

Notice - Second Public Hearing

The County of Wise, Virginia will hold a public hearing on June 28, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the School Board Education Center located at 628 Lake Street in Wise, VA to solicit public input on the proposed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) proposal to be submitted to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development for the **Virginia Drone Innovation Project**. Residents of the project area are encouraged to attend. **The Virginia Drone Innovation Project proposal will include the following activities:**

- **Development of comprehensive training courses on operating small-unmanned aviation vehicles (drones) and sensor equipment for students to meet market needs for a highly skilled drone labor workforce**
- **Development of a Train-the-Trainer Program to master the skills of specialized drone operation and sensor training.**
- **A Demonstration Day with MECC to set-up and access resources to deliver the Train-the-Trainer Program.**
- **Acquisition of hardware and software to carry-out the scope of the project.**

The draft CDBG proposal will be presented for comment along with information on projected beneficiaries, including the number of low- and moderate-income residents to benefit from the proposed project, and plans to minimize displacement. Citizens will also be given the opportunity to comment on Wise County's past use of CDBG funds. **A fact sheet on the proposed project and the draft proposal is available at the County Administrator's Office 206 East Main Street in Wise.** For additional information, contact (David Cox, Finance Administrator (276) 328-2321. Comments and grievances can be submitted in writing to Wise County, PO Box 570, Wise, VA 24293 or by phone at (276) 328-2321 and 1-800-828-1120) until the date of the hearing. If you plan to attend and have any special needs requirements, please call the number listed above.

David Cox, Finance Administrator