

**9. PROJECT ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT  
1831 SOUTHAMPTON INSURRECTION DRIVING TOUR**

You may recall receiving correspondence from the Virginia Department of Transportation in July confirming the Commonwealth Transportation Board's decision to award Southampton County \$420,000 in federal Enhancement Program funds to develop the 1831 Southampton Insurrection Driving Tour.

The driving tour will connect travelers, tourists, students and residents with sites associated with the Nat Turner rebellion. It will include fabrication of orientation exhibits, installation of interpretive signage, acquisition of easements, construction of turnouts and production of a brochure and map. The Rebecca Vaughan House, located on the Museum of Southampton History campus in Courtland, will function as a Visitor's Center and trailhead. Here, the public will learn about the rebellion, explore the route traveled by Turner and his insurgents, and discover period artifacts, including Turner's sword and the lock from his jail cell. The Historical Society has another grant application pending before the Dominion Foundation to complete the restoration of the Rebecca Vaughan House.

While the grant is actually awarded to Southampton County, we are simply functioning as a conduit for the Southampton County Historical Society – they will meet the required \$105,000 match with funds they've accrued (and will accrue), including contributions from Southampton County.

VDOT has forwarded to me the Administrative Agreement, a copy of which is attached, for execution before they can make funds available for reimbursement. In addition to the agreement, it is necessary for me to include documentation of signatory authority. A resolution is attached for that purpose.

**MOTION REQUIRED:** A motion is required to adopt the attached resolution authorizing the County Administrator to execute the Project Administration Agreement.