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A RESOLUTION TO BUILD AND OPERATE THE BIG SOUTH FORK VISITOR'S CENTER

WHEREAS, Cumberland County understands the importance of tourism to our area and desires to become known as the Gateway to the Big South Fork.

WHEREAS, land has been purchased and design work has been done for the project.

WHEREAS, Cumberland County has been awarded a grant to construct a visitor's center.


WHEREAS, the City of Crossville, at it's May 8, 2012 City Council Meeting, has offered to share the operational cost of the Big South Visitor's Center on a 50/50 shared basis for a term of 20 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cumberland County Commission does hereby agree to build and operate, or contract to operate, within the terms of the grant agreement, the Big South Fork Visitors Center for a term of 20 years with 50% of the yearly operational cost to be reimbursed by the City of Crossville.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Cumberland County and the City of Crossville shall enter into a binding contract for the above mentioned operation within 120 days from the date of passage of this resolution.

ADOPTED this 21st day of May, 2012.

SPONSOR:



COMMISSIONER

*Managed by
COUNTY MAYOR*

*50% County
General*

90% Revenue

To School Fund

APPROVED:

COUNTY MAYOR

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION 05-2012-14
MOTION TO AMEND

~~Pass~~
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Add the following;

WHEREAS, Cumberland County's 50% share of the operating expenses shall come from the County General Fund and, over 90% of the incremental revenue, if any, directly attributable to the Visitor's Center, will accrue to the City of Crossville and the Cumberland County Schools Fund, not to the General Fund,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the General Fund Tax rates will be increased or reallocated from current programs for the purpose of funding Cumberland County's portion of the operating expenses for twenty years

Delete the following;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED paragraph

Rationale

Although it is proposed that Operational Expenses are shared on a 50/50 basis with the City, increased Revenues, if any, specifically attributed to the BSFVC are not shared on a 50/50 basis—based on historical sales tax distribution data in Cumberland County, over 90% of any increase in Sales tax receipts will accrue to the City of Crossville and County Schools. Less than 4% will accrue to the County General Fund which will be providing the 50% of the operating expenses.

There is no legal basis for Cumberland County to require that the City of Crossville enter into any binding contract in 120 days or any other timeframe for that matter; and even if there were, failing to do so would not relieve the County of the State and Federal Governments' requirements to operate the Visitor's Center once the Grant is accepted.

Comment

Approval is committing constituents and other County Taxpayers of each Commissioner voting "yes" to increased taxes over the next 20 years with no demonstrated empirical financial return to County Government.


County Commissioner