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Business park gets federal funding boost

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U.S. Rep. John Murtha (D-Johnstown) announced his procurement of more than \$1 million to further develop the Fayette County Business Park in an on-site press conference Saturday.

Murtha also went out of his way to credit the "relentless" efforts of Fayette County Commissioner Sean M. Cavanagh in the process and confirmed that he's backing only Cavanagh in the upcoming Democratic primary, largely because of that passion.

"He convinced me that this project was one of the most important in Fayette County," said Murtha, who added that Cavanagh and South Union Township Supervisor Bob Schiffbauer were "tireless" in their efforts to convince him of the project's importance.

With the future site of a new CareerLink building serving as a backdrop, Murtha revealed that he's procured \$400,000 for access improvements at the Route 40 site from the federal Omnibus Transportation Bill signed into law earlier this year.

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U.S. Rep. John Murtha addresses a crowd at the Fayette County Business Park in South Union Township on Saturday to announce his procurement of more than \$1 million to further develop the business park. Paul R. ...

Murtha also announced that \$620,000 in Regional Commission money is co-financing \$200,000 to extend Wayland Smith 270-acre park, \$200,500 approved for infrastructure and a 2003 award of purpose.

"I'm delighted to announce \$1 million in federal government," said Murtha. "I've been very successful in your vision. My success is that I work with the local officials. I know what's important."

Murtha said that with federal resources scarce, even for a U.S. House member, the critical litmus test for the effectiveness of any economic development

The eighth-most senior member of the House of Representatives said the plan for the business park, along with Cavanagh's insistence

"reprogram" some money slated for elsewhere in his sprawling district.



"I felt that this could be as big as any project that I've been involved with," said Murtha. "This (development). If you get the Home Depot (across New Salem Road), let me tell you, this wh

Although Fayette County Commissioner Ronald M. Nehls was among the assembled dignitari Murtha made clear during and afterward that he's throwing his weight behind Cavanagh.

"Sean worked like hell for me (last year). Sean was one of my most important supporters," sa with the way he works. He pesters the heck out of me, but I like that. I'll do everything I can to

While acknowledging that Commissioner Vincent A. Vicites came to see him last week regard Murtha said only, "I listened to him."

Murtha also clarified that he's not in any political bind by exclusively backing Cavanagh, even William Lincoln has entered the race with support from county Democratic Party Chairman Fr

"I'm for Sean. That's no predicament for me," said Murtha. "The guy that did the most work fo how it (the election) goes."

Vicites, who did not attend the press conference because of a Democratic State Committee r said he stressed to Murtha the need to get federal funds to supplement the park's developme congressman for his help. I think it's great that he's supporting this park, which will create hun said Vicites.

Nehls, who spoke briefly during the event, credited teamwork for the park's development and

"We're so lucky to have someone like Congressman Murtha in Washington, D.C.," said Nehls explode, and one of the main reasons is Congressman Murtha."

Cavanagh said that in stark contrast to the past, Fayette County is a "happening place" and th tremendously in that transition, playing a major role in landing companies like Advanced Aco and United Defense.

"Congressman Murtha is an expert in getting water and sewage and transportation funds," sa epicenter, the hottest real estate project in Fayette County ... Fayette County's on the move. \ This is going to be bigger than Southpointe (in Washington County)."

Cavanagh also credited Schiffbauer and fellow South Union Township Supervisor Tom Frank transportation consultant Bill Piper, PennDOT officials and Fayette County Redevelopment At Raymond C. Polaski with helping move the project forward.

Chuck Thompson, representing PennDOT, said the state transportation department remains c construction projects on Routes 40 and 21 that will aid development in the park and surroundi

"I think we've just begun the odyssey, really," said Thompson.

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