



ITEM:

Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail

DESCRIPTION:

VBRRT Foundation is seeking additional grant funding

RECOMMENDATION:

Requesting approval of Resolution of support from the Board of Supervisors

ATTACHMENT(S)

- Draft Resolution
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**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
APPLICATION FOR VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
TEA-21 ENHANCEMENT GRANT FUNDS FOR
VIRGINIA BLUE RIDGE RAILWAY TRAIL, PHASE III**

WHEREAS, Amherst and Nelson Counties are applying for an Enhancement Grant to complete the Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail has expended all funds to construct the trail from Piney River to Tye River; and

WHEREAS, additional grant funds will be necessary to provide a sign at Roses Mill, a pavilion at Roses Mill, the renovation of the Piney River Depot as a museum, the restoration of an historic weigh station, a covered bridge over Naked Creek, a caboose exhibit at the Piney River trailhead, an exit and trailhead at Tye River, and planning for future expansion of the trail; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail has been previously supported and approved by Amherst County; and

WHEREAS, the completion of the Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail will provide a unique and regional attraction with numerous historic and educational transportation exhibits as well as a safe and level trail for hikers, joggers, bicyclers, horseback riders, and cross country skiers; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation TEA-21 Enhancement Grant Program is an appropriate source of funds to support projects such as the Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Amherst County make application to the Virginia Department of Transportation for TEA-21 Enhancement Grant Funds in the amount of \$323,500.00.

Adopted this 17th day of November, 2009.

Leon J. Parrish, Chairman
Amherst County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

C. Lee Lintecum, County Administrator