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Sale of Winton Country Club

The Board of Supervisors has reached a tentative agreement with Waukeshaw Development concerning the Winton Country Club property. On October 16, the County entered an exclusive negotiating agreement with Waukeshaw to determine the feasibility of moving ahead with a sale. The terms of the agreement call for Waukeshaw to make a \$800,000 cash payment and place the majority of the property in a conservation easement to protect its rural character. Waukeshaw further commits to maintain the historic nature of the manor house, give approximately 70 acres to the County for a permanent fairground and large events venue, set approximately 20 acres aside for a retirement community or facility, purchase sufficient water to finance a public water system if needed, and maintain the golf course for play to the extent that is feasible. Waukeshaw plans to develop the existing facilities with additions and renovations that will ultimately lead to a restaurant, brewery, a hotel and additions to the pool facility. At least 15 new jobs will be created and several million dollars in economic activity generated. The County commits to move forward with the zoning of a Planned Unit Development that will accommodate the projected uses and manage future development.

The Board of Supervisors will conduct an open hearing in the Public Meeting Room of the Amherst County Administration Building at 7 pm on December 18th to receive public comments about the sale. The Supervisors are eager to begin generating tax revenues from the property while encouraging reasonable economic development in the Clifford community that is respectful to its heritage and preserves its beauty. The public is invited to come learn about the proposed transaction and share comments, questions and concerns the Supervisors should take into consideration before the deal is finalized.

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