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July 15, 2009

Mr. Joe Lomax, Residency Administrator
Virginia Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 496
Franklin, VA 23851-0496

RE: Project Redesign – Route 58/742 Interchange

Dear Mr. Lomax:

In regular session on June 22, the Board of Supervisors resolved to endorse a recommended redesign of the Route 58 interchange improvements to provide for an at-grade intersection and traffic signal with accompanying turn lanes as opposed to a grade separated interchange.

Please direct the district staff to proceed with design of the improvements depicted on a sketch presented to our Board by Mr. Jerry Kee earlier this year, titled "Proposed Alternative 'B'." It is our understanding that the redesigned project is estimated at \$5.56 million and that sufficient funds are available to proceed to construction once the design is complete.

As previously discussed, we further understand that this project will also include high-mast lighting to sufficiently light the intersection and an early warning system to alert motorists to a signal change from green to yellow, allowing them extra time and distance to slow and stop their vehicles before the red light is illuminated (i.e., "when light is flashing be prepared to stop").

If you have questions or if I may be of further assistance, please advise.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Johnson
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RE: Reduced Scope of Work – Route 671

Dear Mr. Lomax:

In regular session on June 22, the Board of Supervisors resolved to endorse a proposed redesign of the final phase of improvements to Route 671 (from Delaware Road to Shady Brook Trail) to provide for three (3) lanes with a shoulder and ditch as opposed to an extension of five (5) lanes with curb and gutter.

Please direct the district staff to proceed with redesign of the proposed roadway in accordance with the sketch presented to our Board by Mr. Jerry Kee on June 22, 2009, titled "3 – Lanes with Shoulder and Ditch."

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have questions or if I may be of further assistance, please advise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael W. Johnson".

Michael W. Johnson
County Administrator

mikejohnson

From: mikejohnson [mikejohnson@co.southampton.state.va.us]
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2009 4:07 PM
To: 'max_bartholomew@dom.com'; Jim Reynolds, P.E. (jreynolds@comelec.coop)
Cc: Doug Caskey
Subject: Lunch

Dear Max and Jim,

Doug Caskey and I have been discussing potential revenue sources to help fund the precipitous increases in solid waste disposal costs recently passed on to us by SPSA. One of the more promising things that has captured our attention is legislation found in Sec. 15.2-2159 of the Code of Virginia (copy attached) which, among other things, allows certain counties to impose a fee for solid waste disposal and to contract with power companies to collect the fee on their behalf (much like the utility tax) in exchange for a commission (up to 5%).

Our Board has expressed interest in seeking a patron to introduce legislation in next year's session which might append Southampton County (and perhaps Isle of Wight) to the list of eligible counties. Before we go very far with this, I thought it might be prudent to meet with you and/or your representatives to discuss it. Accordingly, I'd like to invite you to lunch at a mutually convenient time and place to get your feedback. While we have several other power companies serving customers in Southampton County (Mecklenburg Elec., Prince George Elec., and City of Franklin), the two of you serve the lion's share and I wanted to discuss it with you first.

I know we're in the midst of vacation season (I'll be out all next week), and this is not something that's urgent – but I would like to meet sometime before Labor Day. Please check your respective calendars and let me know if any of the following dates will work for you:

Friday, July 17
Tuesday, August 4
Thursday, August 6
Monday, August 10
Wednesday, August 12
Tuesday, August 25
Monday, August 31

The meeting should last no more than 90 minutes and I'm thinking Windsor or Smithfield may be the most central location. Thanks in advance for checking your calendars and I look forward to hearing back from you soon.

Best regards,
Mike

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VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2006 SESSION

CHAPTER 743

An Act to amend and reenact § 15.2-2159 of the Code of Virginia, relating to fee for solid waste disposal.

[S 407]

Approved April 5, 2006

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 15.2-2159 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 15.2-2159. Fee for solid waste disposal by counties.

A. ~~Accomack County, Augusta County, Floyd County, Highland County, and Wise County~~ any county with a population between 53,000 and 55,000; any county with a population between 39,550 and 41,550; and any county with a population between 38,000 and 40,000 may levy a fee for the disposal of solid waste not to exceed the actual cost incurred by the county in procuring, developing, maintaining, and improving the landfill and for such reserves as may be necessary for capping and closing such landfill in the future. Such fee as collected shall be deposited in a special account to be expended only for the purposes for which it was levied. Except in Floyd County and any county with a population between 39,550 and 41,450 and Wise County, such fee shall not be used to purchase or subsidize the purchase of equipment used for the collection of solid waste. In *Augusta County and Highland County* and any county with a population between 53,000 and 55,000, such fee (i) may only be levied upon persons whose residential solid waste is disposed of at a county landfill or county solid waste collection or disposal facility and (ii) shall not be levied upon persons whose residential waste is not disposed of in such landfill or facility if such nondisposal is documented by the collector or generator of such waste as required by ordinance of such county. Documentation provided by a collector of such waste pursuant to clause (ii) shall not be disclosed by the county to any other person.

B. Any fee imposed by subsection A when combined with any other fee or charge for disposal of waste shall not exceed the actual cost incurred by the county in procuring, developing, maintaining, and improving its landfill and for such reserves as may be necessary for capping and closing such landfill in the future.

C. Any county which imposes the fee allowed under subsection A may enter into a contractual agreement with any water or heat, light, and power company or other corporation coming within the provisions of Chapter 26 (§ 58.1-2600 et seq.) of Title 58.1 except Appalachian Power Company, Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative, BARC Electric Cooperative and Powell Valley Electric Cooperative for the collection of such fee. The agreement may include a commission for such service in the form of a deduction from the fee remitted. The commission shall be provided for by ordinance, which shall set the rate not to exceed five percent of the amount of fees due and collected.

D. Any county which imposes the fee allowed under subsection A and has a population between 38,000 and 40,000 or 39,550 and 41,550 has *Accomack, Highland and Wise Counties* have the following authority regarding collection of said fee:

1. To prorate said fee depending upon the period a resident or business is located in said county during the year of fee levy;
2. To levy penalty for late payment of fee as set forth in § 58.1-3916 of the Code of Virginia;
3. To levy interest on unpaid fees as set forth in § 58.1-3916 of the Code of Virginia;
4. To credit the fee first against the most delinquent use fee account owing;
5. To require payment of the fee prior to approval of an application for rezoning, special exception, variance or other land use permit; and
6. To provide discounts to the standard fee rates for older persons, as defined in § 2.2-703, and disabled persons based on ability to pay.

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June 29, 2009

Ms. Peggy J. Baggett
Executive Director
Virginia Commission for the Arts
Lewis House - Second Floor
223 Governor Street
Richmond, VA 23219-2010

RE: GRANT ID#: 10-0341
EIN: 546001618 FIPS: 175

Dear Ms. Baggett:

I am pleased to confirm Southampton County's continued commitment to the *Local Government Challenge Grant Program*. Our adopted FY 2010 budget includes a total appropriation of \$14,250 for Rawls Museum Arts, \$5,000 of which is specifically designated for the *Local Government Challenge Grant Program* match.

Please accept our sincere gratitude for this matching grant which assists in making high quality arts activities available to citizens of Southampton County.

With kind regards, I remain

Sincerely,

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Michael W. Johnson
County Administrator

cc: Ms. Julia Williams

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June 25, 2009

Mr. Dwight L. Farmer, Executive Director
Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
The Regional Building
723 Woodlake Drive
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Dear Mr. Farmer:

Please be advised that I have been reappointed by the Board of Supervisors, in their regular session of May 26, to another two (2) year term on the Commission's Executive Committee.

This term will commence on July 1, 2009 and expire June 30, 2011.

Sincerely,

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Michael W. Johnson
County Administrator