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SOUTHWEST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

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5:00 o'clock p.m.

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2 Mr. William Carrico, Sr., Chairman

3 Mr. Ben Chafin, Jr.

4 Ms. Becky Coleman

5 Ms. Mary Rae Carter

6 Mr. Richard Sutherland

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8 COMMISSION STAFF:

9 Mr. Evan Feinman, Executive Director

10 Mr. Christopher E. Piper, Deputy Director

11 Mr. Timothy S. Pfohl, Grants Program Administration

12 Director

13 Ms. Stephanie S. Kim, Director of Finance

14 Ms. Sarah K. Capps, Grants Program Administrator,

15 Southside Virginia

16 Ms. Michele Faircloth, Grants Assistant,

17 Southside Virginia

18 Ms. Sara G. Williams, Grants Program Administrator,

19 Southwest Virginia

20 Ms. Jessica Stamper, Grants Assistant,

21 Southwest Virginia

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3 CHAIRMAN CARRICO: We'll call the
4 Southwest Economic Development Community to order.
5 And if you'd call roll, Evan.

6 MR. FEINMAN: Yes, sir,
7 Mr. Chairman.

8 Senator Carrico?

9 CHAIRMAN CARRICO: Here.

10 MR. FEINMAN: Senator Chafin?

11 MR. CHAFIN: Here.

12 MR. FEINMAN: Ms. Coleman?

13 MS. COLEMAN: Here.

14 MR. FEINMAN: Ms. Carter?

15 MS. CARTER: Here.

16 MR. FEINMAN: Delegate Morefield?

17 Mr. Sutherland?

18 MS. SUTHERLAND: Here.

19 MR. FEINMAN: You have a quorum, Mr.
20 Chairman.

21 CHAIRMAN CARRICO: Thank you, Evan.

22 And is there a motion for approval
23 of the minutes on September 8, 2017?

24 MR. CHAFIN: So moved.

25 CHAIRMAN CARRICO: Is there a

1 second?

2 MR. SUTHERLAND: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN CARRICO: All right. Those
4 have been moved and seconded. All in favor say aye
5 (Ayes).

6 All oppose, same sign? (No
7 response.)

8 All right. Now to other business.
9 This should be a pretty short meeting. If you'll
10 go to your packet, on page 86 you'll see a
11 one-pager there dealing with two projects that we
12 need motions on for extensions. That would be the
13 Grayson County Project Timberwolf, Grant Number
14 3308. There was a \$150,000 request. And Staff's
15 recommendation, if you want to hear it from Staff,
16 we can have Staff give us a report on that.

17 MS. WILLIAMS: Okay. We have a
18 change in scope for Grant 3308. That was \$150,000
19 approved for Project Timberwolf for Grayson County.
20 It was approved in September 2017.

21 And at the time it was approved with
22 a contingency for a -- that the company provide a
23 15-year of first refusal to the applicant. The
24 grant was to prepare a site for Project Timberwolf,
25 a company from North Carolina that was to locate in

1 Grayson County.

2 Since that time, project Timberwolf
3 has been caught up in a legal dispute between the
4 company's owners and it's unknown if they will
5 actually be able to locate to Grayson County. So,
6 the County has asked that we remove the contingency
7 that ties them to Project Timberwolf to allow them
8 to go ahead and prepare the site as intended, but
9 have it available for other prospects. And Staff
10 is recommending the removal of the contingency.

11 CHAIRMAN CARRICO: Okay. Staff's
12 recommendation of removing the contingency in the
13 project is -- recommendation's are.

14 Is there any questions for Staff
15 about this project?

16 All right. Hearing none, is there a
17 motion on the project, Grant Number 3308, Project
18 Timberwolf?

19 MS. COLEMAN: I move to remove the
20 contingency.

21 CHAIRMAN CARRICO: All right.
22 There's a motion to remove the contingency. Is
23 there a second?

24 MR. SUTHERLAND: Second.

25 CHAIRMAN CARRICO: All right. It's

1 been moved and seconded that we remove the
2 contingency and let them move forward. All in
3 favor say aye (Ayes.).

4 All right. All opposed, same sign?
5 (No response.)

6 That's been approved.

7 The second thing on our agenda will
8 be the Virginia Coalfield Coalition 4G Wireless
9 Project, Grant 2841. It's the Staff's
10 recommendation for approval of a fifth year
11 extension that's been requested by the grantee to
12 allow the purchase of additional equipment needed
13 for network.

14 Would you want to elaborate on that,
15 or --

16 MS. WILLIAMS: I think you did a
17 good job covering it.

18 CHAIRMAN CARRICO: Okay. Is there
19 any questions?

20 MS. CARTER: Mr. Chairman, I have
21 some questions.

22 CHAIRMAN CARRICO: Mary Rae, okay.

23 MS. CARTER: Could you, Sara, just
24 elaborate on this a little bit. Could you tell us,
25 kind of refresh our memories on this project.

1 MS. WILLIAMS: This grant was
2 approved in 2014 and -- I don't know.

3 Tim, you probably are more -

4 MR. PFOHL: Yeah, the --

5 MS. WILLIAMS: -- on this one.

6 MR. PFOHL: -- commission did a
7 series of grants. I think the total amount was
8 over 11 million dollars, to put a couple of dozen
9 towers across Southwest Virginia. And -- pardon
10 me -- Verizon wireless is providing 4G wireless off
11 of that tower system.

12 So, it's up and running. They still
13 have some kind of final equipment needs that
14 they're asking us to give them some extension time
15 on.

16 CHAIRMAN CARRICO: All right.

17 MS. CARTER: Thank you.

18 MR. PFOHL: Uh-huh.

19 CHAIRMAN CARRICO: Any other
20 questions?

21 All right. Hearing none, is there a
22 motion on the Staff's recommendation for an
23 approval of a fifth year extension?

24 MS. CARTER: I move we approve the
25 extension.

1 THE COURT: All right. Mary Rae
2 moves that we approve the extension. Is there a
3 second?

4 MR. SUTHERLAND: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN CARRICO: All right. It's
6 been moved and seconded. All in favor of the
7 extension say aye (Ayes).

8 All opposed? (No response.)

9 That motion carries.

10 All right. That leaves us -- I
11 think that's all we have, as far as extensions.

12 MR. FEINMAN: There's no other
13 business.

14 CHAIRMAN CARRICO: Any public
15 comments? Public comments?

16 Anyone in the public want to make
17 comments on the -- all right. Hearing none, that
18 completes our -- if my session goes this quickly
19 and this good, I might get re-elected without
20 having to draw my name out of the hat. So, thank
21 you. We're adjourned.

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23 (At this time, the meeting is
24 adjourned.)

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Given under my hand this 18th day of January, 2018.

Jacqueline Barreto

Certified Court Reporter

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