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September 11, 2009

The Honorable James B. Brown, Jr., Chairman
Board of Supervisors
County of Isle of Wight
Post Office Box 80
Isle of Wight, VA 23397

RE: Proposed Blackwater River Land Conservation Project

Dear Chairman Brown:

On behalf of the Southampton County Board of Supervisors, I am pleased to express our sincere appreciation to Isle of Wight County for its efforts to protect significant natural areas along the Blackwater River. The County's proposal to acquire a 2,507-acre tract with 5.5 miles of river frontage demonstrates a true commitment to preserve one of Virginia's finest waterways and will complement our ongoing collective efforts to have the Blackwater designated as a State Scenic River.

As an adjacent locality within the watershed that is concerned about chronic flooding, Southampton County is particularly appreciative of your efforts to protect floodplain forests. Preservation of wetlands like those found on the Blackwater tract provide critical flood storage capacity, in addition to an array of other public and environmental benefits. The proposed project will contribute to flood protection strategies that are likely to emerge from the pending Chowan Basin Reconnaissance Study to be conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Southampton County supports Isle of Wight County's efforts to secure grant funding that will enable you to accomplish these admirable conservation goals.

While watershed management issues present tremendous challenges for all of us, our region-wide partnership will help us develop and implement solutions that will provide lasting, large-scale results. We are excited about the potential to partner with you on a landmark conservation project for the watershed and again thank you for your leadership and investment in resource protection on behalf of all residents in the region.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Dallas O. Jones, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

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September 8, 2009

Virginia Department of Health
Office of EMS
109 Governor Street, Suite UB 55
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Sir or Madam:

On behalf of Southampton County, I am delighted to endorse the Tidewater EMS Council as the organization responsible for coordinating our local involvement in an effective regional EMS delivery system. Southampton County has been affiliated with the Tidewater EMS Council since its formation in 1974, with longstanding representation on the Council's Board of Directors. Our local EMS agencies have historically taken full measure of the Tidewater EMS Council's services, including protocol development, standardized medications and IV box exchange, EMS training, and grants assistance, among other things.

Please accept our recommendation that the Tidewater EMS Council be designated by the Board of Health as the regional EMS Council serving Southampton County.

With kind regards, I remain

Sincerely,

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Michael W. Johnson
County Administrator

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September 4, 2009

Mr. Stephen A. Griffith
Secretary/Treasurer
Drewryville Volunteer Fire Department
P. O. Box 125
Drewryville, VA 23844

RE: Capital Improvement Funding

Dear Mr. Griffith:

Enclosed herewith please find remittance in the sum of fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000) which represents your department's allocable share of capital funding set aside by the Board of Supervisors for fire and rescue in Fiscal Year 2010.

Your request dated August 14, 2009 was approved by the Board of Supervisors in regular session on August 24, 2009. Congratulations on delivery of the new F-350 brush truck - I'm sure it will be a tremendous asset to your department in protecting life and property in Drewryville and its environs.

With kind personal regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

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Michael W. Johnson
County Administrator

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September 2, 2009

Jack T. Randall
19134 Lakeside Drive
Courtland, Virginia 23837

**RE: Courtland Retail, Office, & Storage Center
Southampton Parkway, Tax Parcel 76-36A**

Dear Mr. Randall:

With reference to our recent conversations and meetings, please allow this letter to verify Southampton County's commitment to cooperate and share in the cost differential of installing larger water utility piping related to the above referenced project.

As you are aware, your project requires the installation of an eight (8) inch water line which will originate on the south side of U.S. Route 58 (Southampton Parkway) in front of the Food Lion shopping center, then proceed underneath Southampton Parkway and conclude at your property. Southampton County desires to have a twelve (12) inch line installed in order to maximize water service efficiency and availability on the north side of Southampton Parkway. The cost differential of installing the larger water line along this route is \$7,984.63. We agree to compensate you in the amount of \$7,984.63 for providing this larger utility piping during construction of your project. All utility connection and facility fees associated with the project are the responsibility of the developer and must be paid to the county at the time site development permits are issued. The county will then issue you payment in the amount of \$7,984.63 following inspection and acceptance of the larger twelve (12) inch water line.

I hope this provides clarity as to how this process will be administered. Should you or any of your associates have questions, please feel free to contact me at 757-653-3015.

Sincerely,

James A. Randolph
Assistant County Administrator

Cc: Public Utilities Dept.
Finance Dept.

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September 1, 2009

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

RE: Newsoms Volunteer Fire Department
Helipad Access Road for Emergency Medical Transports

Dear Mr. Lomax:

As we discussed by telephone late last week, I am seeking your consideration in providing a pavement overlay on the gravel access road leading from Ball Park Road in Newsoms to the emergency helipad behind the Newsoms Volunteer Fire Department.

I'm attaching an aerial photograph illustrating the location of the access road which is approximately 200' in length (highlighted in yellow). As you're aware, the helipad is used exclusively for public safety purposes, most commonly to transport local victims of trauma to regional medical facilities in Norfolk.

It's my understanding that you are planning to resurface Ball Park Road and I hope that you will consider including the 200' of emergency access road in the project scope of work.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration, I remain

Sincerely,

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Michael W. Johnson
County Administrator

cc: Newsoms Volunteer Fire Department

attachment: aerial photograph

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Summer Youth Program Participants

FROM: James A. Randolph, Assistant County Administrator 

DATE: August 27, 2009

RE: Last Day of Summer Youth Program

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you that the last day of your employment in the summer youth program will be **Friday, September 4, 2009**. All remaining wages that you have earned during the final week of participation will be mailed to your address on September 16, 2009. Additionally, over the next several days I will be contacting each of you individually to complete any remaining work assessment forms and to receive feedback on your summer work experience.

I hope you have enjoyed participating in this program and that the experience gained will assist you with future employment opportunities.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 757-653-3015.

Thank you.

Cc: Department Directors
Courtland Community Center
Library

At a regularly scheduled meeting of the Southampton County Board of Supervisors held on August 24, 2009, on a motion by Supervisor Young, seconded by Supervisor West, the following resolution was adopted by a vote of 7 to 0:

WHEREAS, the Southampton County Industrial Development Authority has acquired property for the purpose of economic development use located off of Rose Valley Road (State Route 688) in Southampton County, Virginia, for the purpose of economic development within the Turner Tract Industrial Park; and

WHEREAS, this property is expected to be the site of new private capital investment in land, building, and manufacturing equipment which will provide substantial employment; and

WHEREAS, the proposed subdivided parcels of the subject property have no access to a public street or highway and will require the construction of a new roadway to connect with Rose Valley Road (State Route 688); and

WHEREAS, the County of Southampton hereby guarantees that the necessary environmental analysis, mitigation, and fee simple right of way for this improvement and utility relocations or adjustments, if necessary, will be provided at no cost to the Economic Development Access Fund; and

WHEREAS, the County of Southampton acknowledges that the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) must be completed prior to any construction activity on this project as a condition of the use of the Economic Development Access Fund; and

WHEREAS, the County of Southampton hereby guarantees that all ineligible project costs and all costs not justified by eligible capital outlay will be provided from sources other than those administered by the Virginia Department of Transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Southampton County Board of Supervisors hereby requests that the Commonwealth Transportation Board provide Economic Development Access Program funding to provide an adequate road to this property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Southampton County Board of Supervisors hereby agrees to provide a surety or bond, acceptable to and payable to the Virginia Department of Transportation, in the full amount of the Commonwealth Transportation Board's allocation less eligible private capital outlay credit determined by VDOT; this surety shall be exercised by the Department of Transportation in the event that sufficient qualifying capital investment does not occur on qualifying parcel(s) in the Turner Tract Industrial Park within five years of the Commonwealth Transportation Board's allocation of funds pursuant to this request; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Southampton County Board of Supervisors hereby agrees that the new roadway so constructed will be added to and become a part of the secondary system of state highways.



A COPY TESTE: Dallas O. Jones
Chairperson