

**INCOMING
CORRESPONDENCE**

PUBLIC MEETING

The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission is holding a public meeting to receive feedback on the Hampton Roads Rural Long Range Transportation Plan.

The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC), in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Transportation and staff from the City of Franklin and Southampton County, will hold a public meeting to introduce and gain feedback on the Hampton Roads Rural Long Range Transportation Plan. The meeting will be held on:

**Tuesday, March 10, 2009
4pm to 7pm
City of Franklin
City Hall Council Chambers
207 W. Second Avenue
Franklin, VA 23851**

The meeting will be held in an "open house" format and the public is encouraged to come any time between 4pm and 7pm.

Maps illustrating potential growth areas and transportation needs will be available for comment and HRPDC staff will be in attendance to discuss the planning process. If you are unavailable to attend and would like to comment, contact Dale Stith at dstith@hrpdcva.gov or (757) 420-8300. Please visit: http://www.viriniadot.org/projects/rural_regional_long-range_plans.asp for additional information on the Rural Long Range Transportation Plan efforts that are being conducted statewide.

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Citizens requiring special assistance to attend and participate in the meeting, or needing additional information should call VDOT's Hampton Roads District Office at (757) 925-2584 (TDD users, call 711).



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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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DAVID S. EKERN, P. E.
COMMISSIONER
February 9, 2009

Ms. Lynda Updike
Southampton County Historical Society
33335 Statesville Road
Newsoms, VA 23874

Subject: Enhancement Program Application – Rebecca Vaughan House Visitor’s Center

Dear Ms. Updike:

As part of our review of applications for FY10 Enhancement Program funds, an eligibility determination is made before an application is scored. I regret to inform you that upon review by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), a determination was made that the subject application is not eligible for consideration. The reason for this determination is that the application did not demonstrate a clear relationship to transportation. Based upon the application, the future use of the restored Rebecca Vaughan House as a Visitor’s Center does not propose the interpretation of a scenic byway or historic highway as its primary objective. This condition must be met in order for a Visitor Center to be considered eligible for program funds. In addition, the house does not qualify as a historic transportation facility.

If you have any questions about Enhancement Program eligibility, please contact Erica Jeter at (804) 786-9125. She will be glad to work with you in determining if an eligible application could be submitted for the next round of Transportation Enhancement Program applications.

Thank you for your interest in Virginia’s Enhancement Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Wade Chenault, Jr.".

H. Wade Chenault, Jr.
Federal Programs Manager
VDOT Local Assistance Division

Cc: Mr. Alan S. Witt
Mr. Michael Johnson



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COUNTY of ISLE OF WIGHT

THE COURTHOUSE

February 6, 2009

VIA FACSIMILE AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

Mr. Rowland Taylor
Executive Director
Southeastern Public Service Authority
723 Woodlake Drive
Chesapeake, Virginia 23320

RE: ReEnergy Proposal

Dear Mr. Taylor:

The Isle of Wight County Board of Supervisors, at a special meeting held January 29, 2009, by unanimous vote, formally requests that the Southeastern Public Service Authority (SPSA) speak to, and give full consideration to, ReEnergy Holdings LLC's (ReEnergy) regarding its proposal dated December 2008. Given the serious financial issues currently facing SPSA, it is essential that SPSA proceed with a good faith consideration of this proposal in order to properly evaluate, in an expeditious manner, the possibility of privatizing SPSA's operations. Upon completion of this review, the Isle of Wight County Board of Supervisors requests that SPSA provide this Board with its recommendations relative to the proposal.

Further, the Isle of Wight County Board of Supervisors requests that an appraisal of all SPSA assets be conducted in order to ascertain their true value. Following such appraisal, the Board strongly recommends that SPSA seek out any and all other proposals from other reputable corporations who may be interested in the purchase of all SPSA assets.

These are serious times for SPSA and every effort must be made to ensure SPSA's path forward, either as an authority or private company, is considered without delay.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

James B. Brown, Jr., Chairman
Isle of Wight County Board of Supervisors

cc: The Honorable Board of Supervisors, Isle of Wight County
W. Douglas Caskey, County Administrator
A. Paul Burton, Interim County Attorney
Chief Administrative Officers of the Cities of Virginia Beach, Chesapeake,
Franklin, Norfolk, Portsmouth and Suffolk; and the County of Southampton



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February 6, 2009

Mr. Michael W. Johnson
County Administrator
Southampton County
P.O. Box 400
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

As you know, all the cities and counties of Hampton Roads that are members of the Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance have agreed, after great effort and deliberation, to fund the Alliance at the rate of \$1.00 per capita, an investment which is supplemented by the private sector and which allows us all to operate an internationally recognized marketing program to attract new businesses to this area. By combining resources, we all benefit from this cost efficient marketing effort.

However, the private sector leadership of the Alliance understands the unique funding environment presented to our member governments by the perfect storm of state budget cuts, falling property values, and the national recession. That said, presenting Hampton Roads to decision makers who may wish to establish a business here has never been more important to stimulating full recovery from this unprecedented situation.

We have just adopted an aggressive marketing program and calendar with the participation of every one of our participating jurisdictions which stresses fewer but more focused trips, more aggressive follow up of every marketing mission, and more combined marketing activity such as consultant participation, seminars, and meetings with individual prospects on every marketing mission we take. This was done in consultation with our municipal partners and reflects their priorities and targets.

As we fill in the details of this program and calendar, we have been mindful of the fiscal stress that affects all of you. Therefore, we are prepared to reduce the agreed upon per capita contribution from each of the member jurisdictions from \$1.00 per capita to \$0.95 per capita for your 2009-2010 budget, a reduction of 5%. We pledge to you that we believe we can aggressively market this region for the FY 2009-2010 by making every effort to raise more private funds. We believe the emergency you face in this budget cycle



requires us to stand with you and also to do the best we can to tighten our belt as well.

We have authorized an update to the study by Dr. James Koch, President Emeritus of Old Dominion University which we expect to once again show the positive return on investment in the Alliance in partnership with your local economic development efforts. We know that by leveraging your municipal contributions with private dollars, we are able to provide a much more intensive and aggressive international marketing program than any single member could provide on its own. That said, these are tough times, and we want to help.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We commit to attempting to provide as aggressive a marketing program for \$0.95 per capita as we provided last year for \$1.00 per capita, a pledge we can make because of your continued participation and support.

Thank you in advance for your continued contribution to the Alliance. We will call to schedule a visit with you to follow up on this request and to discuss any suggestions you may have to improve our ability to attract business prospects to Hampton Roads.

Sincerely,

HAMPTON ROADS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE

M.J. Barrett
Chairman



COUNTY of ISLE OF WIGHT

THE COURTHOUSE

January 30, 2009

Southeastern Public Service Authority
Board of Directors

Dear Board Members:

At a special meeting of the Isle of Wight County Board of Supervisors held on January 29, 2009, the Board members discussed the desperate financial situation being faced by the Southeastern Public Service Authority (SPSA) and the lack of factual financial information available. The Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted a motion that the following request be directed to the attention of the SPSA Board of Directors:

- that financial statements be provided to each member jurisdiction, to include income statement, balance sheet and cash flow statement for each month beginning July 1, 2007 through January 1, 2009;
- that a daily cash flow analysis be completed and provided to the Finance Directors of the eight (8) participating localities each day;
- that an immediate financial evaluation of all SPSA assets be performed;
- that the SPSA Board of Directors not enter into any binding agreements at this time;
- that SPSA utilize in-State bond lawyers and legal counsel;
- that there be immediate termination of PFM, SPSA's financial consultant, and all other SPSA consultants and lawyers;
- that the SPSA Board of Directors meet on a weekly basis until this crisis is resolved;

Southeastern Public Service Authority

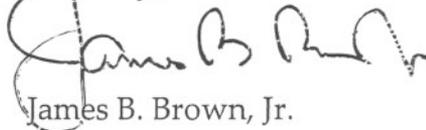
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- that the County Administrator be directed to present this Board action at the CAO, CFO and local Attorney's meeting set for Monday, February 2, 2009; and,
- that a copy of this motion (Board action) be provided to the SPSA Board of Directors of the eight (8) participating member jurisdictions.

I will be prepared to further represent this action by the Board of Supervisors, as may be necessary and appropriate.

Sincerely,



James B. Brown, Jr.

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

JBB, Jr.:cms

cc: The Honorable Board of Supervisors
Mr. W. Douglas Caskey, County Administrator
Mr. A. Paul Burton, Interim County Attorney
Ms. Liesl R. DeVary, Director of Budget and Finance
Mr. Donald T. Robertson, Director of Information
Resources and Legislative Affairs
SPSA Board Alternates
Mr. Rowland L. "Bucky" Taylor, Executive Director, SPSA



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THE COURTHOUSE

January 30, 2009

Ms. Lynn M. Crump
Environmental Programs Planner
Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation
203 Governor Street, Suite 326
Richmond, VA 23219-2094

Re: Scenic River Designation/ Evaluation of the Blackwater River

Dear Ms. Crump:

At its regular meeting on January 22, 2009, the Isle of Wight County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to officially request that the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation evaluate the Blackwater River to determine whether it qualifies for designation as a State Scenic River, pursuant to The Virginia Scenic Rivers Act of 1970.

We are requesting an evaluation of the portion of the river that starts at Proctor's Bridge at the north end of Isle of Wight County and ends at the Southampton County line.

I understand that you have received a similar request from officials of Southampton County and are awaiting direction from the Cities of Franklin and Suffolk as to whether they wish to pursue an evaluation of portions of the river in those localities, as well.

Isle of Wight staff is available to provide to you any information you need in order to prepare the evaluation.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

W. Douglas Caskey
County Administrator

Cc: The Honorable Board of Supervisors
Mr. Michael Johnson, Southampton County ✓
Ms. June Fleming, City of Franklin
Ms. Selena Cuffee-Glenn, City of Suffolk
Mr. Edwin P. Wrightson, Director of General Services
Ms. Kristen M. Mazur, County Engineer



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RE: Regional Airport Authority

Dear June and Mike:

As follow-up to my prior email, my Board of Supervisors has unanimously adopted a motion requesting that I contact you to express their intent in continuing our regional discussion/collaboration relative to the feasibility of a regional airport authority. Since our initial meeting back on July 2, 2008, there has been little or no further effort to move this issue forward.

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We are hopeful to continue our dialogue and ask that you consider the need for scheduling a meeting to further this important issue.

Ms. Carey Mills Storm will be calling you to see about the possibility of a mutually agreeable meeting date and time.

Sincerely,



W. Douglas Caskey
County Administrator

WDC:cms

cc: The Honorable Phillip A. Bradshaw
The Honorable Thomas J. Wright, III
Mr. Patrick J. Small, Assistant County Administrator
Ms. Liesl R. DeVary, Director of Budget and Finance

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RE: Regional Sewage Treatment

Dear June and Mike:

The Board of Supervisors has recently appointed Vice-Chairman Bradshaw and Supervisor Wright as a Committee of the Board to meet with representatives of the City of Franklin and Southampton County to explore the opportunity of a regional sewage collection and treatment system to serve our respective jurisdictions.

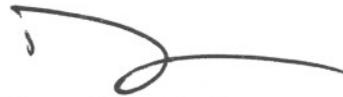
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The Board feels it is timely to revisit the feasibility of a regional approach to sewage treatment given the efforts currently being undertaken by Southampton County.

If agreeable, Ms. Carey Mills Storm will contact you for purposes of setting an agreeable date and time for our elected representatives and staff to further address such possibilities.

Sincerely,



W. Douglas Caskey
County Administrator

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cc: The Honorable Phillip A. Bradshaw
The Honorable Thomas J. Wright, III
Mr. Patrick J. Small, Assistant County Administrator
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RE: Economic Development Committee

Dear June and Mike:

The Board of Supervisors recently appointed Vice-Chairman Bradshaw and Supervisor Wright, along with myself and appropriate staff, to meet jointly with you for purposes of partnering on potential economic development opportunities and issues which may be mutually beneficial to our localities. Essentially, this would serve to revitalize the former Economic Development Committee previously in place among our jurisdictions.

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If you are agreeable, I will have Ms. Carey Mills Storm to contact you about the possibility of setting a workable meeting date and time with you and your representatives who may be designated to serve on such a working group.

Sincerely,



W. Douglas Caskey
County Administrator

WDC:cms

cc: The Honorable Phillip A. Bradshaw
The Honorable Thomas J. Wright, III
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Ms. Lisa T. Perry, Director of Economic Development



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Dear June and Mike:

As I have communicated to you previously, we are most interested in exploring with you any potential cooperative solutions for disposal of municipal solid waste responsive to the situation with SPSA.

Please consider the opportunity for a regional cooperative effort among our respective communities in addressing this important issue. I will give you a call in order to facilitate further discussions.

Sincerely,

W. Douglas Caskey
County Administrator

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