

FORSYTH COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BRIEFING
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MEETING DATE: JULY 2, 2020

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 2A -2B

- SUBJECT:**
- A. SECOND PUBLIC HEARING ON AN APPLICATION FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) UNDER THE BUILDING REUSE PROGRAM FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO SUPPORT DURISOL LTD.**

 - B. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT, IF AWARDED, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDING FOR THE DURISOL LTD. PROJECT**

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

At its March 5, 2020, meeting, the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners authorized an economic development incentive agreement for the County to apply for State of North Carolina programs to aid and encourage Durisol Ltd. to locate a noise barrier manufacturing plant in Forsyth County. The NC Rural Infrastructure Authority met on April 16, 2020, and approved funding of \$190,000 for the project from the CDBG Building Reuse program, pending submission of a full application to the NC Department of Commerce. This item fulfills the public hearing requirement for the application and authorizes Forsyth County to submit the full application to the NC Department of Commerce.

ATTACHMENTS: YES NO

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____
COUNTY MANAGER

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WHEREAS the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners has previously indicated its desire to assist in economic development efforts within the County;

WHEREAS the Board held two public hearings on May 21, 2020, and July 2, 2020, concerning the proposed application for CDBG funding to support Durisol Ltd.;

WHEREAS the Board wishes Forsyth County to pursue a formal application for CDBG funding to support Durisol Ltd., and will invest monies in the amount of \$47,500 into the project as committed to in the application; and

WHEREAS the Board certifies it will meet all federal regulatory and statutory requirements of the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Chairman or the County Manager and Clerk to the Board or their designees to submit a grant application to the North Carolina Department of Commerce, and to execute, on behalf of Forsyth County, necessary documents to receive grant funds, if awarded, for a Community Development Block Grant for Economic Development to support Durisol Ltd., subject to a pre-audit certificate thereon by the County Chief Financial Officer, if applicable, and approval as to form and legality by the County Attorney.

Adopted this the 2nd day of July 2020.

(to be published in the WSJ June 19, 2020 in nonlegal section)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Thursday, July 2, 2020. The public hearing will be conducted remotely, as allowed by the Board's Remote Participation Policy during this state of emergency.

There will be no meeting place where members of the public can be physically present. The Meeting will be broadcast live at 2:00 p.m. on local cable channel WSTV 13-The Government Channel, http://winston-salem.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish_id=29 and <https://vimeo.com/forsythcountync>.

The County plans to apply for a Fiscal Year 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) under the Building Reuse program from the NC Department of Commerce. This is one of two public hearings that are required under the CDBG requirements. At this second public hearing, staff will discuss the planned economic development project associated with this forthcoming grant application. The CDBG Building Reuse funds to be applied for will be used to help finance improvements to an existing, vacant industrial building located near Rural Hall, NC. The building will be owned and occupied by Durisol Ltd., a Canadian based corporation and will be used in the manufacturing of absorptive wall noise barrier systems. The Company plans to invest approximately \$4,500,000 in building and machinery and equipment capital improvements and create 46 new full-time or full-time equivalent jobs with an average annual wage of at least \$43,000, plus benefits, over a five-year period. The County will be applying for a grant of \$190,000 to update the existing building.

All interested citizens are encouraged to provide comments on the request prior to its submission to the NC Department of Commerce. If you wish to speak, please call 336-422-1200 at 1:45 p.m on July 2, 2020. You will be placed on hold, and you will be recognized to speak during the public hearing in the order your call was received.

Language translators and accommodations for the disabled are available upon request, 24 –hours prior to the hearing. For hearing impaired (TDD/TTY) services, call Relay North Carolina 24-hours a day, seven days a week at 7-1-1, or Toll-Free at (800) 676-3777. This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Kyle Haney at (336) 703-2683 for accommodations for this request. Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma a pedido. Comuníquese con Kyle Haney al (336) 703 - 2683 para acomodaciones para esta solicitud.

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Ashleigh M. Sloop, Clerk to the Board