What's the IDA?

MONTEREY — Highland County's Industrial Development Authority is a body designed to review potential business ventures and facilitate business moves with resources. Its seven members are appointed by the county board of supervisors, and consitute a public committee; its meetings are open to the public.

The authority has not met in over a year's time, according to county administrator Roberta Lambert, and therefore chairman Dave Smith still serves in that capacity.

Last week, supervisors requested perspective from the IDA on the proposed wind facility here. When the IDA meets, Lambert says, it may constitute an organizational meeting where officers will be elected from its members.

Currently, the IDA members are: Smith, Gideon Hiner, Olin Sponaugle, Richard Shamrock, Jim White, Austin Shepherd, and Cindy Wood.

No meeting date for the IDA was scheduled by press time this week.

— Anne Adams