

**BIG SANDY AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 18, 2005 – Noon – District Meeting Room**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Judge-Executive Tucker Daniel, Chair
Judge-Executive Bill Deskins
Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson
Judge-Executive Bill May
Mayor Frank Justice, by proxy Mr. Donovan Blackburn
Mayor Doug Pugh
Mayor Stanley Howard, by proxy Ms. Carolyn Patrick
Ms. Kitty White
Mr. Mickey Anders
Mr. Paul Williams
Ms. Lillian Wheeler
Ms. Susan Howard
Ms. Donna Adams
Ms. Doris Barnett
Mr. Burl Wells Spurlock

GUESTS PRESENT

Capt. Jim Booth, KSP Post 9
Bobby Johnson, KSP Post 9
Ms. Nikki Allen, Center for Rural Development
Mr. Greg Hamlin, Sandy Valley Transportation
Mr. Bobby Carpenter, Big Sandy Red Cross
Ms. Donna McClure, Senator Mitch McConnell's office
Ms. Tonya Conn, Congressman Hal Rogers's office

STAFF PRESENT

Sandy Runyon	James Whited
Terry Trimble	Janice Prater
Jeff Sizemore	Denise Thomas
Donna Wiete	Donna Frazier
Retha Mullins	Liz Hamilton
Eric Ratliff	Steve Jones
Barry Butcher	Libby Ratcliff
Sharlet Butler	Melissa Hicks
Peggy Thompson	Bill Little

The chair called the meeting to order. A quorum was present. Minutes of the June meeting were read and approved by motion and a second from Judge-Executive Bill May and Mayor Doug Pugh. Motion passed. The agenda was reviewed and approved with a motion and a second from Judge-Executive Paul Thompson and Mayor Doug Pugh.

James Whited gave the financial report. He informed the board that we ended the year with an unrestricted fund balance of \$248,305 with a net of 1-2% variance of actual to budget in all departments. All departments have exercised very good controls in spending. Cash flow was very good throughout the year. We have 2.6 million in assets on the books. For the FY06 budget we are budgeting a \$91,000 surplus this year. The finance committee met on August 17 and had a very productive meeting. They are hopeful that the surplus goal will be met. Mr. Spurlock wanted to assure the board that the Finance Committee is very supportive of agency controls. Approval of the financial report was made upon a motion and a second from Mr. Burl Wells Spurlock and Judge-Executive Bill May. Mr. Burl Wells Spurlock and Mayor Doug Pugh approved approval of the FY06 budget with a motion and a second.

Barry Butcher gave the transportation committee report. He provided a list of all projects submitted with the 6-year highway plan's top 10 and the unscheduled projects list. He told board members that if they submitted a project that was not listed to see him. He added that all counties are providing good participation.

Sandy Runyon announced 3 staff resignations to the board. Amy Barnes and Neil Parsons went to work for GOLD with the CEGG program. We will be advertising for those two positions shortly. Also, the Corbin area ERS resigned and that position will be advertised. Mr. Chris Shepherd has worked with the Title V program and has done an excellent job. Ms. Runyon recommended him for the position of Building Mechanic and he has accepted. A motion by Judge-Executive May, seconded by Mayor Pugh approved this recommendation.

The board was presented with a resolution in support of the Community Economic Growth Grant program. The program has been funded \$10 million dollars this year. A motion by Judge-Executive Bill May, seconded by Mayor Doug Pugh approved the resolution.

Mr. Greg Jones approached the board to expand on the services offered by Southern Kentucky Economic Development to attract new businesses to Kentucky. They will be expanding their service area from 29 to 42 counties and will be housed in the same offices as CEGG in the First Commonwealth Bank Building in Prestonsburg. They will be interviewing for an Economic Development Specialist for the Prestonsburg office. Judge-Executive Tucker Daniel expressed gratitude for their services in the area. Sandy reiterated that the person who will be hired will be an ED Specialist and will bring other services to the area.

Sandy identified two projects that were brought before the ADD for review to determine eligibility for CEGG funds. The ADD's were charged with review of all projects in the area that wish to utilize these funds to determine eligibility only. An eligibility assessment tool is utilized, which outlines specific guidelines to be met. One of those requirements is that the project has to be a capital project and then we provide comments. They are as follows:

- BSRIDA submitted an application on behalf of SKED for \$250,000 that would allow SKED to expand into the eastern part of the 5th District. It was determined that this project would be eligible. The board approved this project with a motion and a second by Mayor Doug Pugh and Judge-Executive Bill Deskins.
- Magoffin County Fiscal Court has requested \$600,000 for the construction of an Administrative Office Building. It was determined that this project would be eligible. The board approved this project with a motion and a second by Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson and Mayor Doug Pugh.

Martin County came before the board and requested an ADF reallocation of their 2004 (second round) and 2005 funds totaling \$21,954 for the purchase of fire hydrants. Request granted with a motion and a second from Judge-Executive Bill May and Mayor Doug Pugh.

Ms. Runyon gave the Directors Report. We've been given the FY06 allocations for ADF. ½ of the funds are available now and the other ½ will be available in January. We will get \$70,307.04, which is about the same as last year. The Land and Water grants will be cut by 2/3 in FY 06, which is about \$30 million nationally.

Insurance rates have not increased yet, but will change in January. We got ½ of last years increase approved through the general assembly for reimbursement. We hope for the same this year.

We have been working on trails projects. We have 11 counties involved in Kentucky Mountain Trails. Also working with Johnson and Magoffin counties on the RJ Corman Trails. Resolutions have gone through both courts.

We completed the NIMS project and it was announced that Kentucky was the first state to complete all the information and have it submitted to the national level.

Local Issues Conference was a great success. The format was different this year and everyone agreed that it was much better.

We had a PCA signing this week for Tug Valley Sewer Project. The Corps, the Congressman and all the local officials involved were in attendance. Judge Thompson had the Congressman in Wheelwright afterward to show off the swimming pool that they had re-done with a grant. They used prisoners for the 25% match on labor. They dedicated it to Phillip B. Damron, an attorney in Prestonsburg and B.J. Bryant who was

a lifeguard that was killed in a wreck. The Congressman then went to Pikeville and toured the Civic Center. Tonya Conn has been asked to fill the position within the Congressman's office for the field representative for the eastern counties and she has accepted.

Sandy received a letter from Secretary Holsinger announcing a forum at Jenny Wiley State Park on August 25 to discuss tobacco use. They are asking for participation.

The East Kentucky State Fair is moving along and will be at ThunderRidge from August 30 – September 5, 2005.

Grayson Smith with the Governors office announced that GOLD would be doing a check presentation on August 26th at Elkhorn Park in Floyd County.

Bobby Carpenter, who is the Prestonsburg Fire Marshall, has been appointed the Executive Director of the Red Cross. They are in need of board members from Pike and Martin Counties and he solicited for members from the judges.

With no more business, the meeting adjourned.