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To: TJPD Commissioners
From: Billie Campbell
Date: January 29, 2009
Re: Mayor & Chairs/CAOs

Purpose: To brief the Commission on the discussion of the Mayor & Chairs at their meeting on January 23.

Background: The quarterly meetings of the Mayor & Chairs resumed in September 2006 after a hiatus of a few years. In past years, the Chief Administrative Officers of the six localities in the Planning District met separately from the Mayor & Chairs, but now meet with the elected officials. The group has been primarily involved in legislative issues, but also discusses issues of common concern (for example, the Mayor & Chairs recommended holding a Regional Information Sharing Session, which took place May 31, 2007). New members for 2009 include: David Slutzky, Chair, Albemarle BOS, Jack Wright, Designee, Louisa BOS, and Allen Hale, Chair, Nelson BOS. The County Administrator position in Louisa currently is vacant.

Issues: The agenda for January 23 was primarily focused on discussion of legislation pending in the General Assembly, particularly the budget. Discussion also touched on the proposed "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009," storm water regulations, alternative septic systems, and broadband.

Recommendations: 1) Change the name of this group from Mayor & Chairs to Mayor & Chairs/CAOs; 2) The Mayor/Chairs and CAOs agreed to hold a media event the afternoon of February 13, following release of the House and Senate versions of the amended state budget scheduled for Sunday, February 8. The purpose is to emphasize to our communities the impacts of state funding reductions on specific programs at the local level; and 3) The group also asked the Commission to consider adopting a policy on broadband and to identify other issues on which to take a regional stand.

Action Needed:

Refer to this group as Mayor & Chairs/CAOs.

Participate in the February 13 media event, if possible.

Discuss/consider a Commission policy on broadband.

Identify regional issues to take to the Mayor & Chairs/CAOs group.

Add alternative septic systems to future roundtable topics.