V I R G I N I A:

At a recessed meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Wednesday, April 29, 1998, at 7:00 p.m., at the County Administration Building in Abingdon, Virginia, the following were present:

PRESENT:

Bobby D. Ingle, Chairman
Dulcie M. Mumpower, Vice Chairman
Joe W. Derting (Arrived at 7:20 p.m.)
James T. Osborne
John B. Roberts, Sr.
Jackson Barker

Mark K. Reeter, County Administrator
John A. Martin, County Attorney
Mark W. Seamon, Accounting/Purchasing Manager
Sandra M. Hatfield, CPS, Administrative Assistant

ABSENT;

Kenneth G. Mathews

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1 **Call to Order and Welcome**

Mr. Ingle called the recessed meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

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2. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance - Joe W. Derting**

Mr. Ingle gave the Invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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3. **Presentation of County Administrator=s Proposed and Recommended County Operating Budget for FY 1998-99 (*Mark K. Reeter*)**

County Administrator Mark K. Reeter presented the recommended budget for FY 1998-99, projecting total County revenues to be $72,107,489 and anticipating total County expenditures to be $72,107,489.

Mr. Derting arrived at 7:20 p.m.

In an analysis of the recommended budget, Mr. Reeter addressed the following proposed nineteen items:

(1) School Board Funding reflecting an increase in local funds to be 8.14%;
(2) Salary increase amounting to 3% across the Board for all County-funded positions;
(3) Addition of two new positions within the Administrative Division;
(4) Addition of three new budgetary departments for the General Fund: Geographic Information System, Washington County Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals, and Washington County Industrial Development Authority;
(5) Reduction of Solid Waste Budget due to renegotiation of waste hauling and disposal contracts;

(6) Increase in Department of General Service=s budget due to addition of one new full-time Custodial Technician, and funding for purchase of back-up electricity generators for Mendota and Hayter=s Gap Community Centers;
(7) Increase in Sheriff=s Office budget due to addition of nine new State Compensation Board funded Deputy Sheriff positions, and purchase of six new police vehicles;
(8) Level funding of Emergency Response Organizations;
(9) Level funding of senior citizen organizations;
(10) Increase funding in Recreation Department;
(11) Increase in Community College and Other Education Contributions budgets due to inclusion of County=s local share of the cost of constructing a new access road into the campus of Virginia Highlands Community College, and inclusion of funds to Washington County Adult Skill Center;
(12) Increase in funding for County=s six community centers and associations;
(13) Addition of Washington County Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals in the Department of Community and Economic Development budgetary department; Addition of Washington County Industrial Development Authority budgetary department;
(14) Level funding for Cultural Enrichment;
(15) Road Improvements budget reflects a reduction of Upgrading Subdivision Roads, and an increase in Other Improvement Projects for SR 1717 Relocation Project;
(16) Level funding for Capital Improvements and reduced funding for Grant-Funded Projects;
(17) County Library funding for second year of three-year program to adjust salaries and wages has been provided, as well as one new Technology Manager position;
(18) Operational and Uncommitted Reserves;
(19) Anticipated Carry-over.

Mr. Reeter commented on the millage rate from General Property taxes and presented a table of current, proposed and recommended County tax rates for FY 1998-99.

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a. **<u>County Administrator Comments</u>**:

:: **Presentation of Medallions at High School Graduation Programs, Thursday, May 28, 1998 (6:30 p.m. - Abingdon High School; 7:00 p.m. - Holston High School, John Battle High School, Patrick Henry High School)**

Supervisors will attend the following high school graduation programs:

Bobby Ingle/James T. Osborne: Patrick Henry High School;
Kenneth G. Mathews/Joe W. Derting: Abingdon High School;
John Roberts: Holston High School
Jackson Barker/Dulcie M. Mumpower: John S. Battle High School

Mr. Reeter will accompany John Roberts to the Holston High School ceremony.

4. **<u>Board Member Questions</u>**

There were no concerns raised.

5. **<u>Recess to May 5, 1998 Agency/Departmental Hearings on FY 1998-99 Budget Requests, 7:00 PM, Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, County Administration Building.</u>**

On motion of Mr. Osborne, second by Mr. Roberts, it was resolved to recess to May 5, 1998 Agency/Departmental Hearings on FY 1998-99 Budget Requests, 7:00 PM, Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, County Administration Building.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (6-0)

Mr. Ingle	***Aye***	***Mrs. Mumpower***	***Aye***	***Mr. Derting***	***Aye***
Mr. Osborne	***Aye***	***Mr. Roberts***	***Aye***	***Mr. Barker***	***Aye***

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Bobby D. Ingle, Chairman