

## Local Government Council Executive Committee Meeting

Region 2000 Partnership 828 Main Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Lynchburg, VA

Large Conference Room March 17, 2016 5:00 p.m.

## <u>Agenda</u>

1.	Welcome   Moment of Silence   Introduction of New MembersPaul Harvey, Chair
2.	Approval of Minutes   January 21, 2016Paul Harvey, Chair
3.	Financial ReportRosalie Majerus, Dep. Dir. of Finance
4.	Region 2000 Food Hub OpportunityBob White, Deputy Director, et al.
5.	Consideration and Approval of the FY 17 Rural Transportation Planning Work ProgramBob White, Deputy Director
6.	Discussion of Tourism ProposalGary Christie, Exec. Director
7.	<b>Consideration of Resolution asking the Commonwealth of Virginia for Support in the</b> <b>2017 Session for Planning Funds for the Redevelopment of the Central Virginia Training</b> <b>Center</b> Gary Christie, <i>Exec. Director</i> and Dean Rodgers, <i>County Administrator for Amherst</i>
8.	Update on Region 2000 Workforce Development, Workforce Center Move, and Annual Spring Dinner programBen Bowman, Workforce Development Director
9.	Update and Discussion on GO Virginia RegionsGary Christie, Exec. Director
10	. Discussion and Update to Staffing Changes
11.	. <b>Adjourn</b> Paul Harvey, <i>Chair</i>
12	Information Items:

Upcoming Meetings:

LGC Annual Spring Dinner | April 21, 2016 | The Appomattox Inn & Suites

LGC Executive Committee Meeting | May 19, 2016 - 5:00 pm | LGC Offices

## Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council Executive Committee Meeting March 17, 2016

### **Executive Summary**

#### 1. Welcome | Moment of Silence | Introduction of New Members

a. Kenneth Campbell - Amherst County Board of Supervisors

#### 2. <u>Approval of Minutes | January 21, 2016</u> (See Attachment 2)

*Recommended Action:* Approve minutes as presented subject to revisions noted by members of Council.

#### 3. Finance Report

a. <u>Year-to-Date Report as of February 29, 2016</u>.....Rosalie Majerus (*See Attachment 3*)

No formal action requested; for Council's information, review and discussion

b. <u>Health Insurance Benefit</u>.....Gary Christie

The LGC has received our health insurance premiums for FY17 and our rates are increasing 8.17% over last year. We are recommending employees share proportionally in the increase by keeping the same employee percentage contribution as the current year. This will increase our budget by \$6,800 annually. Last year our increase was under 2% and we absorbed the entire increase.

**Recommended Action:** Maintain the current percentage division of health care costs between employer and employee for FY 17. This would distribute the increase between the employer and employees based on our traditional percentage structure.

## 4. <u>Region 2000 Food Hub Opportunity</u>

(See Attachment 4)

#### Summary

Examining regional agriculture marketing and farm alliance opportunities is a recommended initiative of the Region 2000 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. Council staff, with the support of area extension agents and economic developers, secured funding and accomplished a Region 2000 Agriculture Strategic Plan. Presented to the Local Government Council in August 2014, this Plan is the impetus for examining regional food hub opportunities.

With the help of our consultant, ACDS, our team of Extension Agents and local economic developers are coordinating a meeting between several producers/growers in this region and

large Washington, D.C. beef/ground beef buyers on March 23. If all goes well, then the Local Government Council will be asked to assist in the creation of a 501-(c)-5 not for profit agricultural cooperative purchasing organization to facilitate an ongoing marketing/sales program for Region 2000 beef sales.

#### Background

For two years the region's Extension agents and several of the local economic developers have been exploring how to strengthen the region's agriculture economy.

Extension Agents involved include:

- Scott Baker, Bedford County
- Kevin Camm, Lynchburg
- Allysa Elliot, Amherst County
- Todd Scott, Campbell County
- Bruce Jones, Appomattox County

During the summer of 2013 the Committee secured a \$35,000 grant from the Virginia Department of Agriculture to develop a strategic plan for agriculture. The plan was presented to the Local Government Council on August 2014 and identified the following priorities:

- a. Build a website that will provide information for consumers on how to access local products and information for producers to better and more effectively produce and deliver product
- b. Build a coordinated marketing program to aggregate product, reach larger buyers and secure better prices and delivery mechanisms for local producers/growers.
- c. Develop an education initiative to increase the information about farming to students and potential growers/producers

The Committee was not successful in an application to the Virginia Department of Agriculture for funds to develop the website. The Committee was successful with a \$19,275 Building Collaborative Communities grant from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development and hired ACDS of Baltimore, Maryland who has developed a business plan for a Producer/Grower cooperative that can be found on the LGC website at: <a href="http://www.localgovernmentcouncil.org/regional-initiatives/agriculture.html">http://www.localgovernmentcouncil.org/regional-initiatives/agriculture.html</a>. Or go directly to the document here: <a href="http://goo.gl/8lEXOG">http://goo.gl/8lEXOG</a>

In summary, this business plan proposal would:

- a. Allow producers/growers to become group certified under USDA's GAP program, which is required by many larger buyers
- b. Enter into negotiations with several large Northern Virginia and East Coast buyers for beef and ground beef product
- c. Develop a brand and marketing strategy including developing services for produce product placement in larger stores

The Business Plan calls for the creation of a 501-(c)-5 non-profit organization to run the cooperative. The Board would be the producers and extension agents and a representative of initial investors such as the Local Government Council. Initial staff would be a part time employee and perhaps some secretarial support. The financials have the non-profit dependent on grants for two years and then standing on its own with revenue from the sale of product and member dues.

**Recommended Action:** The Committee has ACDS coordinating a meeting for local beef produces and potential buyers on March 23. Because the organization is not yet formed, the Committee asks the Local Government Council learn about the concept and ask questions at the March 17 meeting. If the March 23 meeting goes well, the LGC may be asked at the April or May meeting to be the lead organization while incorporation papers are being prepared for the 501-(c)-5. This would commit the Council to:

- 1. Submit grants as needed to organizations such as the U.S.D.A. Rural Development and the Virginia Tobacco Commission under the Local Government Council's name to seek start up monies. Once the Cooperative non-profit is set up, then grants would be applied for under their name.
- 2. Commit an additional \$50,000 in FY 17 as match for grants and for general start-up costs. So far the LGC has committed a total of \$50,000 from reserves.
- 3. Provide financial accounting and staff support/secretarial services along with office space to the new Cooperative at a discounted rate for a three-year period.
- 4. Transition any agriculture member dues/grants to the newly incorporated 501-(c)-5 Cooperative once the legal papers are finalized, likely by July 1.

## 5. <u>Consideration and Approval of the FY 17 Rural Transportation Planning Work</u> <u>Program</u>

(See Attachments 5a & 5b)

Presented for Council's approval is the FY-2017 Rural Transportation Planning Work Program (Attachment 5a). This is the annual work program supported by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to promote transportation planning activities outside the Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Area.

The primary elements in the Program include updating the Region 2000 Long Range Transportation Plan; continued support for alternative transportation planning activities, including support of Appomattox Town and County with Appomattox Heritage & Recreational Trail Implementation development; and assisting with transportation project prioritization in support of ongoing state-wide initiatives. Additionally, support is provided to assist localities with transportation related grant writing.

The program budget is \$72,500, of which VDOT contributes eighty percent and the

Council matches with twenty percent. The Transportation Technical Committee has recommended approval of the Program. A resolution approving the Program is attached (Attachment 5b).

Recommended Action: For Council's review and discussion. Staff recommends approval.

### 6. Discussion of Tourism Proposal

#### **Background:**

Local Tourism officials from throughout the region have been meeting quarterly since the Council offered a \$50,000 to incentive a regional tourism project. The Committee has met with the Virginia Tourism Corporation on two occasions. After good discussion, the committee has been focusing on an agri-tourism theme to draw visitors to our agriculture and culinary attractions and local consumers to local farmer's markets and products. To date no funds have been used by the Committee.

#### Proposal

The Committee is considering four initiatives to publicize and market local and regional agriculture and culinary tourism attractions.

#### Four Tourism Initiatives over several years:

### FY 17

- **1. Establish and maintain an agri-tourism/culinary website/landing page** to drive visitors to local tourism web sites and tourism opportunities. The site would include:
  - a. Landing page for easy access to local tourism websites
  - b. Interactive map of the region including
    - i. Wineries/breweries
    - ii. Pick Your Own
    - iii. Farmers markets
    - iv. Visitors Friendly Farms
    - v. Farm Stores
  - c. Calendar of events taken from existing local tourism department websites
  - d. System set up and maintenance through FY 17

Budget: \$25,000

- 2. Tourism directors would build four to eight seasonal recommended itineraries of activities and tourist destinations for web site. The group would meet as needed to refresh and update the groupings. Examples include:
  - a. Culinary and food tasting
  - b. Wineries, meaderies and breweries
  - c. Outdoor activities
  - d. Water activities
  - e. History
  - f. African American History

g. Music and Arts activities

Budget: No direct costs

- **3.** Seek a grant from the Virginia Tourism Corporation in the fall of 2016 to market the new website. The marketing would take place through:
  - a) Creation of print advertisements and rack brochures
  - b) Placement of Print ads
  - c) Placement of Rack brochures
  - d) Creation of an App for use in areas without Cell Phone service.

Budget: \$40,000 LGC \$15,000 Virginia Tourism Corporation \$2,500 annually from participating local jurisdictions

#### FY 18

Maintenance of the Website – likely a contracted service	- \$7,000
Revenue from participating local jurisdictions	- \$2,500

#### FY 19

**4.** Tourism Familiarization Tour: Bringing tourism writers throughout the year to the region to put articles in national publications.

Expenses for travel writers - \$25,000 Expenses to maintain website - \$7,000

Revenue from participating local jurisdictions - \$2,500

**Recommended Action:** Discuss the presentation by staff at the March meeting. At the April or May meeting discuss with local tourism officials the effectiveness of the proposed investment in increasing tourists to our agricultural and culinary attractions.

#### 7. <u>Consideration of Resolution asking the Commonwealth of Virginia for Support</u> in the 2017 Session for Planning Funds for the Redevelopment of the Central <u>Virginia Training Center</u> (See Attachments 7a & 7b)

Amherst County Administrator Dean Rodgers will request that the Local Government Council consider supporting Amherst County's unanimous February 2016 resolution (Attachment 7a) seeking planning funds from the Commonwealth in 2017 to begin positioning components of the Training Center for re-use. The LGC passed a more general resolution of support in January 2015(Attachment 7b).

Recommended Action: Discussion and action as appropriate

### 8. <u>Update on Region 2000 Workforce Development, Workforce Center Move, and</u> <u>Annual Spring Dinner program</u>

### 9. Update and Discussion on GO Virginia Regions

GO Virginia is moving through the General Assembly. If approved, monies would be available to regions for:

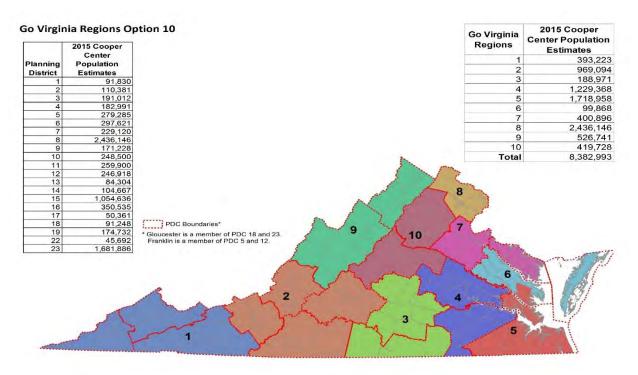
- Ongoing funding on a per capita basis
- Regional Capacity Building
- Job Creation projects

The Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions has been asked to offer suggestions on the alignment of the 8-11 GO Virginia regions. The legislation recommends, but does not require, that regions be established following PDC boundaries. The communities in these GO Virginia regions would be working together to recommend how GO Virginia funds are spent and which projects are submitted for additional funding.

Several scenarios are under discussion by the VAPDC to determine if we can reach consensus statewide on an alignment. One scenario proposes that our region be joined with New River Valley, Roanoke, and the Western Piedmont (Martinsville, Danville) regions. (See Option 10 Map) Another scenario puts us with the Farmville region.

The final alignment will be decided by a new state board.

*Recommended Action:* Discussion and guidance regarding which regions that we prefer to work with in the GO Virginia program.



### 10. Discussion and Update to Staffing Changes

#### Summary

Bob White, Deputy Director of Planning and Core Services since 2002, has indicated that he plans to retire sometime after June 30. Bob has also expressed a willingness to assist the Council on a 20 hour per week/part-time basis doing special project work.

The Executive Director proposes to bring Bob on as a 20 hour per week part-time employee at a rate of \$32 per hour for special projects as identified each year in our annual work program. One of the existing planners would be selected to become a "Transportation Coordinator" and manage the transportation programs. The promotion for the selected Planner would mean a 7% salary increase July 1 and, if successful, a reclassification to a higher grade in FY 18.

This transition allows the organization to:

- a. Have a lower overall payroll
- b. Keep valuable institutional knowledge on hand
- c. Allow advancement and personnel development of a staff member to a project management level with coaching readily available
- d. Have staff on hand to respond to new development opportunities and projects requested outside of the work plan cycle
- e. Have a generally smoother transition than a typical retirement/new hire replacement

#### Background

Each year Bob's work plan would be modified based on the organization's needs and opportunities. Special projects for FY 17 would include:

- a. Management of on-call transportation consultant projects for FY 17
- b. Management of current Campbell County Route 29 Corridor Study
- c. Services Authority Strategic Planning
- d. Oversee CEDS development and implementation
- e. HB 2 Coordination
- f. Central Virginia Training Center
- g. Coaching and technical assistance related to transportation projects
- h. New Project Development
- i. Liaison with local jurisdictional Planners and Workshops with Planning Commission officials as appropriate
- j. Strategic planning for LGC as needed

Usually 75% of the 20 hours per week of Bob time would be directly billed to projects. As a part-time employee, Bob's rate of pay would be \$32 per hour. Bob's current rate of pay as a full time employee is \$37.48.

The responsibility for the overall management of the three transportation grants (VDOT's MPO and Rural Transportation Planning and VDRPT's General Planning Services) would be given to one of the existing Senior Planners on staff selected through an internal promotion

opportunity. The Planner selected for this task would receive a 7% pay increase in July (about a \$5,000 cost) and, if successful, a re-classification to a higher grade in July 2017.

Gary Christie, LGC Executive Director, would pick up the supervisory responsibilities for what is now the Planning Division (the three full time planners and one part-time planner).

We have had several part time planners work for the Council over the past eleven years on special projects. Grant Massie was the most recent.

*Recommended Action:* The Council is asked to discuss the proposal at the March meeting and see how it fits into the FY 17 budget when presented in April.

### 11. Adjourn

#### 12. Informational Item

#### Upcoming Meetings:

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## Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council Meeting

Attachment 2

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Local Government Council Office Lynchburg, Virginia 24504 January 21, 2016 at 5:00 pm

#### **Members Present:**

Susan Adams, Appomattox County Kenneth Bumgarner, Amherst Town Council Waverly Coggsdale, Altavista Town Manager Joan Foster, Lynchburg City Council Bill Gillespie, Appomattox Town Manager Mayor Paul Harvey, Town of Appomattox, *Chair* Jack Hobbs, Amherst Town Manager Megan Lucas, Lynchburg Reginal Economic Alliance Mayor Mike Mattox, Town of Altavista L. Kimball Payne, Lynchburg City Manager Dean Rodgers, Amherst County Administrator Frank Rogers, Campbell County Board of Supervisors Bryan Moody, Appomattox County Board of Supervisors

#### **Members Absent:**

Carl Boggess, Interim Bedford County Administrator Delegate Scott Garrett, Virginia House of Delegates Stacey Hailey, Bedford Town Council Charles Kolakowski, Bedford Town Manager Mayor Phyllis Campbell, Town of Brookneal John Sharp, Bedford County Board of Supervisors Kenneth Campbell, Amherst County Board of Supervisors Russell Thurston, Brookneal Town Manager

#### **Others Present:**

Bob Bailey, Center for Advanced Engineering & Research, Executive Director Ben Bowman, Region 2000 Workforce Development Director Gary Christie, Local Government Council, Executive Director Kelly Hitchcock, Local Government Council, Senior Planner Matt McLaren, Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates Rosalie Majerus, Local Government Council, Deputy Director of Finance Matt Perkins, Local Government Council, Admin. Program Coordinator Bob White, Local Government Council, Deputy Director

### **Minutes**

#### 1. Welcome | Moment of Silence | Introduction of New Members

Mayor Paul Harvey, *Chair*, called to order this meeting of the Council at 5:07 p.m. welcomed the Council, opened with a moment of silence, and introduced new members to the Council, Bryan Moody of Appomattox County and Michael Rousseau of Campbell County.

#### 2. <u>Recognition & Appreciation to outgoing member Stan Goldsmith</u>

Jack Hobbs presented a motion to recognize Stan Goldsmith and his leadership, contributions, and dedicated service to the work and mission of the Region 2000 Local Government Council, and being duly seconded by Frank Rogers, this motion carried unanimously.

#### 3. <u>Approval of Minutes – October 15, 2015</u>

Upon a motion by Mike Mattox to approve the minutes of October 15, 2015 as presented, and being seconded by Joan Foster, this motion carried unanimously with Michael Rousseau abstaining.

#### 4. Finance Report

a. <u>Report from Auditor</u>

The Council received the report from Matt McLaren of Robinson, Farmer, Cox and Associates. McLaren received and answered questions from Council members.

Kim Payne presented a motion to accept the audit, and being duly seconded Joan Foster, this motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Paul Harvey, Chair, thanked Waverly Coggsdale, former Treasurer and staff for their accomplishments and service.

#### b. Year-to-Date Report through December 31, 2015

Rosalie Majerus provided and overview and stated that actuals are on target and operating expenses are tracking as expected. Majerus also noted that some projects have not yet been posted but were coming in the near future.

#### c. Budget Amendments

Rosalie Majerus presented the two budget amendments for Councils consideration and approval those being the Campbell County Route 29 Corridor Process and James River Watershed Lynchburg Area TMDL Redevelopment.

Campbell County RT 29 Corridor Planning Process	Total Project	FY 16	FY 17
Revenue (from Virginia	\$125,000	\$62,500	\$62,500
Transportation Research Council)			
Expenditures			
Staff	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Consultant	\$115,000	\$57,500	\$57,500

James River Watershed Lynchburg	Additional Project		
Area TMDL Redevelopment	Revenue/Expenditure FY16		
Revenues	\$16,200		
DEQ	\$14,200		
Lynchburg	\$2,000		
Expenditures			
Staff	\$3,000		
Consultant	\$13,200		

Kim Payne presented a motion to accept the amendments to the budget as presented, and being duly seconded by Joan Foster, this motion carried unanimously.

#### 5. <u>Consideration of Request to the General Assembly for a Workforce Development</u> <u>Center facility at Central Virginia Community College</u>

Gary Christie provide an overview of the recommendation for support from the Council regarding a request to be made to Region 2000 General Assembly members to provide funding for a workforce development center located on the campus Central Virginia Community College.

Christie noted that this idea is in its infancy so no specific plans can be pointed to. By consensus, the Council agreed that communication with the region's delegates should wait until after the current General Assembly session is concluded and for time to elapse to see how the arrangement with Workforce Center operations being located at the VEC and Jubilee work out.

#### 6. <u>Discussion and Consideration of Resolution regarding CAER and IST Facility in</u> <u>Forest, Virginia</u>

Bob Bailey, Executive Director of the Center for Advanced Engineering & Research, provided an overview of the request and noted its benefit to the region both as a research facility but also how it ties into regional and statewide economic development.

Council discussed operational funding and long-term sustainability of the program.

Mike Mattox presented a motion to approve and adopt the resolution as presented, and being duly seconded by Susan Adams, this motion carried unanimously.

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#### 7. Discussion and Consideration of Support of GoVirginia

Gary Christie provided an overview of GoVirginia as an incentive program to encourage multi-regional cooperation included in the 2016 State budget. Christie highlighted some of the known aspects of the program including project submission and project types.

Members of Council noted that a program similar to this has been implemented before however funding did not materialize for long-term sustainability.

Frank Rogers presented a motion to support the concept of a regional, collaborative economic development and workforce development incentive program providing that the program can be formulated to be sustainable, and being duly seconded by Kim Payne, this motion passed by majority vote.

NO votes: Michael Rousseau

#### 8. <u>Consideration and Discussion on Communication/Marketing for the Local Government</u> <u>Council</u>

Gary Christie presented to Council the communication/marketing plan for the Local Government Council.

By consensus, Council agreed to the direction staff suggests and authorized staff to proceed with initiating marketing with new logo, as presented or similar variation thereof, and supporting material as well as communicating through, but not limited to, social media and press releases.

#### 9. <u>Consideration of Adopting a Proclamation Designating Local Government Education</u> <u>Week as April 1-7, 2016.</u>

Kim Payne presented a motion to adopt proclamation as present, and being duly seconded by Jack Hobbs, this motion carried unanimously.

#### 10. Items from Staff

a. Consideration of Support for a multi-regional grant application

Gary Christie presented to the Council for discussion funding opportunities to expand childcare resources for low-income families as they pursue training to increase skills and wages. Christie noted that this could be a multi-regional collaboration with neighboring workforce areas.

Ben Bowman also spoke to the matter and answered questions and responded to comments from the Council.

The Council, by consensus, desired that the demands and conditions of the grant on localities, should the grant be awarded, be brought back to Council for consideration and acceptance by Council and prior to staff accepting (signing contract) the grant.

Ken Bumgarner presented a motion to pursue this multi-regional grant application for expanding childcare resources for low-income families as presented, duly seconded by Mike Mattox, this motion passed by majority vote.

NO votes: Michael Rousseau

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#### 11. Round Table

This matter was tabled to the March 2016 Executive Committee meeting.

#### 12. Adjourn

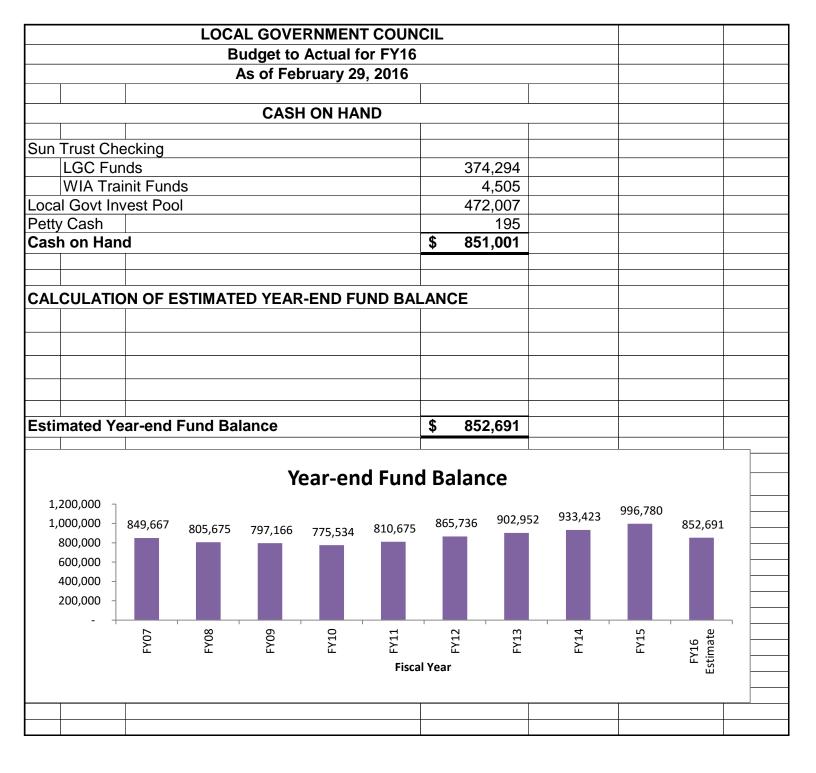
There being no further matters to discuss, Mayor Paul Harvey, *Chair*, adjourned the meeting at 6:28 pm by a motion to adjourn present by Jack Hobbs and duly seconded by Joan Foster.

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VIRGINIA'S REGION 2000			UNCIL	Attachment		
Budget to	pp 15 - 18					
as of February 29, 2016						
	<u>FY16</u> <u>Adjusted</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Through</u> <u>2/29/16</u>	Diff Between Budget & Actual	<u>% of Budget</u> <u>Used</u>		
OPERATIONS FUND (EXPENDITURES)						
<u>SALARY</u>						
ADMINISTRATION	190,711	125,930	64,781	66.03%		
FINANCE	130,862	87,241	43,621	66.67%		
OPERATIONS	231,607	154,404	77,203	66.67%		
WIA	130,651	88,177	42,474	67.49%		
Wage Consideration	8,000		8,000	0.00%		
	691,831	455,752	236,079	65.88%		
PART TIME HELP	10,000		10,000	0.00%		
Total Salaries & Wages	701,831	455,752	246,079	64.94%		
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EMPLOYER COST FICA	51,190 52,026	33,239	17,951 17,753	64.93%		
EMPLOYER COST V R S EMPLOYER COST HEALTH INS		34,273	33,439	65.88% 63.43%		
EMPLOYER COST HEALTHINS EMPLOYER COST LIFE INS	91,444 8,233	58,005 5,423	2,810	65.87%		
WORKERS COMP	777	588	189	75.68%		
Total Fringe Benefits	203,670	131,528	72,142	64.58%		
OFFICE EXPENSES						
AUDITING SERVICES	5,100	5,000	100	98.04%		
PAYROLL ACCOUNTING SERVICES	8,400	6,172	2,228	73.48%		
LEGAL SERVICES	3,000	0	3,000	0.00%		
LIABILITY INSURANCE	1,200	1,360	(160)	113.33%		
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	17,000	4,531	12,469	26.65%		
ADVERTISING	1,000	0	1,000	0.00%		
POSTAGE	1,500	(56)		-3.73%		
TELEPHONE	5,000	2,737	2,263	54.74%		
INTERNET SERVICES	360	336	24	93.33%		
	6,000	2,527	3,473 6,000	42.12%		
PRINTING & BINDING TRAVEL	6,000 7,500	<u> </u>	4,120	0.00% 45.07%		
SPECIAL MEETINGS	9,500	3,652	5,848	38.44%		
EDUCATION & TRAINING	6,000	2,683	3,317	44.72%		
DUES, SUBSCRIPTIONS	10,800	8,484	2,316	78.56%		
PUBLICATIONS	700	224	476	32.00%		
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	1,000	309	691	30.90%		
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	1,000	1,751	(751)	175.10%		
RENTAL OFFICE EQUIPMENT	4,800	1,941	2,859	40.44%		
OFFICE RENT	51,000	33,580	17,420	65.84%		
PARKING	4,500	2,120	2,380	47.11%		
COMPUTER EQUIP/SOFTWARE	10,000	1,767	8,233	17.67%		
Total Office Expenses	161,360	82,498	78,862	51.13%		
Total Operations Expenses	1,066,861	669,778	397,083	62.78%		

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	Actual for FY						
as of February 29, 2016							
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	FY16	Actual	Diff Between				
				% of Dudget			
	Adjusted	Through	Budget &	% of Budget			
	Budget	<u>2/29/16</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Used			
Total Operations Expenses (from Page 1)	1,066,861	669,778	397,083	62.78%			
Direct Project Expenses							
Agriculture Project	29,075	20,445	8,630	70.32%			
Amherst CDBG - Madison Hights	0	337	(337)	#DIV/0!			
Appomattox County Comp Plan	750	253	497	33.73%			
Appomattox CDBG	0	2,244	(2,244)	#DIV/0!			
Brookneal Streetscape	0	581	(581)	#DIV/0!			
Campbell County Route 29 Corridor Planning	57,500	0	57,500	0.00%			
DHCD	2,500	340	2,160	13.60%			
DRPT / FTA	2,500	1,689	811	67.56%			
EDA CEDS -Amherst	50,000	6,408	43,592	12.82%			
EDA CEDS	75,027	15,857	59,170	21.14%			
Regional Radio Board	2,500	627 101	1,873	25.08%			
Regional Tourism	50,000		49,899	0.20%			
RideSolutions	22,414	7,425	14,989	33.13%			
TMDL Redevelopment	13,300	7,702	5,598	57.91%			
Town of Amherst Main Street Waterline	500	52	448	10.40%			
Town of Amherst Comp Plan	100	1	99	1.00%			
Town of Appomattox Planning Services VDOT - PL	0	72 12,998	(72) 3,502	#DIV/0! 78.78%			
VDOT - PL VDOT - Rural	16,500 2,500		3,502	77.68%			
WIA		1,942	167,143				
VVIA	198,000	30,857	107,143	15.58%			
Total Direct Project Expenses	523,166	109,931	413,235	21.01%			
TOTAL OPERATING & DIRECT PROJECT EXPENSES	\$1,590,027	\$779,709	\$810,318	49.04%			
Pass Thru Expenses							
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Regional Radio Board	1,199,988	569,252	630,736	47.44%			
VDOT - PL	81,000	59,043	21,957	72.89%			
WIA	850,000	645,983	204,017	76.00%			
Total Pass Thru Expenses	\$2,130,988	\$1,274,278	\$856,710	59.80%			
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Total Expenses	\$3,721,015	\$2,053,987	\$1,667,028	55.20%			

VIRGINIA'S REGION 2000			UNCIL			
Budget to Actual for FY16 as of February 29, 2016						
	<u>FY16</u> <u>Adjusted</u> Budget	<u>Actual</u> <u>Through</u> 2/29/16	Diff Between Budget & Actual	<u>% of Budget</u> <u>Received</u>		
Revenues						
OPERATIONS FUND (REVENUE)						
Dues Town of Appomattox	1,045	1,045	0	100.00%		
Dues Town of Brookneal	1,045	1,045	0	100.00%		
Dues Town of Amherst Dues Town of Altavista	1,045 1,045	1,045 1,045	0	100.00% 100.00%		
Dues Town of Bedford	1,045	1,045	0	100.00%		
Dues Town of Bediord	44,491	44,491	0	100.00%		
Dues Bedford County	43,878	44,491 43,878	0	100.00%		
Dues Campbell County	32,278	32,278	0	100.00%		
Dues Amherst County	18,674	18,674	0	100.00%		
Dues Appomattox County	8,780	8,780	0	100.00%		
Miscellaneous Revenue	16,000	10,314	5,686	64.46%		
	10,000	10,314	5,000	04.4070		
Total Operations Revenue	169,326	163,640	5,686	96.64%		
Direct Project Revenues						
Agriculture Grant	19,275		19,275	0.00%		
Amherst County - Old Madison Heights	0	22,360	(22,360)	#DIV/0!		
Appomattox County Comp Plan	15,000	4,877	10,123	32.51%		
Brookneal Streetscape	13,000	6,000	(6,000)	#DIV/0!		
Campbell County Route 29 Corridor Planning	62,500	0,000	62,500	0.00%		
DHCD	72,471	56,978	15,493	78.62%		
DRPT / FTA	103,426	65,652	37,774	63.48%		
EDA/CEDS - Amherst	50,000	05,052	50,000	0.00%		
EDA/CEDS - Annerst EDA/CEDS - LGC	50,000		50,000	0.00%		
Regional Radio Board	40,000	35,333	4,667	88.33%		
Region 2000 Services Authority	157,829	99,622	58,207	63.12%		
RideSolutions	44,214	18,706	25,508	42.31%		
TMDL Redevelopment	19,200	10,700	19,200	0.00%		
Town of Amherst Main Street Waterline	10,000		10,000	0.00%		
Town of Appomattox Comp Plan	3,000		3,000	0.00%		
VDOT-PL	133,200	83,177	50,023	62.45%		
VDOT-Rural	58,000	34,450	23,550	59.40%		
Virginia's Region 2000	6,000	34,430	3,000	50.00%		
WIA	431,897	184,207	247,690	42.65%		
	431,097	104,207	247,030	42.0376		
Total Direct Project Revenues	1,276,012	614,362	661,650	48.15%		
Interest	600	712	(112)	118.67%		
TOTAL OPERATIONS & DIRECT PROJECT REVENUES	1,445,938	778,714	667,224	53.86%		
Surplus/(Use of Fund) Balance	(144,089)	(995)	(143,094)			
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Funding from Fund Balance for EDA CEDS	65,027		65,027	0.00%		
Funding from Fund Balance for Tourism	50,000		50,000	0.00%		
Funding from Fund Balance for Agriculture Grant	19,275		19,275	0.00%		
Funding from Fund Balance	134,302	0	134,302	0.00%		
	(\$9,787)	(\$995)	(\$8,792)			
Pass Thru Revenue						
Regional Radio Board	1,199,988	1,070,084	129,904	89.17%		
VDOT - PL	81,000	53,193	27,807	65.67%		
WIA	850,000		215,505	74.65%		
Total Pass Thru Revenues	\$50,000 \$2,130,988	634,495 <b>\$1,757,772</b>	\$373,216	74.65%		
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Total Revenue	3,711,228	2,536,486	1,174,742			
Net Surplus/(Use of Fund) Balance	(9,787)	482,499	1	1		



#### THE OPPORTUNITY IS CLEAR

The Food Hub Project was initiated in July 2015 in an effort to create economic opportunity in Region 2000 through food system development efforts that improve market access and increase on-farm returns. Fortunately, there is large demand for Virginia grown foods—created by the large retailers, institutions, and restaurants—and, for now, that demand outstrips supply, opening numerous opportunities for local farmers to access high value markets.

The challenge to taking advantage of the opportunity comes in meeting the common terms of trade required by the markets that demand these products. These terms center on issues such as food safety program compliance, quality assurance, delivery, and marketing support. When these terms are met, tens of millions of dollars in transaction value may open.

Many farms in the region have responded to this opportunity by implementing the necessary food safety protocols, but these tend to be large, well-resourced operations. However, small and mid-sized farms struggle to meet even the minimum, but necessary, standards for food safety due to the complexity and expense of adopting such programs.

#### THE RESPONSE IS STRAIGHTFORWARD

Responding to the opportunity means being prepared to quickly and professionally address the most important challenges keeping local foods off of retailers' shelves. For the most part, these challenges are programmatic and can be solved by a farmer led organization focused on building systems that meet demands of the modern food systems. In Region 2000 those include the:

- 1. creation of fully compliant Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) program,
- 2. adoption of Quality Assurance Programs (QAPs) for major commodity products,
- 3. design of a transactional system that enhances data interchange between farmers and buyers, and the
- 4. initiation of a marketing and merchandising support program to encourage higher sales of local products.

Even though these requirements are driven by the market, the response must come from the community of farmers and food processors that must implement them in order to be effective. Because of this, Region 2000 strongly encourages that program development be led and steered by a purpose driven, farmer-based organization whose mission is directly tied to the betterment of agriculture in Region 2000.

Support from Region 2000 and many other organizations is available to assist this action.

#### THE NEED FOR ACTION IS IMMEDIATE

The opportunity is immediate and may be fleeting. We know that market windows do not stay open long. The demand, if real, will be serviced by farms from Virginia, whether they are from Region 2000 or elsewhere. Therefore, time is of the essence.

With potential marketing partnerships aligning from Lynchburg to Washington, DC, Region 2000 hopes to support a small group of agricultural leaders who will form the membership based agricultural association with the intent to implement the above programs by summer 2016. The table below outlines the actions required.

Action	Timeline	Partnerships	Funding Range	Funding Source
Form Agricultural Membership Organization	Immediate	Region 2000 & Retailers	\$5,000 to \$15,000	VA-AFID, VA-BCC, USDA-RBD, Membership Funds, Local Philanthropic Funds, Wallace Foundation
Develop Program Funding Applications	March –July '16	Region 2000	\$5,000 to \$10,000	Region 2000
Hire GAP Design Consultant	April – June '16	Region 2000	\$10,000 to \$25,000	USDA-VAPG, USDA- RBEG, VA-Tobacco Revitalization
Design and Implement GroupGAP Program	July-August '16	Region 2000	\$15,000 to \$35,000	USDA-VAPG, USDA- RBEG, VA-Tobacco Revitalization, VA- AFID
Recruit Members and Program Participants	Ongoing	Region 2000, Cooperative Extension, Commodity Associations, Retailers	Under \$5,000	Region 2000, Private Foundations, Partners
Develop Pilot Sales System	June-August '16	DC Central Kitchen, Wegmans, Centra, others	\$25,000 to \$75,000	VA-BEE, USDA – VAPG, USDA-RBEG, USDA – F2S,
Develop Pilot Marketing and Merchandising System	August-October '16	Region 2000, Retailers, Community Associations, Commodity Associations	\$5,000 to \$10,000	USDA-FSMIP, USDA-LFPP, Private grants

During the formative stages of the farmer-driven organization, Region 2000 will assist with professional, technical, and fundraising resources.

**Region 2000 Local Government Council** 

Attachment 5a

FY-2017 Rural Transportation Planning Work Program July 01, 2016 – June 30, 2017

Transportation Technical Committee Approval: March 10, 2016 Region 2000 Local Government Council Approval: March 17, 2016 (pending)

## **Purpose and Objective**

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) allocates part of the State Planning and Research (SPR) funding to provide annual transportation planning assistance for non-urbanized areas within the Commonwealth. The Rural Transportation Planning (RTP) Program was created to aid the State in fulfilling the requirements of the State Planning Process to address the transportation needs of non-metropolitan areas. Funds appropriated under 23 U.S.C. 307(c) (SPR funds) are used in cooperation with the Department of Transportation, Commonwealth of Virginia for transportation planning as required by Section 135, Title 23, U.S. Code. These Federal funds provide 80 percent funding and require a 20 percent local match.

In FY-2017 each planning district commission / regional commission will receive \$58,000 from VDOT's Rural Transportation Planning Assistance Program and each planning district commission / regional commission will provide a local match of \$14,500 to conduct rural transportation planning activities. This resource may be supplemented with additional planning funds, but note that the arrangement of all such funds involves development of a scope of work, approval and other coordination in TMPD administrative work programs.

The scope of work shall include specific activities as requested by VDOT and/or the Federal Highway Administration. The scope of work may also include activities or studies addressing other transportation planning related issues that may be of specific interest to the region. The criteria for the determination of eligibility of studies for inclusion as part of this work program are based upon 23 U.S.C. 307 (c), State Planning and Research.

#### FY 2017 - Program Administration (\$21,000)

**Background and Objective:** The purpose of this work element is to facilitate regional participation and consensus building on transportation-related issues through a continuing, comprehensive, and coordinated planning process.

1. Rural Transportation Planning Management

<u>Description</u>: This activity includes all program management and administrative responsibilities not directly attributable to specific program activities. There are two defined objectives of this task: (1) the administration of transportation planning work program activities; and (2) the completion of necessary contracts, invoices, progress reports, correspondence, and grant applications in support of the work program.

<u>Deliverable Products</u>: The primary result of this task should be a well-functioning transportation program, including:

- Preparation of quarterly financial progress reports
- Provide oversight and administration of specific projects awarded under the Rural Transportation Grant Program
- Prepare meeting agenda minutes, resolutions, arrange for and/or attend meetings, conferences, and training
- Preparation for and attendance at Project Management Team (Technical Committee) meetings, including any work for special committees
- Review proposed enhancement projects as requested
- Prepare and execute funding agreements and contracts, including contract extensions or supplements, as needed
- Respond to requests for intergovernmental reviews, coordination
- Review, as necessary, consultant contracts or supplements and monitor consultant contracts, negotiations, and work progress on corridor studies and plans employing consultants
- Undertake staff training to enhance the rural transportation planning process, such as attendance at VDOT meetings and training sessions, VAPDC conferences, VAPA conferences and other opportunities as identified
- Provide Year End Summary List of accomplishments under the Rural Transportation Planning Assistance Program

#### Budget: \$16,800

2. Rural Transportation Planning Assistance Program-Scope of Work

<u>Description</u>: This task provides for the annual preparation of the Rural Transportation Planning Assistance Program – Scope of Work for the upcoming fiscal year. Any amendments or revisions to the existing scope of work are also a part of this element.

<u>Deliverable Products:</u> The FY 2018Rural Transportation Planning Assistance Program – Scope of Work, which documents the activities to be accomplished by the Region 2000

Local Government Council staff in the upcoming fiscal year. It will also include any amendments or revisions to the existing scope of work.

Budget: \$4,200

SPR Funds (80%)	\$16,800
PDC Funds (20%)	\$4,200
Total Budgeted Expenditure for Program Administration	\$21,000

#### FY 2016 - Program Activities (\$51,500)

**Background and Objective:** Address regionalized transportation issues that are identified by the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee and the Planning District Commission. Individual projects and work elements are described below:

1. General Technical Assistance

<u>Description</u>: This task allows for the assistance to localities and VDOT on transportation related activities on an individual or regional basis as needed.

This task includes, but is not limited to:

- Providing transportation technical input and resources to the Council's localities outside of the MPO area to improve the overall effectiveness and efficiency of the transportation network
- Reviewing and assisting in the updating of local comprehensive plans to ensure that land use and other elements are consistent with transportation planning elements and the statewide transportation plan; this item includes assisting in the development of comprehensive plan's transportation element
- Other duties as required by VDOT, FHWA, and the Council
- Development and provision of GIS information for use with transportation projects and planning efforts
- Enhancement and maintenance of a website
- Education, information, and referral assistance to localities on local transportation planning committees such as the 501 Coalition and local Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committees
- Writing transportation planning grants, including enhancement and safe routes to school grants. This task includes any research and plan development necessary to support grant application efforts
- Evaluation and review of special situations such as major traffic generators, site plans, elderly and handicapped needs, and para-transit projects, as needed
- GIS training activities
- Complete any outstanding items from the FY 2016 Scope of Work. (None anticipated at this time)
- Assist the District Planner in the update/review of the Small Urban Area Plans in Region 2000
- Compile all available current and future land use GIS layers / attribute data from local comprehensive plans within the Planning District Commission boundaries. Please use the GIS tool to be provided by VDOT-TMPD to geo-reference local transportation plan recommendations. VDOT-TMPD will provide technical assistance on an as needed basis in accomplishing this task. Information gathered will be used to update existing land use data within the Statewide Planning System and will be used to augment data for the Statewide Travel Demand Model that is currently under development. For localities that do not have GIS layers / attribute data for the current and future land use plans, develop a schedule and identify resources needed that would allow this data to be captured via GIS. VDOT-TMPD

will provide detail instructions and templates to be used to provide consistency across the state

- Undertake the Region 2000 Congestion Survey
- Attend the Fall Transportation Meeting and provide a display
- Participate in outreach meetings and review data as requested by VDOT throughout the fiscal year pertaining to VTrans and other appropriate efforts

**Deliverable Products:** 

- Assistance as enumerated above;
- Enhance and maintain the Council's website transportation component;

#### Budget: \$11,000

2. Rural Long-Range Transportation (RLRTP) Activities

Description:

- A. Complete update of Rural Long-Range Transportation Plan (RLRTP) One of the goals of this activity will be to align the format and scope of the RLRTP with the Central Virginia Long-Range Plan (CVLRP). Projects will be prioritized on an annual basis with input from localities and VDOT within the context of House Bill 2 and the Virginia Multimodal Transportation Plan. Initial prioritization effort will be accomplished by second quarter of FY '17
- B. Continue to build competency in corridor and intersection safety analysis using guidance documents from VDOT and other best practices. Conduct a corridor study or analysis of a roadway segment or intersection and identify potential improvements (including access management) to the corridor for safety and/or congestion. This task will involve coordinating location selection with the transportation technical committee, localities, and VDOT. A sample corridor study will be added as an appendix to the updated RLRTP in order to provide localities with guidance on how to best request further studies from the PDC

Deliverables:

- Summary of RLRTP update activities
- Documented prioritization results
- Summary of safety analysis activities

#### Budget: \$34,500

3. Alternative Transportation Planning Activities

The following items will be accomplished in support of alternative transportation planning efforts. These items coordinate with the CVMPO Alternative Transportation project activities.

Activities include:

- Website updates
- Grant assistance
- Bike Month development and execution
- Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- Bike/Pedestrian Annual Report
- Alternative Transportation Webinar Series

Appomattox Phase 2 – Appomattox Heritage and Recreation Trail Implementation Staff will assist Appomattox County in the project recordation elements associated with the implementation of this project.

Locality assistance as appropriate.

Deliverable: A summary report of above referenced activities.

<u>Budget: \$6,000</u>	
SPR Funds (80%)	\$41,200
PDC Funds (20%)	\$10,300

Total Budgeted Expenditure for Program Activities	\$51,500
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## FY-2017 Budget Summary

Tasks	VDOT (SPR) 80%	PDC (20%)	Total (100%)
Program Administration			
1. Program Administration	\$13,440	\$3,360	\$16,800
2. Scope of Work	\$3,360	\$840	\$4,200
3.			
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Total Budgeted Expenditure for Program Administration	\$16,800	\$4,200	\$21,000
Program Activities			
1. General Technical Assistance	\$8,800	\$2,200	\$11,000
2. Rural Long-Range Transportation (RLRTP) Activities	\$27,600	\$6,900	\$34,500
3. Alternative Transportation Planning Activities	\$4,800	\$1,200	\$6,000
Total Budgeted Expenditure for Program Activities	\$41,200	\$10,300	\$51,500
Total Budgeted Expenditure for Program Administration and Program Activities	\$58,000.00	\$14,500	\$72,500



#### RESOLUTION APPROVING FY-2017 RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

**WHEREAS**, the staff of the Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council has prepared the FY-2017 Rural Transportation Planning Work Program (Program); and,

**WHEREAS**, this Program has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Transportation Technical Committee; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Program is now before the Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council for final approval.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** that the Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council does hereby approve the FY-2017 Rural Transportation Planning Work Program and does authorize it to be submitted to the Virginia Department of Transportation.

**ADOPTED** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016, by the Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council.

ATTESTED BY:

CERTIFIED BY:

Gary F. Christie, Secretary Region 2000 Local Government Council Paul Harvey, Chair Region 2000 Local Government Council

# Attachment 7a



Amherst County Board of Supervisors County Resolution No. 2016-0005-R

#### For consideration on February 16, 2016

#### A RESOLUTION, NO. 2016-0005-R

A resolution, ratifying the endorsement of the Economic Development Authority's recommended course of action for the Central Virginia Training Center property by the Board of Supervisors at its February 2, 2016, meeting.

Approved as to form by the County Attorney

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF AMHERST, VIRGINIA:

I. That the Board of Supervisors of Amherst County hereby ratifies its February 2, 2016, endorsement of the Economic Development Authority Board's recommended course of action for redevelopment of the Central Virginia Training Center property and surrounding properties, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Region 2000 Central Virginia Training Center steering committee met in Richmond with key staff from the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services ("DBHDS"), the Central Virginia Training Center ("CVTC") and the Department of Governmental Services ("DGS") to discuss the CVTC closure and State policy governing disposal of surplus property; and

WHEREAS, following this meeting, a core group of the Steering Committee met and identified a course of action responsive to the proposed closure; and

**WHEREAS**, this course of action includes requesting that the region's legislative delegation support legislation mandating that the Commonwealth conduct a thorough environmental assessment of the CVTC site prior to the end of calendar year 2016; and

WHEREAS, this course of action also includes requesting that the region's legislative delegation submit and support a budget amendment for \$300,000 to undertake and complete a comprehensive redevelopment plan for the CVTC site and surrounding properties; and

WHEREAS, the EDA Board approved this course of action at their January 2016 meeting; and

WHEREAS, at the February 2, 2016, meeting of the Amherst County Board of Supervisors ("Board"), the EDA Board asked the Board to endorse this course of action; and

WHEREAS, the Board agrees that in order to manage and market the CVTC site, it is essential to determine the necessity for environmental mitigation, and the Commonwealth is responsible for that determination and any needed mitigation; and

WHEREAS, the Board also agrees that the Commonwealth has a responsibility to help the region overcome the devastating loss of the CVTC through exploring the potential for redevelopment and new development in the area that could benefit the region, Amherst County, and the Commonwealth in the form of new economic activity, jobs, and taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Board therefore endorsed the EDA Board's recommended course of action by a voice vote on a spoken motion; and

WHEREAS, the Board now wishes to ratify its vote of endorsement by adoption of this Resolution 2016-0005-R.

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF AMHERST, VIRGINIA:

That the Board of Supervisors of Amherst County hereby ratifies its endorsement on February 2, 2016, of the EDA Board's recommended course of action relative to the CVTC property, and directs County staff to ask that Region 2000 request that the region's legislative delegation (1) take all necessary action required to secure a thorough environmental assessment of the CVTC site, including, if necessary, both Phase I and Phase II proceedings, and (2) submit and support a budget amendment for \$300,000 in the 2017 session of the General Assembly to support preparation of a comprehensive redevelopment plan for the CVTC site and surrounding properties.

#### II. That this resolution shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

Adopted this 16th day of February, 2016.

John A. Marks, Jr., Chair Amherst County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Dean C. Rodgers, Clerk Amherst County Board of Supervisors

Ayes 5

Nays Ø

Abstentions  $\oint$ 



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## Resolution Supporting the Central Virginia Training Center Adaptive Reuse Investigation

WHEREAS, in January 2012, Governor McDonnell announced the closure of four of Virginia's training centers over a ten year period and the continuation of the downsizing of a fifth center, pursuant to the August 2012 U.S. Department of Justice settlement and related matters; and

WHEREAS, the Central Virginia Training Center is scheduled to close by 2020, if not before; and

WHEREAS, the Central Virginia Training Center is one of the largest employers in Region 2000. The Center's total economic impact for the Lynchburg MSA includes 1,639 full-time equivalent jobs, \$53.6 million in labor income, and \$87.1 million in overall economic activity. State and local tax revenue generates \$3 million; and

WHEREAS, the Central Virginia Training Center, possibly with adjoining property, provides an unusual opportunity for adaptive reuse. Deliberate analysis of this potential is needed to ensure the Region 2000 community has a full understanding of its redevelopment potential and is able to market the property, accordingly; and

WHEREAS, this opportunity does not preclude retaining the Central Virginia Training Center operations, as appropriate for the future; and

WHEREAS, this analysis is both needed and advisable given the significant economic disruption the Center closing will have on the Region 2000 community and given the community's vested interest in its future use; and

WHEREAS, the Region 2000 community is best positioned to determine its future use; and

WHEREAS, the normal State administrative process for surplus property disposition does not allow for deliberate Regional community consideration of this future use; and

WHEREAS, the Region 2000 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy identifies Amherst-Central Virginia Training Center Site Redevelopment and Workforce Transition as a supporting project to effect its goals and objectives; and

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WHEREAS, the Amherst County Board of Supervisors requested the Amherst County Economic Development Authority to partner with the Region 2000 Partnership to explore opportunities and alternatives for continued use of the Central Virginia Training Center property; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Region 2000 Local Government Council supports the conduct of the Central Virginia Training Center adaptive reuse investigation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Region 2000 Local Government Council directs its Executive Director to support Amherst County's Economic Development Authority in its efforts to undertake the Central Virginia Training Center adaptive reuse investigation.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Region 2000 Local Government Council directs its Executive Director to consult with appropriate Commonwealth officials, both elected and administrative, to ensure the Region 2000 community is given full consideration in determining the future ownership transfer and use of this property, beyond the established administrative process for Commonwealth surplus property disposition.

Upon a motio	on by Mer	mber	Mark	Reeter	duly seconded by	
Member	Kim	Payn	12	, adop	ted this 15 <sup>th</sup> day of January 2015.	

ATTESTED BY:

Gary F. Christle, Secretary Region 2000 Local Government Council

CERTIFIED BY:

Mike Mattox, Chair Region 2000 Local Government Council