



At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Bedford, Virginia held at the Bedford County Administration Building on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020, beginning at 7:00 pm.:

<u>MEMBERS:</u>	<u>VOTE:</u>
John Sharp, Chair	Yes
Charla Bansley, Vice-Chair	Yes
Mickey Johnson	Yes
Edgar Tuck	Yes
Tommy W. Scott	Yes
Bob Davis	No
Tammy Parker	Yes

On motion of Supervisor Parker, which carried by a vote of 6-1, the following was adopted:

**A RESOLUTION  
TO ASSIST LOCAL MEAT PROCESSORS WITH CARES ACT FUNDS**

**WHEREAS** on August 10, 2020 the Bedford County Board of Supervisors approved \$250,000 in CARES Act grant funding for other business support as part of the initial round of CARES Act funds; and

**WHEREAS** the meat production supply chain has been disrupted due to coronavirus pandemic; and

**WHEREAS** food industry experts believe the supply chain challenges will continue to linger throughout the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS** many local farmers are not able to have their meats processed due to a shortage of processors in Virginia; and

**WHEREAS** on April 28, 2020 President Trump declared the meat processors “critical infrastructure” in an effort to ensure that facilities remain open in order to prevent shortages of meat as a result of the coronavirus; and

**WHEREAS** at least one local processor that operates in Bedford County has demonstrated an ability and desire to pivot and extend slaughter services to meet the needs of local residents and producers; and

**WHEREAS** county assistance to reimburse local processors for new investments in production

equipment and associated materials or infrastructure necessary for meat processing will further the capacity efforts and greatly improve the food insecurity situation created by the Covid-19 pandemic;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Bedford County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize cash reimbursements on new equipment or infrastructure necessary in meeting these needs, up to a maximum of \$100,000, until the funds are depleted, and authorizes staff to assist food processors in expanding capacity in the food production supply chain in Bedford County, if eligible under the CARES Act guidelines.

A Copy-Teste:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Hiss", written over a horizontal line.

Robert Hiss  
County Administrator