

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

**Special Called Meeting
August 13, 2009 – 9:30 am**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held a special meeting on August 13, 2009 at 9:30 am in the Fourth Floor Conference Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The following Board members were present: Chairman Debra Buchanan; Vice Chairman H. G. Vaughn; Jim Adams, Paula Burnette, Tommy Slaughter and Jim McMillian.

County Staff members present were Benny Summerlin, County Administrator; Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Susan Biege, Administrative Assistant; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; and Richard Stanfield, Deputy Director of Finance.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider several economic development issues.

Chairman Buchanan called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present.

**CONSIDERATION OF PERFORMANCE AGREEMENTS WITH
MONOGRAM MEAT SNACKS, LLC:**

Mr. Summerlin reviewed two Performance Agreements regarding Monogram Meat Snacks, LLC. The first agreement is between the County of Henry, Henry County Industrial Development Authority and Monogram Meat Snacks, LLC. Mr. Summerlin stated the County has been selected to receive a grant in the amount of \$400,000 from the Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission to benefit Monogram Meat Snacks based in Memphis, Tennessee. Monogram Meat Snacks purchased Knauss Foods and will locate in the existing facility located in Henry County's Patriot Centre Industrial Park. Monogram Meat Snacks has committed to making capital investments of at least \$3,000,000 and employ at least 120 persons within 36 months. The County agrees to convey 5.842 acres of

property in the Patriot Centre for the company to expand the existing Knauss facility.

Mr. Summerlin stated the second Performance Agreement is between the Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission, Henry County Industrial Development Authority, the County of Henry, and Monogram Meat Snacks, LLC. regarding the \$400,000 grant.

Some discussion followed regarding the number of existing employees, new jobs created, salaries, full-time or part-time positions, etc.

Mr. Vaughn moved that the Board approve the two Performance Agreements, second by Mrs. Burnette. The motion carried 5 to 0 with Mr. Adams abstaining due to his employment with Knauss Snack Foods. (Copy of Performance Agreements included in Board's File).

CONSIDERATION OF LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH MASTERBRAND CABINETS:

Mr. Summerlin reviewed a letter of agreement involving the settlement of grants made for the benefit of MasterBrand Cabinets. The Virginia Economic Development Partnership, the Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission, the County of Henry, the Henry County Industrial Development Authority, and MasterBrand Cabinets entered into a Performance Agreement dated January 14, 2004, with a Phase I and Phase II proposal. Due to declining economy Phase II will not be completed at this point in time. Masterbrand committed to make capital investments of at least \$9,700,000 and to create and maintain at least 399 new jobs. All parties have agreed that Masterbrand has met the capital investment target by investing over \$9,700,000 at its facility in Henry County and has no obligation to repay any portion of the grants allocated for capital investments. All parties also agree that MasterBrand had an average of 243 employees at its facility during the fourth quarter of 2008, which represents a 39% shortfall in the creation of new jobs. Under the Performance Agreement MasterBrand would have an aggregate repayment of \$502,125; however, the State discounted this amount to \$375,594.00 with the IDA receiving \$117,000 by no later than

December 28, 2009. If payment is not received by the due date the discounted amount would no longer be available for MasterBrand.

Mrs. Burnette moved that the Board accept the Letter of Agreement with MasterBrand, second by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.

**INFORMATION – SHELL BUILDING DEDICATION, AUGUST 31, 2009
– 6:30 PM:**

Mr. Summerlin announced that the new shell building dedication has been scheduled on August 31, 2009, at 6:30 pm.

There being no further business to discuss Mr. McMillian moved to adjourn at 9:46 am, second by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.