8. CONSIDERATION OF A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR SUSSEX COUNTY'S PROPOSED MEGA-SITE

Following consideration of last month's request from Greensville County, I received a similar request for a letter of support for a proposed mega site in Sussex County.

The Sussex County site is located west of the Town of Waverly along U.S. Route 460. It encompasses roughly 4,000 acres, equally distributed on the north and south sides of the highway – the southern side of the site is served by rail. While the property is currently privately-owned, Sussex County has engaged the law firm of Williams Mullins to assist them in obtaining purchase options.

Like Greensville County, Sussex County intends to submit a grant application to the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (which is due October 1) to assist them in acquiring and developing the site. They have prepared a draft letter of endorsement for your consideration.

Southampton County stands to benefit substantially if Sussex County is successful in luring a major manufacturer to their site. For the same reasons articulated last month, I encourage you to authorize me to endorse the letter of support in your behalf.

Not that it matters, but in the interest of full disclosure, Sussex County chose not to endorse Greensville County's "mega-sized" Mid-Atlantic Advance Manufacturing Center (MAMaC).

MOTION REQUIRED:	**If the Board is so inclined, a motion is required authorizing the County Administrator to endorse the attached letter of support.**