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**Clasey, McLean and McCoy to serve on board
of Hopewell-Prince George Chamber**

Members of the Hopewell-Prince George Chamber of Commerce have elected Jerry Clasey and Mary McLean to three-year terms as directors of the business organization. In addition, Paul McCoy has been elected by the board to serve a one-year term.

The Chamber's strategic goals for the year include creating job opportunities in the region by promoting economic development, collaborating to offer exceptional business resources to our members, expanding the successful youth JOBS program and enhancing workforce development.

Clasey is general manager of the ACE Hardware Wholesale Distribution Center located in Prince George. This 800,000-square-foot facility has 300 employees who service \$212 million in annual sales.

He holds bachelors and masters degrees in accounting from Illinois State University. Since coming to the area, Clasey has volunteered in the Chamber's youth JOBS program, been a committee member for the annual Chamber Golf Tournament and regularly attends networking events sponsored by the Chamber. He currently serves on the School of Business Advisory Board at Virginia State University as well as an adjunct professor of accounting.

"As a member of the Chamber's board, I want to enhance the collaboration and networking of local businesses to maximize the benefits," Clasey said.

McLean is president and CEO of Virginia Vend, Inc., a full service coffee and vending business in Prince George. Virginia Vend is distributed in the Richmond, the Tri-Cities, Fort Lee and Southside Virginia region. She is a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University and continued post-graduate studies there in business management.

McLean has served two terms on the board of the Virginia Automatic Merchandising Association, is a member of the National Automatic Merchandising Association, and is a certified coffee and vending specialist.

“As a businesswoman with a considerable number of clients throughout the region I have personally experienced and actively monitored the economic growth and developmental patterns of the area I will use my collaborative skills and influence to promote and support the Chamber's goals and objectives,” McLean said.

McCoy is Program Executive for Crosspointe, the new Rolls-Royce aerospace facility under development in Prince George. In this role, McCoy's responsibilities include ensuring that the site is developed on schedule and on budget.

Previously, McCoy directed engineering business improvement in Indianapolis at the largest Rolls-Royce manufacturing facility in the US and outside the UK. He joined Rolls-Royce in 1988 following graduation in mechanical engineering from Nottingham Trent University, McCoy also holds a Master of Science in Gas Turbine Technology from Cranfield University.

McCoy recently started developing a school-to-industry partnership with the Prince George School system and is looking to develop and strengthen that relationship as Rolls-Royce grows in the area.

“By serving on the Chamber board, I hope to give back to this community and support efforts to bring economic growth and development to this area,” McCoy said.

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Photos of the three new directors of the Hopewell-Prince George Chamber of Commerce are attached.

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