V I R G I N I A:

At a recessed meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Monday, December 9, 1996, at 6:00 p.m., at the Washington County Community Services Building, 15068 Lee Highway, Bristol Virginia, the following were present:

PRESENT:

Joe W. Derting, Chairman
Bobby D. Ingle, Vice Chairman
Kenneth G. Mathews
James T. Osborne
Maurice H. Parris
Jackson Barker
Dulcie M. Mumpower

Mark K. Reeter, County Administrator
Joseph B. Lyle, County Attorney
Sandra M. Hatfield, CPS, Administrative Assistant

ABSENT:

Mark W. Seamon, Accounting/Purchasing Manager

Special guests in attendance were:

Senator William Wampler, Jr.
Delegate Joseph P. Johnson, Jr.
Fred Parker, Treasurer
Russell U. Owens, Chairman, W.C. Industrial Development Authority

Invited but not in attendance were:

Senator Jackson Reasor
Delegate Terry Kilgore
Delegate John Tate
Melvin Ritchie, Commissioner of Revenue

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1 **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Joe W. Derting, Chairman of the Board who welcomed everyone in attendance.

2 **Dinner hosted by Washington County Board of Supervisors**

3 **Presentations by Virginia State Legislators on 1997 General Assembly Session**

4 **Roundtable Discussion of 1997 Virginia General Assmelby Legislative Issues**

Senator Wampler and Delegate Johnson opened discussions expressing their position relative to FY 1997 budget status. Senator Wampler did not feel the Commonwealth will be facing involuntary budget cuts, and that education will be a high priority during the upcoming session of the General Assembly. Senator Wampler indicated Governor Allen will release his budget by December 20, 1996. He reported there is a proposal to eliminate Personal Property Tax and increase the sales tax from 4.5% to 6%.

The following topics of interest to Washington County were presented to the legislators for discussion purposes:

Finance Issues

Trigon demutualization
State intergovernmental revenue
Tax certificates and personal property tax

Education Issues

Independent taxing authority for local school districts

Economic Development Issues

Continued support for Governor=s Opportunity Fund
Regional Competitiveness Act

Health and Human Services Issues

Legislative support and action on study/report concerning office space needs for local Departments of Social Services
Legislative remedy concerning problem of out-of-state placements into Virginia Adult Care Residencies
Proposed proration funding formula for Community Services Act

Land-use Issues

Opposition to further erosion of local land-use regulatory powers (zoning)

Transportation Issues

Increased funding for primary and (especially) secondary road improvements
U.S. Highway 58 Corridor
County=s interest in new interstate interchange and access road to serve Bristol-Washington County Industrial Park

Adjournment

On motion of , second by , it was resolved to adjourn the meeting.

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Joe W. Derting, Chairman