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February 22, 2011

Mr. Michael W. Johnson  
County Administrator  
Southampton County  
P.O. Box 400  
Courtland VA 23837

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you very much for your contribution in response to VACO's appeal for a "special assessment" to buttress the harmful effects of legislation aimed at real estate assessment appeals. The proposed legislation (HB 1588 and SB 1350) would have significantly altered the appeals process by changing the burden of proof from the taxpayer to the assessing locality in all matters before the Board of Equalization and Circuit Court.

Together with the Virginia Municipal League, we contracted with Kemper Consulting who successfully worked with local tax attorneys, Commissioners of Revenue, assessors and legislators to effectively draft legislation that was acceptable to local governments.

We appreciate your support on this effort.

Sincerely,

James D. Campbell, CAE  
Executive Director

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# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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February 16, 2011

Ms. Lynda Updike  
Southampton County Historical Society  
P.O. Box 112  
Courtland, VA 23837

**Re: Rochelle-Prince House, Southampton County**

Dear Ms. Updike:

Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you officially that the **Rochelle-Prince House** has been entered into the National Register of Historic Places. The district was listed by the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service, on January 7, 2011.

I am sure this news is gratifying to you, and the Virginia Department of Historic Resources shares in your pleasure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Kilpatrick", written over a horizontal line.

Kathleen S. Kilpatrick  
Director and State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Chairman Dallas Jones, Southampton County Board of Supervisors  
Mr. Michael Johnson, County Administrator

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## Courtland Youth Athletic Assoc.

Southampton County  
Michael Johnson, Admin.  
P O Box 400  
Courtland, VA 23837

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This letter is to follow up with the requirements from the donation that the county gave to our organization last year. Your allocated funds where a huge help paying the following items for our organization:

Manry Rawls Insurance	\$1655.92
Southampton Sussex Softball League Fees	\$700.00
Southampton Sussex Baseball League Fees	\$800.00

With those details above you can see that your donation was a large help keeping this organization moving forward. We look forward to another great year of competition where our youth continue to grow and learn the games of baseball and softball. With the continued support of our great county we will continue to serve our young residents and help them become assets to our community.

Sincerely Yours,

Trina B. Johnson  
Treasurer, CYAA

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**Branchville Volunteer Fire Department  
Post Office Box 111  
15310 Broad Street  
Branchville, Virginia 23828**

February 11, 2011

Mr. Brian W. Futrell  
Chairman, Communication Committee  
25505 Meherrin Road  
Capron, Virginia 23829-2007

Dear Brian;

When we checked on our communication equipment request for last year and tried to enter our request this year with Covington we were referred to the County Administrator.

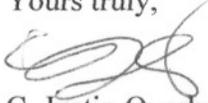
Mike Johnson said we had to get our request approved by the Communication Committee and the Board of Directors of the Association. We therefore request the Communication Committee consider the following request and if approved present them to the Board of Directors of the Association for their consideration.

1. We request four (4) amplified chargers, Motorola # UHF RLN 5707A. These are for use by members in the fringe communication areas (Little Texas, Kosko, etc). Our Assistant Chief and a Captain live in the Kosko area. We utilized amplified chargers in these areas when we were on low band and requested them when the initial order was made. They are normally used for high noise areas but have an external antenna which greatly improves the reception in fringe areas.
2. We request officer portables be programmed for tone alert. The capability is already built in it but was not activated when originally programmed. Our original low band portables had this capability and we requested this when the initial order was made. When the pager is removed from the amplified charger it reverts back to the enclosed antenna. The portable has an external antenna and will pick up the tones. The tones always got thru but sometimes the voice transmission did not. With the system activated the officer knows something is happening and can head to the station or an area of better reception.
3. We request the tactical frequencies for Northampton County, NC be installed in our portables and mobiles. Seaboard back fills our station and we work mutual aid with them. We have their dispatch frequency installed in the current radios and they have our dispatch frequency in theirs but during real time operations, which are becoming more frequent, the delay of information transfer is not acceptable. Because of manpower and funding shortages we are relying on them more and have to improve our fire ground communications. We were told this was too costly because all the portables and mobiles in the county would have to be

changed because they all have to be programmed the same. This is not true because each portable or mobile identified an individual or piece of equipment.

We respectfully request your committee considers this in time for the April meeting of the Board of Directors. Last year we were told we were getting the amplified chargers but didn't and spring is on the way and the leaves will be back on the trees and communications will become worse in the majority of our service area.

Yours truly,



C. Justin Overby  
Chief

cc Mike Johnson, County Administrator

**Blythe Well Company, Inc.**  
**29093 Mill Stone Circle**  
**Courtland, VA 23837**  
**757-562-5723**

**TURNER TRACT WELLS**  
**JOB PROGRESS REPORT**  
**1/26/2011**

**MIKE JOHNSON**  
**SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**  
**COURTLAND, VA**

**DEAR MR. JOHNSON**

**I AM PLEASED TO REPORT THAT TWO WATER WELLS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY INSTALLED ON THE WELL SITE FOR THE TURNER TRACT, AS REQUESTED. BOTH WELLS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED BY AIR LIFT PUMPING WITH GOOD RESULTS. PRELIMINARY TESTS HAVE SHOWN THAT EACH WELL CAN YIELD IN EXCESS OF 300 GALLONS/MINUTE. STATIC WATER LEVEL IN BOTH MEASURED 41 FEET BELOW GROUND LEVEL. THE TOP OF THE VIRGINIA BEACH AQUIFER MEASURED 110 FEET IN WELL 1 AND 113 FEET IN WELL 2. GEOPHYSICAL LOGS WERE RUN ON BOTH WELLS BY BUNDICK WELL AND PUMP CO. SCOTT BRUCE, VA DEQ WAS ONSITE AND INTERPRETED RESULTS. A DECISION WAS MADE TO INSTALL 10 FEET ADDITIONAL SCREEN IN EACH WELL TO MAXIMIZE THE POTENTIAL YIELD. GROUTING WAS DONE 1/20/2011 UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF RENEE HALL, VA STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. BOTH WELLS ARE CAPPED, AWAITING 48 HR YIELD AND DRAWDOWN TESTING AND SAMPLING/LAB ANALYSIS.**

**I UNDERSTAND THAT AN AQUIFER TEST STUDY IS BEING DESIGNED BY THE ENGINEERING GROUP FOR SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY, AND THE HOPE IS THAT THIS STUDY CAN BE RUN CONCURRENTLY WITH OUR 48 HR TEST. I BELIEVE THAT THIS IS A WISE USE OF MONEY THAT WILL RESULT IN COST SAVINGS FOR THE COUNTY. AS A TAXPAYER I APPLAUD YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF OUR FINANCES. AS A BUSINESS PERSON, I AM FACED WITH A LITTLE DIFFERENT CONCERN—MY CREDITORS, MY EMPLOYEES AND MY WIFE AND I WANT TO KEEP OUR BILLS PAID AND OUR FAMILIES CARED FOR. IN THAT SPIRIT, I APPEAL TO YOU TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT UNDER OUR CONTRACT FOR THAT PORTION OF OUR WORK THAT HAS BEEN COMPLETED. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THIS MATTER.**

**WITH KINDEST REGARDS—**

*Keith Blythe*  
**KEITH BLYTHE**

**WORK COMPLETED AS OF 1/26/11**

**DRILL 10" HOLES AND RUN GEOPHYSICAL LOGS ON 2 WELLS  
INSTALL 2- 6" CLASS 2B WATER WELLS  
GRAVEL PACK 2 WELLS FROM 110-165 FEET  
DEVELOP 2 WELLS FOR MAX YIELD  
GROUT 2 WELLS TO CLASS 2B REQUIREMENTS  
ADDITIONAL 10 FEET 6" SCREEN USED IN EACH WELL.....\$1,000.00  
LABOR, FUEL, AND RELATED EXPENSES  
PURCHASE OF TEST PUMP, WIRE, CONTROLS, 3" COLUMN PIPE,  
AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR 48 HR YIELD / DRAWDOWN TEST  
REQUESTED PROGRESS PAYMENT.....\$60,000.00**

**REMAINING WORK UNDER CONTRACT**

**INSTALL TEST PUMP  
CONDUCT 48 HR YIELD TEST WITH GENERATOR  
PULL AND SUBMIT WATER SAMPLES REQUIRED BY VA STATE HEALTH  
DEPARTMENT  
PROVIDE TEST DATA TO TIMMONS GROUP/ SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY  
REMAINING BALANCE OF CONTRACT.....\$10,075.00**

**REMAINING WORK OUTSIDE CONTRACT**

**ASSIST ENGINEERS IN CONDUCTING AQUIFER TEST STUDY  
INSTALL NECESSARY TESTING EQUIPMENT IN WELL(S) FOR STUDY  
ADDITIONAL COST TO BE DETERMINED BY STUDY REQUIREMENTS AS  
DESIGNED BY ENGINEERING AND APPROVAL BY DEQ.....**