



Press Release

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Comments from the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors
Subject
AmerLink, Harlingen Holdings, Pro-Form Construction

It does not please the Carroll County Board of Supervisors to have taken the necessary steps today to resolve an issue of broken promises. In 2005 a corporate announcement was made in Carroll County with regard to the Log Home Manufacturing facility that was to locate in Carroll County. At that time, a promise of the creation of 200 jobs was made along with a capital investment of \$3,000,000. In return, 32.4 acres of land was provided to the company along with cash incentives totaling \$600,000 from the Tobacco Commission and the Governor's Opportunity Fund. A 99 year lease was also provided for a sales center on the property of the Southwest VA Farmers' Market. An extended time frame from 36 months to 39 month performance period was granted to allow for the opportunity to become reality.

The company had promised to create the 200 jobs and to invest the \$3,000,000 prior to August 18, 2008 which was the end of the performance period. To date, the President of the company appeared before this Board and stated that 1 job had been created. If the company did not produce then the \$600,000 was to be paid back along with the reconveyance of the 32.4 acres of land. The completion of the transfers were to be completed within 60 days from the end of the performance period or October 26, 2008. This has not happened.

Therefore it is with the complete consensus of the Carroll County Board of Supervisors that the citizens of Carroll be protected from issues such as this. Today, Carroll County filed a Law Suit in the Circuit Court for the City of Richmond, VA for Breach of Contract against:

Harlingen Holdings, Inc.

AmerLink, LTD

Pro-Form Construction, Inc.

For the return of the 32.4 parcel, and the return of \$600,000 plus interest since September 17, 2008 to now.

We will not be discussing in detail the elements of the suit for obvious reasons but please rest assured that the Carroll County Board of Supervisors are very involved at correcting these type issues.