

**Big Sandy Area Development District  
Board of Directors Meeting  
August 17, 2006 – Noon – District Meeting Room**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Judge-Executive Tucker Daniels  
Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson  
Judge-Executive Bill Deskins  
Judge-Executive Bill May  
Judge-Executive Kelly Callaham  
Mayor Frank Justice, by proxy Mr. Donovan Blackburn  
Mayor Doug Pugh  
Mayor Sharon Woods, by proxy Mr. Chris Waugh  
Ms. Susan Howard  
Mr. Mickey Anders  
Ms. Lillian Wheeler  
Mr. Paul Williams, by proxy Ms. Johnna Sloan  
Ms. Doris Barnett  
Mr. Craig Preece

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Mr. Bob Mitchell, Congressman Hal Rogers Office  
Ms. Tonya Conn, Congressman Hal Rogers Office  
Ms. Jenny Huddleston, Congressman Hal Rogers Office  
Mr. Ronald Thompson, Pike County Deputy Judge Executive  
Ms. Jessica Hale, Floyd County Times  
Mr. Steve Clary, KACo

**STAFF PRESENT**

Ms. Sandy Runyon	Ms. Denise Thomas
Ms. Brenda Powers	Ms. Tracy Wireman-Perkins
Ms. Sandra Justice	Ms. Donna Frazier
Ms. Regina Hall	Mr. Bill Little
Mr. James Whited	

Judge Executive Tucker Daniel called the meeting to order and introduced guests.

The minutes of the June meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by Judge Callaham and a second from Mayor Pugh. The agenda was reviewed with the following changes: Elimination of the Cost Allocation Plan, addition of Cost Allocation Plan Review. A motion to approve the agenda with revisions was made by Judge Executive Deskins and seconded by Judge Executive Paul Thompson. The motion was approved. Mr. Preece and a second from Mr. Blackburn approved the Executive Review. There was no old business to address.

Under new business, the board was presented with a resolution in support of the 2006 CEDS. Ms. Runyon and Ms. Thomas provided the status of the CEDS process for the 2006 update. Judge Executive Thompson and a second by Mr. Preece approved the resolution following a motion.

The Board ratified the contract for the Executive Director following approval by the Executive Committee last month. The motion was made by Judge Executive May and seconded by Mayor Pugh. The merit raises were ratified following Executive Committee approval; a motion was made by Judge Executive May and seconded by Mayor Pugh. The cost allocation plan was reviewed with explanation from Mr. Whited concerning revenues, expenses and indirect costs as compared to last year. Mr. Whited stated that a surplus of \$81,000 was being budgeted. A motion for approval was made by Mayor Pugh and seconded by Mr. Preece.

The Director's report included mention of the recent assessment by the Cabinet for Families and Children that BSADD participated in. Ms. Susan Howard was pleased with the participation from the community. The Johnson County Judicial Center ribbon cutting was also held recently. Ms. Runyon, and additional BSADD staff, have been involved in the Kentucky Mountain Trails ATV project with 12 participating counties. The Governor has recently created a Recreational Trails Authority, which Ms. Runyon serves on; the Kentucky Mountain Trails project may be their pilot project.

Ms. Runyon also is participating in the Governor's Taskforce on Wildland Arson; their focus will be this fall's fire season and changing the mindset of citizens toward expectancy of wildfires being set. BSADD continues to work with the USACE, Floyd County, and the City of Martin toward the Martin Redevelopment Project, which will involve the redevelopment of commercial and residential structures.

BSADD staff continues to work with Pike County on the development of the Pike County Comprehensive Economic Development Plan in conjunction with a consulting firm, Economic Stewardship, Inc.

Ms. Runyon attended the Judges and Magistrates Conference and presented on the possible restructuring of the East Kentucky Corporation. The Southern Legislative Conference was held in Louisville and was a good showcase of Kentucky. The ARC fall conference planning is on track. Mr. Blackburn provided details of the conference agenda and estimates that 700 – 800 will be in attendance. Additional funding is being accepted for conference expenses. The Pike County Chamber of Commerce is the contact point.

Ms. Runyon stated that GOLD had received all county budgets and are pleased with submittals. Area Development Funds will be forthcoming in a lump sum this year. Coal severance project applications need to be submitted on a schedule to coincide with the Intergovernmental Review Committee meeting schedule.

The Spirit of Kentucky Award nomination was submitted for the Dawkins Line – Rails To Trails project. Announcement of the award will take place at the Local Issues Conference. The final numbers from the East Kentucky Fair are not in yet but a report will be made by the next meeting.

BSADD was awarded a grant, with assistance from Congressman Rogers, for developing a feasibility study on commercial air service for the region. Mr. Mitchell announced that a new federal prison will be constructed in Letcher County; the site selection group met there this month.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a motion by Judge Executive Thompson and a second by Judge Executive May.