



COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul D. Trampe, Board Member
Larry K. Pritchett, Treasurer
Debbie Williams, Commissioner of Revenue
Mark Cole, Deputy County Administrator
Mary Sorrell, Finance Director

OTHER STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jessica Towell, Grants Technician
Captain Willie Tydings, Sheriff's Office
Tracy Edwards, Sheriff's Office Program Assistant
Tom Rumora, Director Economic Development & Tourism
Debbie Sanders, Deputy Director Economic Development & Tourism

Award Acceptance and Appropriation for the FY 2017 Virginia Business Ready Sites Program Site Characterization Grant Awards

Tom Rumora, Director Economic Development & Tourism, explained that the Virginia Business Ready Sites Program (VBRSP) was a newly established program to identify and assess the readiness of potential industrial or commercial sites in the Commonwealth for marketing for economic development purposes. He explained that after evaluation, sites are then assessed a tier ranking from one (site has minimal or no infrastructure) to five (all permits are in place and the site is ready for a site disturbance permit in the locality in which the site is located).

The Department of Economic Development and Tourism has been awarded two grant awards for site characterization under the VBRSP. The first award is for the Gilman Tract East site in the amount of \$2,377 and the other award is for the Gilman Tract West site in the amount of \$3,575. The two grants require a total local match of \$5,952 which is available in Economic Development's FY 2017 Adopted Budget. The site characterizations have already been completed for these two properties. The Gilman Tract East site is considered a tier one while the Gilman Tract West site is considered a tier two.

Mr. Rumora explained that there is also potential for future applications to the VBRSP for grant funding of significant infrastructure costs necessary to market these sites, however the details about the level of funding available for those grants is not yet available. At this point staff is asking for the Board's approval to accept and appropriate the initial FY 2017 Virginia Business Ready Sites Program Site Characterization Grant Award of \$5,952.

Mr. Rumora explained that Spotsylvania and Caroline Counties were also awarded a regional grant through VBRSP for \$5,000, through the Fredericksburg Regional Alliance (FRA), to assess the Orrock-Simms Assemblage. Spotsylvania County will be responsible for paying \$1,250 towards the local match requirement on this grant and

the funding is available in Economic Development's FY 2017 Adopted Budget, requiring no Board action. The site characterization for this property is complete and it has been evaluated as a tier one. Mr. Rumora explained that he anticipates the next phase of VBRSP grant opportunities will be available in the spring of 2017.

On a motion by Mr. Pritchett, seconded by Ms. Williams, and passed unanimously, the Finance Committee recommended acceptance of the grant and approval of the associated budget amendment and appropriation.

Funding of Permit Fees for the Rappahannock Rail Museum

Tom Rumora, Director Economic Development & Tourism, explained that the Board approved a request from the Rappahannock Rail Museum ("RRA") seeking authority to place two mobile education units at the Rail Museum. Staff has obtained the EDA's approval and is now requesting the Board's approval to provide a grant to the RRA to reimburse permit fees related to this project in the amount of \$468. Funding for the grant would come from accumulated Transient Occupancy tax receipts which must be used solely for tourism purposes.

On a motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Cole, and passed unanimously, the Finance Committee recommended approval of the proposed budget amendment and appropriation.

Acceptance and Budget Adjustment for the FY 2017 Maddie's Fund Million Cat Challenge Grant Award

Tracy Edwards, Sheriff's Office Program Assistant, explained that the Spotsylvania County Animal Shelter, through the Sheriff's Office, has received a \$1,000 grant award for registering to participate in Maddie's Fund's Million Cat Challenge. This grant opportunity will assist the Animal Shelter in providing trap-neuter-return services to the County's stray cats, in order to reduce the number of homeless cats in the county and prevent more cats from entering the Animal Shelter in the future.

On a motion by Mr. Pritchett, seconded by Ms. Williams, and passed unanimously, the Finance Committee recommended approval of the proposed budget amendment and appropriation.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Sorrell adjourned the meeting.