</u> (Reviewed)

f. <u>Wireless Authority Funding</u>

(Approved a net appropriation of \$29,280 in county funding for the purpose of maintaining and expanding internet access services with a focus on areas not already served by Verizon DSL, or either of the cable internet services, with use of these funds to be taken from contingency)

Ms. Newby

g. <u>Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facility Authority</u> <u>Excess Funds Distribution</u>

(Approved allocating the entire \$40,000 of Pulaski County's distribution to the utility project – Provide excerpt of draft minutes to Joe Morgan, VA First Executive Director)

Ms. Hanks

h. <u>Support of Governor's Job Creation Commission</u> (Approved sending letter based on favorable impact change would have in assisting Pulaski County companies in applying for Enterprise Zone assistance)

Mr. Utt

i. <u>Support of Southwest Virginia Cultural Heritage</u> Commission

(Approved support in the marketing initiative by the Town of Pulaski on the part of the SW Virginia Cultural Heritage Commission by investing \$1,750, toward \$3,500 local cost of producing the Heartwood Community video – Notify appropriate agencies)

Mr. Hiss

j. <u>Consideration to Adoption of Ordinance Re:</u> <u>False Alarms</u>

(Schedule public hearing for September Board meeting – Provide Ms. Wright with wording for advertisement – Place on September Board agenda) Ms. Wright Mr. McCarthy

Ms. Hanks

k. Endorsement of Visitor Center Display (Approved establishing a display at the Center describing an effort to preserve local old time bluegrass music, pending receipt of sufficient grant funding)

Mr. Hiss

I. Use of Central Gym

(Supervisor Akers inquired if allowing use of the gym by the Alternative School would restrict use by others – Anthony Akers confirmed the facility is not typically used during the day – Board approved short term use of Central Gym by the Alternative School – Arrange for executing of Memorandum of Understanding)

Mr. A. Akers

m. ARC funding for Draper Community Project
(Approved applying for ARC funding in support of the Draper community, as well as incorporating reuse of the Cannery into both the Planning Grant and any ARC funding, with the concurrence of the School Board — Contact Katherine VanNoy to arrange for application)

Mr. Hiss

11. <u>Citizen Comments</u> (None)

12. Other Matters from Supervisors

(Mr. Sheffey recognized the recent recall of workers by Volvo – Board approved sending a letter of appreciation to Volvo commending the rehiring of workers, as well as a letter being sent to any other industries/businesses where workers have been rehired or where businesses have expanded resulting in the hiring of additional employees – Supervisor Akers referenced the expansion of Bimmerworld – Mr. Sheffey referenced the additional employment at the Regional Jail – Prepare letters as appropriate for Chairman Sheffey's signature)

Mr. Utt

(Mr. Sheffey noted the recent success of the elected officials picnic held at Randolph Park and commended county staff for the outstanding efforts to make the annual picnic a success – Mr. Huber commended Mr. Utt and Mr. Hiss for assistance with the cooking and Ms. Safewright for arranging for the food, setup, etc.)

(Mr. Sheffey described a friendly challenge issued by the new mayor for the City of Radford, and accepted related to the Friday, August 27th game between the Pulaski County Cougars and Radford Bobcats, specifically that the loser would wear the jersey of the opposing team at the next council/board meeting – Mr. Sheffey encouraged the community to provide the new coach, coaching staff and football players with its full support throughout the year – Mr. Sheffey also noted the winning team will take possession of a trophy to be displayed at the winning school noting the friendly rivalry known as the "battle of the bridge")

13. Adjournment

(Adjourned to reconvene at either the September 16th Administrator's evaluation or the visit to DeHaven Park, a date and time which had not yet been established)

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August 16, 2010

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Peter Huber, County Administrator SUBJECT: Closed Meeting – 2.2-3711.A.1.3.5.7

A closed meeting is requested pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.A.1.3.5.7 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, to discuss personnel, legal, land acquisition/disposition, and prospective industry matters. **Enclosed** is a draft resolution to enter the closed meeting on recommended matters, as follows:

<u>Personnel</u> – Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)1 discussion for consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of public officers, appointees or employees, regarding:

Appointments

- Agency on Aging The term of Anthony Meredith will expire on September 27, 2010 and Ed Hoggatt on October 19, 2010. Both are eligible for reappointment to additional three year terms.
- Wireless Authority Kim Davis has resigned from the Wireless Authority as a result of relocating due to her husband's employment.

<u>Property Disposition or Acquisition</u> – Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)3 discussion for consideration of the disposition or acquisition of publicly held property regarding:

NanoChemonics – <u>Enclosed</u> is the most recent and I believe best offer available in dismantling the Magnox/NanoChemonics plant in hopes of recovering the \$250,000 IDA loan, \$23,482.23 due in interest payments and \$38,721.22 in County taxes for a total of \$ \$312,203.45.. The Town is owed approximately \$257,543.95 which would result in 58% of the

recovered assets being returned to the County and 42% being returned to the Town. The proposal by Armfield/Spottswood (A/S) would be for them to dismantle and sell the plant for 60% of the net proceeds. The alternative would be for the County to manage this process directly. In my view, 60% is a relatively large percentage. However, the County would become responsible for overseeing the disposal process including responsibility for environmental compliance. I expect a relatively quick response to the *enclosed* offer and would appreciate comments, concerns, or suggestions from Board members, even prior to the August 23rd meeting.

Sheriff's Office – Dr. Stephenson is currently evaluating the current offer of a \$700,000 purchase, combined with a \$500,000 tax deduction, as well as the tax ramifications from spreading the County's purchase and the resulting tax deduction over a period of 10 years. He is asking the County to consider increasing the purchase price somewhat since he would be spreading it over ten years.

Assuming a 3% interest rate, payment of \$700,000 over 10 years by the County would net a present value to Dr. Stephenson of approximately \$600,000. In order to provide Dr. Stephenson with a present value of \$700,000, the County would have to pay approximately \$800,000 over 10 years. My suggestion would be to increase the County's offer to \$750,000, since spreading the cost out over time is a primary benefit to Dr. Stephenson. Looking at the same offer in another way, the County is collecting approximately 1.5% interest, which would also justify a price of \$750,000 spread over 10 years.

<u>Prospective Industry</u> – Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)5 discussion concerning a prospective business or industry, or the expansion of an existing business and industry, where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community:

None

<u>Legal Matters</u> – Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)7 consultation with legal counsels and briefing by staff for discussion of specific legal matters and matters subject to probable litigation regarding:

Town of Pulaski Proposed Boundary Adjustment - As reported in the August 5th weekly update, I met with John Hawley regarding a number of issues including the boundary adjustment being proposed by the Town of Pulaski. I reported that I had not received any comments favorable to the adjustment and noted concern that the public was being given the impression that there was support for the proposed adjustment based on our preliminary assistance to the Town in the selection of a consultant. **Enclosed** is a memo from Tishler Bise describing the most recent results

using conservative growth projections. Also <u>enclosed</u> is an important excerpt from the 1986 boundary adjustment documenting an unfulfilled commitment by the Town to install a sewer pump station and collection system serving the Block Plant Road/Route 99 intersection.

Not having fulfilled a previous commitment would seem to be a significant weakness for the Town, should the matter ever be taken to court either by the County, or by an affected citizen.

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CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION

	A close	ed m	eeting is r	eque	ested pursua	ınt to	Section	2.2-3711.A.1	.3.5.7	of the
1950	Code	of	Virginia,	as	amended,	to	discuss	personnel,	legal,	land
acquisition/disposition, and prospective industry matters.										

It was moved by _____, seconded by _____ and carried, that the Board of Supervisors enter Closed Session for discussion of the following:

<u>Personnel</u> – Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)1 discussion for consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of public officers, appointees or employees, regarding:

Appointments

<u>Property Disposition or Acquisition</u> – Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)3 discussion for consideration of the disposition or acquisition of publicly held property regarding:

- NanoChemonics
- Sheriff's Office

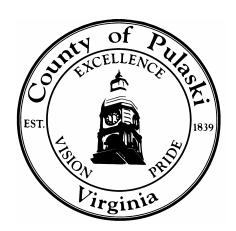
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None

<u>Legal Matters</u> – Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)7 consultation with legal counsels and briefing by staff for discussion of specific legal matters and matters subject to probable litigation regarding:

• Town of Pulaski Proposed Boundary Adjustment

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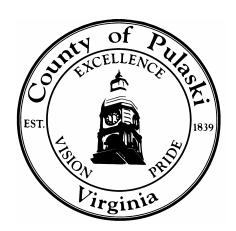
FROM: Peter M. Huber, County Administrator

SUBJECT: Recognitions

• <u>Featured Employees</u> – The featured employees to be recognized at the August Board meeting and featured for the month of September are Corporal Robbie Smith of the Sheriff's Office and Nathan Davis of the Regional Emergency Medical Services, Inc. Job summaries for both employees are <u>enclosed</u>.

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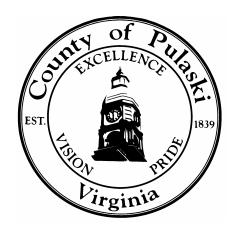
SUBJECT: Public Hearings

Public hearings have been scheduled for the Board meeting as follows:

- a. Revisions to the Pulaski County Zoning Ordinance to incorporate a full section for the regulation of Wind Energy Systems in Pulaski County. A public hearing had been scheduled to consider the above request, as described in the *enclosed* information. The Planning Commission recommends approval.
- b. Ordinance allowing the operation of golf carts and utility vehicles A public hearing had been scheduled to consider the above request as described in the enclosed information. Also enclosed is correspondence and photographs from Mr. Gary Buckner of Beach Drive expressing concerns over the use of golf carts. The draft ordinance expands the area in which golf carts are proposed to be allowed to include the entire subdivision to the north of DeHaven Park, as shown on the enclosed aerial photograph.

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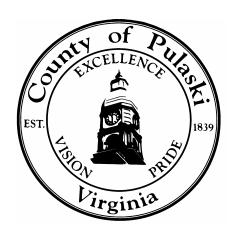
SUBJECT: Highway Matters

a. Follow-up from Previous Board meeting:

- Review of Highway Matters Section of Key Activity Timetable (KAT) As
 of the sending of this packet, we had not received an updated KAT from
 VDOT; however, a copy will be provided in the August 20th update if
 received.
- b. Overgrowth on Route 654, Old Baltimore Road We received a complaint regarding a yard being overgrown and the bamboo located at the corner of the property growing unchecked. It appears the bamboo is on the Old Baltimore Road (Route 654) right-of-way and is causing sight problems when turning from June Lane onto Old Baltimore Road. We have forwarded this concern directly to David Clarke for review by VDOT and have placed this on the agenda for an update by Mr. Clarke.
- c. <u>Virginia Byway and National Byway Designation</u> The Virginia Tourism Corporation is requesting localities to adopt the <u>enclosed</u> resolution of support for an anticipated effort to secure Virginia Byway designation for the Wilderness Road, Fincastle Turnpike, and Carolina Road. Every town, city and county that is on the Wilderness Road, Carolina Road or Fincastle Turnpike must provide a resolution by October 1, 2010 in order to request Virginia Byway and National Byway Designation from the General Assembly.

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August 16, 2010

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Peter M. Huber, County Administrator

SUBJECT: Reports from County Administrator and Staff

- a. <u>Appointments</u> See Closed Session memo for details regarding the following appointments:
 - 1. <u>Clean Community Council</u>
 - 2. <u>Wireless Authority</u>
- b. <u>Key Activity Timetable</u> <u>**Enclosed**</u> is an updated Key Activity Timetable.
- c. <u>Application of Unsafe Structures Ordinance to Dilapidated Properties</u> Staff plans to provide an update on the following properties:

Demolition Completed:

- Richard and Constance Crisp
- John E. Jr., Mill Et. Al.

Hold pending Baskerville Grant award to pay for demolition:

• Flora Hendricks – 5127 Baskerville Road, Draper District

House already demolished by owner but debris left on lot:

- Sherry Murdock Holmes 4552 Maple Branch Road, Ingles District.
- Franky S. and Tasha H. Cole 4559 Thaxton Road, Robinson District.

Board up and cut back brush but do not demolish at this time due to lack of danger to adjacent residents once properties are boarded up and vegetation is cut back:

• Steven Schumacher – 4034 Evans Street, Robinson District

Demolish due to danger of porch collapse:

- Pricilla Holmes 4371 Thaxton Road, Robinson District
- Henry Payne 3621 Robnson Tract Road, Robinson District

Demolish due to prior movement off of foundation by March flood as the structure could be washed down stream with the next flood:

• Johnny Jackson Gillespie – 4505 Brookmont Road, Robinson District

Flooded in March and no longer occupied. Board up to keep children and vagrants from getting into structure:

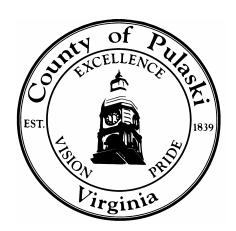
- Rickey E and Marilyn Dalson 4574 Brookmont Road, Robinson District
- Junior M and Juanita Wright 4590 Brookmont Road, Robinson District
- Deanie T. Turner 4582 Brookmont Road, Robinson District

Initial review of new requests (property owner notification of Board review was sent out on August 12th). Thus, an additional opportunity for comment by the owner is recommended at the September meeting. In the future, we plan to provide owners with a minimum 30 day notification prior to review by the Board of Supervisors.

- Bill and Virginia McGlothlin c/o Daniel Gibbons, 5247 Highland Rd.
- Donald R. Hodge, building to the northeast of 5631 Highland Rd.
- d. <u>Scheduling of County Administrator's Evaluation</u> Tom McCarthy has offered to host the Board for a meeting at his place on Claytor Lake. We hope to include some suggested dates either in the weekly update or at the meeting.

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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Peter M. Huber, County Administrator

SUBJECT: Items of Consent

- a. <u>Approval of Minutes of July 26, 2010</u> Approval of the <u>enclosed</u> minutes is recommended. Please let Gena know of any changes and corrections and they will be included in the August 20th weekly update.
- b. <u>Accounts Payable</u> Approval of the <u>enclosed</u> listing of accounts payable is requested.
- c. <u>Interoffice Transfers and Appropriations</u> Copies of interoffice transfers and appropriations will be included in the August 19th update.
- d. Ratification and/or Approval of Contracts, Change Orders & Agreements, Etc.
 - 1. <u>Acceptance of DUI Enforcement Grant & Pulaski/ Giles Regional Crash Team Grant Funding</u> Acceptance of the grants funds as described on the *enclosed* two applications is recommended.
 - 2. <u>Draper Area CDBG Planning Grant</u> Ms. Debbie Gardner and her husband has invested a significant sum in the renovation of the Draper Mercantile facility. They are proposing to use the facility as a cultural hub for their existing cottage rental business (New River Retreat). <u>Enclosed</u> is a draft letter supporting an application for Community Development Planning Grant funding for this project for which ratification is requested.
 - 3. NRV Home Consortium Memorandum of Understanding Enclosed is an Executive Summary of the Sustainable Communities grant that the PDC is looking to submit along with the NRV HOME Consortium (aka, NRV Sustainable Communities Consortium). They are asking the County to sign the MOU (also enclosed) in support of the grant. It should be noted that this does not obligate the County financially, or otherwise, but that the recommended MOU shows support for the program. The initial planning

grant application can be for as much as \$1,000,000, but the PDC expects to apply for a more modest amount.

- e. <u>Personnel Changes</u> <u>Enclosed</u> is an update from Ms. Spence of recent personnel changes.
- f. <u>Wireless Authority Funding</u> The Wireless Authority is requesting a net appropriation of \$29,280 in County funding for the purpose of maintaining and expanding internet access service with a focus on areas not already served by Verizon DSL, or either of the cable internet services. <u>Enclosed</u> is a budget, the budget justification proposal and the service area map as provided by the Wireless Authority. The Wireless Authority owns the equipment on Peak's Knob that is providing the broadband service to the service provider and the Authority bills the service provider monthly for the broadband used in providing the service to their customers. Placing more access points within the county should provide much needed broadband access to more county residents. As shown in the <u>enclosed</u> budget, the increased revenue to the Authority will be used to maintain existing customers while expanding to provide a broader service to the citizens of Pulaski County. Approval of the use of these funds from contingency is recommended.
- g. <u>Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facility Authority Excess Funds Distribution</u> <u>Enclosed</u> is a spreadsheet describing the proposed distribution of excess funds for Virginia's First. Over the past several years, the overall Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facilities Authority (as differentiated from the more specific Commerce Park Participation Committee) has built up a \$600,000 funding surplus and each of the 15 member jurisdictions are being given the opportunity to reclaim or apply their \$40,000 portion of the surplus funds. The Authority staff suggests that each of the 11 of 15 members of the Commerce Park Participation Committee apply at least \$27,273 of their \$40,000 distribution toward the Commerce Park's commitment to assist the Pulaski County Public Service Authority with debt service for the Commerce Park Utility project.

It recommended that the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors set an example for other Commerce Park participants by allocating the entire \$40,000 to the Commerce Park Utility project debt service.

h. <u>Support of Governor's Job Creation Commission</u> - The Economic Development Authority of Newport News recently sent the <u>enclosed</u> letter to the Governor's Job Creation Commission, which concludes on October 31st, regarding the Virginia Enterprise Zone Job Creation Grant. This letter was written in support of removing the independent attestation requirement from the application process for job grants. Shawn Utt is recommending the Board consider providing a similar letter based on the favorable impact this change would have in assisting Pulaski County companies in applying for Enterprise Zone assistance.

- i. <u>Support of Southwest Virginia Cultural Heritage Commission</u> <u>Enclosed</u> is a letter from Pulaski Town Mayor Jeff Worrell requesting the county provide support financially in the marketing of the initiative on the part of the Southwest Virginia Cultural Heritage Commission by investing \$1,750. Also <u>enclosed</u> is an e-mail from Todd Christensen representing the Southwest Virginia Cultural Heritage Commission requesting a commitment in the amount of \$3,500 towards the costs of producing the Heartwood Community video. Appropriation by the Board of this amount from contingency is recommended.
- j. <u>Consideration to Adoption of Ordinance Re: False Alarms</u> <u>Enclosed</u> is the section of the Town of Pulaski Code related to false alarms. The Fire Protection Committee recommends adoption of a similar ordinance by the county as a way of reducing false alarms.

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