



Amherst County Board of Supervisors
County Resolution No. 2019-0017-R

For consideration on October 15, 2019

A COUNTY RESOLUTION, NO. 2019-0017-R

A resolution, supporting the Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center (HL4HEC) to the Commonwealth of Virginia for Essential Capital Safety Improvement Projects.

Approved as to form by the County Attorney

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF AMHERST, VIRGINIA:

I. That the Amherst County Board of Supervisors supports the Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center (HL4HEC) to the Commonwealth of Virginia for Essential Capital Safety Improvement Projects, as follows:

WHEREAS, Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center (HL4HEC), a non-profit organization under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), is requesting funds for essential capital safety improvements from the Virginia General Assembly, in the amount of \$332,000 for the 2020/2021 biennial budget; and

WHEREAS, HL4HEC mission is to improve the quality of life by educating youth and adults in a natural setting; and

WHEREAS, Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center (HL4HEC) serves nineteen (19) Virginia localities which includes the counties of Albemarle, Amherst, Appomattox, Amelia, Brunswick, Buckingham, Campbell, Charlotte, Cumberland, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Nelson, Nottoway, and Prince Edward as well as the cities of Charlottesville and Lynchburg; and

WHEREAS, HL4HEC is located in the 20,000-acre Appomattox/Buckingham State Forest, the largest state forest in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the 4-H Center leases 157.8 acres from the Virginia Department of Forestry on a long-term lease through the year 2080; and

WHEREAS, the objectives of HL4HEC are:

- To provide four seasons annually of educational camping programs for 4-Hers in Central, Southside and specialized camps across the state of Virginia.
- To provide special programs and activities to include Natural Resource Education as a resource for school groups, 4-H clubs, the summer 4-H camping program as well as for adults.
- To provide facilities, programs, and services necessary to serve as the Virginia 4-H Shooting Education Center.

- To provide quality facilities and support services year-round for diverse groups from multiple geographical regions.
- To evaluate the effectiveness of educational programming on an ongoing basis and to revise programming to meet the changing needs of stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, today at HL4HEC, over ten thousand (10,000) participants (many of which are underserved youth) benefit annually from a variety of programs. Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center has served the youth and adults of Central/Southside Virginia and beyond since 1941. Thousands of urban youth get to experience the "forest" through 4-H and Natural Resource Education programs at the 4-H Center. For almost 80 years, Amherst County has played an active part of the more than one hundred thousand (100,000) lives that have been enriched at the 4-H Center through educational programs, friendships and a closeness to nature; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 HL4HEC was registered as a Virginia Historic Landmark and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The historic registration (which in part includes 15 cabins built in 1937 by the WPA which are still used today) assures that the original character of the historic buildings will be preserved; and

WHEREAS, through a memorandum of understanding between the Appomattox County School Board and HL4HEC, the 4-H Center serves as a designated evacuation site to be utilized in the event of an emergency which would require students to be taken out of the Appomattox County Schools and be temporarily located at HL4HEC.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF AMHERST:

That the Amherst County Board of Supervisors hereby supports the 4-H Center's capital improvement projects to include facility upgrades/installations to include Medical Clinic Facility and Equipment Upgrade (including floor replacement and AED), PA System (Active Shooter), ADA accessibility improvements, Emergency Generator, Exterior Security Lighting, Infrastructure Upgrades (drainage system, sidewalks, sewer lines and water storage and pressure tank repair/painting), HVAC units, Large Pavilion Upgrade, Roof, Gutter and Siding Replacements, Kitchen Floor Replacement, Challenge Course Repairs and Improvements and Platform Tents for Outdoor Skill Education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon receiving the funds and completing the necessary capital improvements, Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center will be able to increase the 4-H Center's useful life and continue to serve thousands of youth and adults for many years to come in Central and Southside Virginia.

II. That this resolution shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

Adopted this 15th day of October, 2019.


L.J. Ayers, III, Chair
Amherst County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:


Dean Rodgers, Clerk
Amherst County Board of Supervisors

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Abstentions 0