V I R G I N I A:

At a meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Tuesday, July 11, 2000, at 7:00 p.m., at the County Administration Building in Abingdon, Virginia, the following were present:

PRESENT:

Joe W. Derting, Chairman
John B. Roberts, Sr., Vice Chairman
Bobby D. Ingle
Phillip B. McCall
Anthony S. Rector
Dulcie M. Mumpower
Jackson H. Barker

Mark K. Reeter, County Administrator
Lucy E. Phillips Bright, County Attorney
Mark W. Seamon, Accounting/Purchasing Manager
Sandra M. Hatfield, CPS, Administrative Supervisor

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1 **Call to Order**

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

2 **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Dulcie M. Mumpower**

Mrs. Dulcie Mumpower gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3 **Approval of Agenda**

Received communication from John A. Martin, Attorney, representing Melvin and Beverly Smeltzer, Dakota's Kennels, requesting the public hearing be continued until the first meeting in August and explaining he will be out of town on the date the hearing is scheduled for.

With regard to Mr. Martin's request to continue the Marvin and Beverly Smeltzer public hearing, Mr. Ingle pointed out that this is the second request for continuance, and stated that although he will support this request, he is not in favor of granting any further continuances.

Mr. Barker informed the Supervisors that Mr. & Mrs. Shankle are present in the audience and have made him aware of a situation that should be heard by the Board.

Mr. and Mrs. Shankle appeared before the Supervisors speak on the scheduled hearing of Marvin and Beverly Smeltzer. Mr. Shankle reported Mr. & Mrs. Smeltzer have begun construction of one open kennel in the past two weeks even though the public hearing process for the special use permit

has not been completed. (Clarification was made that the special use permit that the Smeltzer's have applied for is for an enclosed building.) Mr. Shankle stated there is enough material on the property to build still another kennel and asked the Supervisors to look into the matter.

Mr. Ingle requested that the Agenda be modified, Item 8.a, to consider a possible water project on Chip Ridge Road.

Mrs. Shankle reported the Smeltzers are continuing to board dogs as well as construct the new open kennel without permission. She reported being sick over the weekend and being disturbed by the barking dogs.

On motion of Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Ingle, it was resolved to approve the following amendments to the Agenda:

Continue to August 8, 2000

6.a Melvin and Beverly Smeltzer: Request for a Special Use Permit to construct and operate a small business in general, more specifically, a 24' x 30' kennel for boarding of pets on property located off of State Route 58 onto Penn Road in the Templin Subdivision in an A-2 (Agricultural, General) zone, Tyler Magisterial District.

Add to Agenda

8.a Water Project – Chip Ridge Road

The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)

Mr. Derting	***Aye***	***Mr. Roberts***	***Aye***	***Mr. McCall***	***Aye***
Mr. Ingle	***Aye***	***Mr. Rector***	***Aye***	***Mrs. Mumpower***	***Aye***
Mr. Barker	***Aye***				

In supporting Mr. Barker's motion, Mr. Ingle stated he is not in favor of another continuance of the Melvin and Beverly Smeltzer public hearing. He stated he is disturbed with Mr. & Mrs. Shankle's report that the Smeltzer's are starting construction on the kennels without the public hearing process being completed.

Mrs. Mumpower inquired as to the County investigating the claims of Mr. and Mrs. Shankle's .

Mr. Reeter responded his view that the reason the Smeltzer's has continued to build the open kennels is for the reason they are not dependent upon electricity and, therefore, a building permit is not required. With regard to continuing to the issue of board dogs, Mr. Reeter suggested that perhaps the County may want to cease that practice until the matter is heard by the Supervisors.

Ms. Bright, County Attorney, responded to Mrs. Mumpower that it was first discovered that the Smeltzer's were conducting a business boarding dogs on the property in the course of the Smeltzer's application for a special use permit. Conducting a small business requires a special use permit in that zoning district, and the Smeltzers do not have one. However, Ms. Bright stated that under the circumstances where they were having a permit application immediately pending, it did not seem worthwhile to conduct an enforcement action until after the application was decided. With the numerous continuations, Ms. Bright indicated that decision may need to be reconsidered.

4 **Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 23, 2000**

On motion of Mr. Ingle, second by Mr. Roberts, it was resolved to approve the Minutes of May 23, 2000 as presented.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)

Mr. Derting	***Aye***	***Mr. Roberts***	***Aye***	***Mr. McCall***	***Aye***
Mr. Ingle	***Aye***	***Mr. Rector***	***Aye***	***Mrs. Mumpower***	***Aye***
Mr. Barker	***Aye***				

5 **Dog Damage Claims**

a. **James F. Wilson, $400.00**

Mr. Adam Wilson appeared before the Board of Supervisors to respond to questions concerning the dog damage claim filed by his Grandfather, James F. Wilson.

On motion of Mrs. Mumpower, second by Mr. Ingle, it was resolved to approve dog damage claim filed by James F. Wilson in the amount of $400.00.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)

Mr. Derting	***Aye***	***Mr. Roberts***	***Aye***	***Mr. McCall***	***Aye***
Mr. Ingle	***Aye***	***Mr. Rector***	***Aye***	***Mrs. Mumpower***	***Aye***
Mr. Barker	***Aye***				

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b. **Charles K. Price, $12.00**

Mr. Price was not present to address his claim for dog damage claim. The Board of Supervisors requested Mr. Price be recontacted to appear at a future Board Meeting..

a. ***Melvin and Beverly Smeltzer***: Request for a Special Use Permit to construct and operate a small business in general, more specifically, a 24' x 30' kennel for boarding of pets on property located off of State Route 58 onto Penn Road in the Templin Subdivision in an A-2 (Agricultural, General) zone, Tyler Magisterial District.

Received communication from John A. Martin, Attorney, representing Melvin and Beverly Smeltzer, Dakota's Kennels, requesting the public hearing be continued until the first meeting in August explaining he is scheduled to be out of town July 11, 2000.

The following action was taken during discussion of Approval of the Agenda:

Refer to previous page for discussion and action.

On motion of Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Ingle, it was resolved to grant a continuance of the public hearing to August 8, 2000.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)

Mr. Derting	***Aye***	***Mr. Roberts***	***Aye***	***Mr. McCall***	***Aye***
Mr. Ingle	***Aye***	***Mr. Rector***	***Aye***	***Mrs. Mumpower***	***Aye***
Mr. Barker	***Aye***				

7 Planning & Zoning Public Hearings

a. Intent to Rezone: (Continued from Previous Meeting**):**

1. ***Washington County Board of Supervisors***: Request to rezone the following property tax map parcels, 141B-2- lots 1-44 and lots 71-93 and 141-A- lot 58 containing approximately 62 acres located adjacent to the Wal-Mart Supercenter from A-2 (Agricultural, General) to B-2 (Business, General) for the purpose of a Comprehensive Rezoning, Wilson Magisterial District.

Mr. Derting opened the public hearing and invited comments both in support of and in opposition to application of Washington County, Virginia Board of Supervisors to rezone property tax map parcels 141B-2- lots 1-44 and lots 71-93 and 141-A- lot 58 containing approximately 62 acres located adjacent to the Wal-Mart Supercenter from A-2 (Agricultural, General) to B-2 (Business, General) for the purpose of a Comprehensive Rezoning, Wilson Magisterial District.

There being no comments, Mr. Derting declared the public hearing closed.

County Administrator Mark K. Reeter explained request for a special use permit is to build a motel on land designated as agriculture. Further, he explained the area is becoming commercial in character and the action to rezone these lots to Business, General should have been taken when the area was rezoned in the early 1990's.

Mrs. Mumpower reported receiving telephone calls relative to rezoning the area both in support of and in opposition to the requested action. She explained the adjoining property owners do not appear to be opposed to rezoning.

On motion of Mrs. Mumpower, second by Mr. Ingle, it was resolved to follow the recommendation of the Planning Commission and rezone property tax map parcels 141B-2- lots 1-44 and lots 71-93 and 141-A- lot 58 containing approximately 62 acres located adjacent to the Wal-Mart Supercenter from A-2 (Agricultural, General) to B-2 (Business, General) for the purpose of a Comprehensive Rezoning, Wilson Magisterial District.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)

Mr. Derting	***Aye***	***Mr. Roberts***	***Aye***	***Mr. McCall***	***Aye***
Mr. Ingle	***Aye***	***Mr. Rector***	***Aye***	***Mrs. Mumpower***	***Aye***
Mr. Barker	***Aye***				

2. ***Arnold and Temple Mellinger***: Request to rezone approximately 10.75 acres of property located on the west side of State Route 91 adjacent to the Glade Spring Corporate Boundary from R-1 (Residential, Limited) to A-1 (Agricultural, Limited), Monroe Magisterial District.

Mr. Derting opened the public hearing and invited comments both in support of and in opposition to request of Arnold and Temple Mellinger to rezone approximately 10.75 acres of property.

Temple Mellinger addressed the Supervisors. She explained the section of the property to be rezoned is adjacent to the remainder of their property. She stated it is their intent to have all the property zoned the same.

There being no further comments, Mr. Derting declared the public hearing closed.

On motion of Mr. Rector, second by Mr. Barker, it was resolved to follow the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve request of Arnold and Temple Mellinger to rezone approximately 10.75 acres of property located on the west side of State Route 91, adjacent to the Glade Spring Corporate Boundary from R-1 (Residential, Limited) to A-1 (Agricultural, Limited) in the Monroe Magisterial District.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)

Mr. Derting	***Aye***	***Mr. Roberts***	***Aye***	***Mr. McCall***	***Aye***
Mr. Ingle	***Aye***	***Mr. Rector***	***Aye***	***Mrs. Mumpower***	***Aye***
Mr. Barker	***Aye***				

3. ***The Virginian Golf Club, L.C. and Kenneth Donald Nicewonder***: Request to rezone approximately 184.35 acres of property located off of State Route 647 in "The Virginian" Subdivision from R-1 (Residential, Limited) and A-2 (Agricultural, General) to R-2 (Residential, General), Wilson Magisterial District.

Mr. Derting opened the public hearing and invited comments both in support of and in opposition to the Virginian Golf Club, L. C. and Kenneth Donald Nicewonder request to rezone approximately 184.35 acres of property.

Attorney John Bundy addressed the Supervisors acknowledging several questions that were addressed at the Planning Commission public hearing. He stated Mr. Nicewonder and the Virginian intend to expand the development but will maintain the character of the Virginian. He requested adjoining property be rezoned to Residential, General for future development.

Larry Gray addressed the Supervisors explaining his property is in Lowry Hills, however, it directly adjoins the section of property being rezoned. He stated he would not object to Residential, Limited zoning but he does object to Residential, General zoning. He explained Residential, General zoning allows or permits medium to high concentration residential building whereas the existing Residential, Limited is a low density residential. He expressed his concern and objection that development to the rear of his property in the future could include multi-family dwellings, cluster/town houses, rooming and boarding houses, rest homes/group homes, general hospitals, and horse barns with five acres, and he would object to that.

Mr. Gray raised concerns about setbacks and yard regulations for building residences under R-2 at the Virginian Golf Club.

There being no further comments, Mr. Derting declared the public hearing closed.

Mrs. Mumpower, in her comments, remarked that she understands Mr. Gray's concerns. She stated in 1991, the Board of Supervisors chose to change the zoning from R-1 to R-2, and some property that was agriculture to R-2. She stated the Virginian is a commercial golf course in mostly an adult community with cottage type housing for guests of the golf course. She stated she supports action that is consistent with previous actions of the Board of Supervisors and keeping the same character of the Virginian development.

Mr. Gray reapproached the Supervisors stating he has no objection at all if things are to continue as they are, and that his concern is only what can happen in the future if someone else comes in and buys the development.

In response to a question from Chairman Derting, Ms. Freeman stated the Virginian property that is developed is 397 acres zoned R-2. She stated there is a misconception of statement of intent for high density development. In referring to lot size requirements under R-1 versus R-2, they are the same. Ms. Freeman stated the significant difference Mr. Gray was referring to was for the possibility of townhouses. The townhouses, she stated, would not be permitted under the R-1 but would be acceptable under R-2.

On motion of Mrs. Mumpower, second by Mr. Ingle, it was resolved to follow the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve request of The Virginian Golf Club, L.C. and Kenneth Donald Nicewonder to rezone approximately 184.35 acres of property located off of State Route 647 in "The Virginian" Subdivision from R-1 (Residential, Limited) and A-2 (Agricultural, General) to R-2 (Residential, General), Wilson Magisterial District

The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)

Mr. Derting	***Aye***	***Mr. Roberts***	***Aye***	***Mr. McCall***	***Aye***
Mr. Ingle	***Aye***	***Mr. Rector***	***Aye***	***Mrs. Mumpower***	***Aye***
Mr. Barker	***Aye***				

4. ***Geraldine Klink on behalf of Paul Farris, Jr***.: Request for a Special Use Permit to construct a multi-family dwelling unit on property located on the north side of State Route 609 near the intersection of Route 609/738 in a V (Village) zone, Monroe Magisterial District.

Mr. Derting opened the public hearing and invited comments both in support of and in opposition to the request for special use permit filed by Geraldine Klink on behalf of Paul Farris, Jr.

Paul Farris Jr. stated he wants to construct a multi-family dwelling and will be rental property owned. Mr. Farris stated he is planning on building a duplex.

Mr. McCall questioned Mr. Farris about the driveway he intends to use, asking if it is a private driveway. Mr. Farris stated his understanding that there is a right of way through the lot and that he would have the right to use it if he chose. He responded that he plans to make an asphalt parking place in front of the building giving access to the front door and the back of the building will have a deck with steps. In explaining his plans, however, he asked if some circumstance should arise, whether there is a reason to prevent him from using the right of way to access the building.

Ms. Bright replied to Mr. Farris' question suggesting that the answer to his question would be contained in the deed to the property.

Joyce Coates, addressed the supervisors. She explained her property is located behind the property that Mr. Farris wants to build a duplex on. She stated she still has concerns about the driveway issue explaining that her parents had a verbal agreement with Mrs. Klink that if this property was ever to be developed that Mrs. Klink would maintain that portion of the driveway that goes through her property. Ms. Coates stated there has been no acknowledgement as to maintenance of the drive, and it is her understanding that she holds the right of way. She expressed her view that a single family dwelling will not create as much traffic as two families living in front of her.

During discussions, Mr. Ingle expressed the position that the Board of Supervisors cannot make a determination on the matter of ingress and egress into the property.
There being no further comments, Mr. Derting declared the public hearing closed.

Ms. Freeman addressed the Board in an effort to clarify the zoning regulations for Village District. She stated a multi-family dwelling requires a special use permit, and pointed out that Mr. Farris spoke to building a duplex which under the building code, she continued, is determined to be a two family dwelling. She explained further that Mr. Farris would have to have three or more units to constitute a multi-family dwelling. Ms. Freeman stated this information was given to the father of Mr. Farris, and he conveyed that he could comply with the regulations. She stated the public hearing was advertised for multi-family and the proposal is for multi-family.

Several members of the Board expressed concern whether the size of the lot was sufficient for a multi-family dwelling.

On motion of Mr. Rector, second by Mr. Barker, it was resolved to deny Geraldine Klink on behalf of Paul Farris, Jr.: Request for a Special Use Permit to construct a multi-family dwelling unit on property located on the north side of State Route 609 near the intersection of Route 609/738 in a V (Village) zone, Monroe Magisterial District.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (5-2)

Mr. Derting	***Aye***	***Mr. Roberts***	***Nay***	***Mr. McCall***	***Nay***
Mr. Ingle	***Aye***	***Mr. Rector***	***Aye***	***Mrs. Mumpower***	***Aye***
Mr. Barker	***Aye***				

5. ***Washington County Fire and Rescue #1, Inc***.: Request for a Special Use Permit to construct a 34' x 88' building for fire and rescue services on property located on the west side of State Route 11 near the intersection of Route 11/625 in a B-2 (Business, General) zone, Wilson Magisterial District.

Mr. Derting opened the public hearing and invited comments both in support of and in opposition to the Washington County Fire and Rescue #1, Inc. request for a special use permit.

There being no comments, Mr. Derting declared the public hearing closed.

On motion of Mrs. Mumpower, second by Mr. Roberts, it was resolved to follow the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve Special Use Permit for Washington County Fire and Rescue #1, Inc. to construct a 34' x 88' building for fire and rescue services on property located on the west side of State Route 11 near the intersection of Route 11/625 in a B-2 (Business, General) zone, Wilson Magisterial District.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)

Mr. Derting	***Aye***	***Mr. Roberts***	***Aye***	***Mr. McCall***	***Aye***
Mr. Ingle	***Aye***	***Mr. Rector***	***Aye***	***Mrs. Mumpower***	***Aye***
Mr. Barker					*Aye*

8 **Presentation of Report from Mount Rogers Partnership/Peaks of Virginia (Jerry Brown, Executive Director)**

Mr. Jerry Brown, Executive Director, Mount Rogers Partnership/Peaks of Virginia, appeared before the Board of Supervisors for the purpose of providing a status report of economic development activities in the region. Mr. Brown distributed a publication of the Mount Rogers Partnership presenting a ten year report of their operations, a six year review of job creation and investment and the 1999 Annual Report.

Supervisors expressed appreciation to Mr. Brown for his service and their best wishes for his future endeavor.

a. **Water Project – Chip Ridge Road**

Mr. Ingle reported a water project is needed to serve 14 houses on Chip Ridge Road. He stated the Washington County Service Authority has provided a cost estimate in the amount of $44,304. Mr. Ingle referred to the Board Members Discretionary fund established in the FY 2000-2001 budget stating he would like to use the budgeted fund from Jefferson District totaling $25,000 for this purpose. He reported Mr. McCall has offered the budgeted fund from Harrison District totaling $25,000 in a combined effort to help the residents on Chip Ridge Road.

On motion of Mr. Ingle, second by Mr. McCall, it was resolved to appropriate $50,000 from Board of Supervisors discretionary water projects fund from the Jefferson District and Harrison District to the Washington County Service Authority for the Chip Ridge Water Project.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)

Mr. Derting	***Aye***	***Mr. Roberts***	***Aye***	***Mr. McCall***	***Aye***
Mr. Ingle	***Aye***	***Mr. Rector***	***Aye***	***Mrs. Mumpower***	***Aye***
Mr. Barker	***Aye***				

Mr. Rector reported he was made aware of an emergency need for water by residents of Hangar Lane in Glade Spring, and stated he has contacted the Washington County Service Authority to obtain a cost estimate for the project. He stated he will be presenting a request for funds to the Board.

9 **Recess**

On motion of Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Rector, it was resolved to take a brief recess.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)

Mr. Derting	***Aye***	***Mr. Roberts***	***Aye***	***Mr. McCall***	***Aye***
Mr. Ingle	***Aye***	***Mr. Rector***	***Aye***	***Mrs. Mumpower***	***Aye***
Mr. Barker	***Aye***				

10. **Glade-Highlands Regional Industrial Park**:

Ms. Christianne E. Parker, Assistant County Administrator, addressed the Board of Supervisors on the following agenda items, acknowledging staff members who were involved as a team to work on the required documents:

a. Agreement for Cost Sharing and Revenue Sharing Between Smyth County, Virginia and Washington County, Virginia

Ms. Parker presented a draft agreement for the Regional Industrial Facility Authority, Agreement for Cost Sharing and Revenue Sharing Between Smyth County, Virginia and Washington County, Virginia. She asked the Supervisors to review the document in preparation for action at the August 8, 2000 meeting.

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b. **Authorization to Advertise for Public Hearing for Ordinance to Create the Smyth-Washington Regional Industrial Facilities Authority**

Ms. Parker presented a draft Ordinance to Create the Smyth-Washington Regional Industrial Facility Authority and to Amend Chapter 2 of the 1997 Code of the County of Washington, Virginia prepared by County Attorney, Ms. Lucy Bright. Ms. Parker stated this document will be presented to the Board of Supervisors to review on July 25, 2000.

Discussion ensued.

On motion of Mr. Ingle, second by Mr. McCall, it was resolved to authorize advertisement of Draft Ordinance to Create the Smyth-Washington Regional Industrial Facilities Authority for public hearing on Tuesday, August 8, 2000.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)

Mr. Derting	***Aye***	***Mr. Roberts***	***Aye***	***Mr. McCall***	***Aye***
Mr. Ingle	***Aye***	***Mr. Rector***	***Aye***	***Mrs. Mumpower***	***Aye***
Mr. Barker	***Aye***				

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c. **Authorization to Advertise for Request for Proposals for Architectural/ Engineering Services for Glade-Highlands Regional Industrial Park Shell Building**

On motion of Mr. Roberts, second by Mr. Rector, it was resolved to advertise Request for Proposals for Engineering Services for the proposed industrial shell building to be constructed in the Glade Highlands Regional Industrial Park to be under the ownership of the proposed Smyth-Washington Regional Industrial Facilities Authority.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)

Mr. Derting	***Aye***	***Mr. Roberts***	***Aye***	***Mr. McCall***	***Aye***
Mr. Ingle	***Aye***	***Mr. Rector***	***Aye***	***Mrs. Mumpower***	***Aye***
Mr. Barker	***Aye***				

Ms. Parker reported there will be a scheduled ceremonial public signing of the Revenue Sharing Agreement between Smyth/Washington Counties at the Glade Highlands Industrial Park. She reported Secretary Barry DuVal and Governor Gilmore will be in Abingdon on Monday, August 28, 2000 and will be available to present the ceremonial grant check at that time.

(At 8:30 p.m. Bobby Ingle left the meeting.)

11 **Consideration of Resolutions, Mount Rogers Planning District Commission**

a. **Resolution Requesting Corridor Study, US RT 58, Bridle Creek to Volney**;

b. Resolution Requesting US RT 58 Construction Fund Be Spent in the Mount Rogers Planning District;

c. Resolution Requesting Cantilever Method Alternative Be Studied on US RT 58

On motion of Mr. Roberts, second by Mr. Rector, it was resolved to endorse the following Mount Rogers Planning District resolutions:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING CORRIDOR STUDY
U.S. RT. 58 BRIDLE CREEK TO VOLNEY

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation has been authorized to rebuild U.S. Route 58 from Virginia Beach to Cumberland Gap; and

WHEREAS, funding has been appropriated by the Virginia General Assembly to plan, engineer, and construct these needed improvements; and

WHEREAS, studies are underway from Stuart in Patrick County to I-77 in Carroll County; and

WHEREAS, studies are underway from Damascus in Washington County to Volney in Grayson County; and

WHEREAS, studies are underway from Volney in Grayson County to I-81 in Smyth County; and

WHEREAS, the section of U.S. Route 58 from Bridle Creek in Grayson County to Volney in Grayson County is between the areas being studied; and

WHEREAS, it is very important for roads that are intended to be economic development highways to connect; and

WHEREAS, in order for the improvements being planned for the east to connect to the improvements being planned for the west. The section in question in the middle (Bridle Creek to Volney) should be studied, engineered and constructed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission doth hereby and hereon declare that the section of the U.S. 58 from Bridle Creek to Volney to be the number one priority for new U.S. 58 corridor study funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that corridor studies presently under contract should continue and proceed to construction as soon as possible.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING U.S. RT. 58
CONSTRUCTION FUND BE SPENT
IN THE MOUNT ROGERS PLANNING DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation is responsible for road construction and maintenance in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia General Assembly has appropriated 74 million dollars in the FY01-02 Transportation Bill to make improvements to U.S. Rt. 58; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly did not indicate in Senate Bill 33 where on U.S. Route 58 the funds should be spent; and

WHEREAS, it has been 12 years since the General Assembly passed the U.S. Route 58 Legislation; and

WHEREAS, the economic impact of the U.S. Route 58 will be felt when people can get into the Mount Rogers Planning District and Christmas trees can get out.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission doth hereby and hereon declare that part of the 74 million appropriated be allocated to the construction of the Abingdon/Damascus corridor; the Marion/Volney corridor and the Bridle Creek to Volney study.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING
CANTILEVER METHOD ALTERNATIVE
BE STUDIED ON U.S. ROUTE 58

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation is responsible for road construction and maintenance in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia General Assembly has authorized improvements to U.S. Rt. 58 to enhance economic development along the southern boundary of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia General Assembly has appropriated funds to study and determine the most appropriate corridor for the improvements; and

WHEREAS, the existing roadway corridor just east of the town of Damascus is presently being studied; and

WHEREAS, this particular section of U.S. Route 58 traverses a gap in the mountains cut by a stream called "Straight Branch"; and

WHEREAS, the land on either side of "Straight Branch" is steep, rocky, and the soils are susceptible to sheer; and

WHEREAS, the most viable way to traverse the area might be the extensive use of bridges; and

WHEREAS, a type bridging called "cantilever" has been used along the Blue Ridge Parkway at Linville Gorge in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, tourism has received a boost along that section of the Blue Ridge Parkway as a result of the construction technique.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission doth hereby and hereon request that the Virginia Department of Transportation require that the alternative (to regular cut & fill highway construction) called "cantilever or viaduct" bridging be studied along the "Straight Branch" section of the U.S. Route 58; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that contracts be amended (if necessary) in order to determine the feasibility of the construction technique; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this action by the commission was proceeded by citizen input and subsequent action by its Transportation Advisory Committee.

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

Mr. Derting	***Aye***	***Mr. Roberts***	***Aye***	***Mr. McCall***	***Aye***
Mr. Rector	***Aye***	***Mrs. Mumpower***	***Aye***	***Mr. Barker***	***Aye***

12 **Consideration of Nomination of William King Regional Arts Center for Governor's Award of the Arts 2000**

On motion of Mrs. Mumpower, second by Mr. Roberts, it was resolved to submit the nomination of William King Regional Arts Center to the Governor's Awards for the Arts 2000.

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

Mr. Derting	***Aye***	***Mr. Roberts***	***Aye***	***Mr. McCall***	***Aye***
Mr. Rector	***Aye***	***Mrs. Mumpower***	***Aye***	***Mr. Barker***	***Aye***

13 **Consideration of Appointment to Mount Rogers Planning District Commission, Damascus Town Council, Four Year Term**

Action to appoint a representative of the Damascus Town Council to the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission was delayed until July 25, 2000.

14 **Planning Commission Salaries (Jackson Barker)**

On motion of Mr. Barker, second by Mrs. Mumpower, it was resolved to transfer $9,050 from reserves for contingencies to Department 81120, and to increase the Washington County Planning Commission stipend to $250.00 per month.

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

Mr. Derting	***Aye***	***Mr. Roberts***	***Aye***	***Mr. McCall***	***Aye***
Mr. Rector	***Aye***	***Mrs. Mumpower***	***Aye***	***Mr. Barker***	***Aye***

15 **County Administrator Comments**

a. **Commonwealth Transportation Board Public Meeting, July 21, 2000, Southwest Virginia Community College, Tazewell County, Virginia**

Mr. Reeter called attention to the Commonwealth Transportation Board Public Meeting scheduled for July 21, 2000, beginning at 9:30, at Southwest Virginia Community College in Tazewell County, Virginia.

Mr. Reeter commended Ms. Parker for her efforts in working through many arrangements to work out details in order to bring about the successful partnership with Smyth County for the proposed Regional Industrial Facility Authority Agreement and revenue sharing details for the two jurisdictions for the Glade Highlands Regional Industrial Park.

Mr. Reeter provided a brief report of the tour of City of Galax Central Dispatch operations center to see their new equipment. He reported in the next fiscal year, Washington County will be working with Sprint for replacing the Central Dispatch equipment, through lease or purchase, and that the operations center will be relocated to the Sheriff's Office complex.

16 **County Attorney Comments**

County Attorney Lucy Bright advised the Board of Supervisors that after researching the question posed by Mr. Barker earlier in the meeting, she has determined the Planning Commission Salary needs to be set by resolution.

On motion of Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Roberts, it was resolved to adopt a monthly salary for the Washington County Planning Commission members, to be set at $250.00 per month effective July 1, 2000.

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

Mr. Derting	***Aye***	***Mr. Roberts***	***Aye***	***Mr. McCall***	***Aye***
Mr. Rector	***Aye***	***Mrs. Mumpower***	***Aye***	***Mr. Barker***	***Aye***

17 **Consent Agenda**

On motion of Mr. Rector, second by Mr. Barker, to approve the following consent agenda items:

a. Payment of Bills
b. Request for Refunds, Summer Play Days Camp Program
:: Linda Arnold, $20.00;
:: Kim Roark, $35.00

The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)

Mr. Derting	***Aye***	***Mr. Roberts***	***Aye***	***Mr. McCall***	***Aye***
Mr. Ingle	***Aye***	***Mr. Rector***	***Aye***	***Mrs. Mumpower***	***Aye***
Mr. Barker	***Aye***				

18 **Board Member Reports**

The following Board Member reports were made:

Mrs. Mumpower reported receiving a communication from Ms. Gina Molz of Constellation Power concerning the ground breaking of the Wolf Hills facility on Thursday, August 17, 2000. Board members were polled as to their availability. The date was agreeable to all Supervisors.

Mrs. Mumpower commended Ms. Parker for her work in bringing about a partnership with Smyth County and working out a regional industrial facility authority agreement, and complimented Mr. Reeter for recognizing staff openly to the Board of Supervisors when there is staff that does an excellent job.

Mrs. Mumpower reported on the success of the John Battle High School Horticultural Team winning First Place and Parliamentary Procedure Team winning Second Place in the State competition. She asked that these teams be recognized by the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Barker raised a question about the 911 Sprint equipment, asking if the E911 levy collected could be increased and the revenue used toward the purchase or lease of the 911 equipment. Chairman Derting responded in the affirmative.

There was consensus agreement to place the E911 tax levy on a future agenda to discuss the possibility of increasing the rate sufficiently to cover the cost of the 911 equipment operations.

Mr. Barker inquired about establishing a meals and food tax in Washington County.

Ms. Bright reported that recent legislative changes brought about by the General Assembly on the collection of utility taxes will become effective January 1, 2001, and she will present this information at the next meeting.

Mr. Ingle, through Chairman Derting, asked that the Board be reminded about reviewing the proposed ordinance on cell towers.

Mr. Derting gave a status report of the Utility Trailer project, and the regional jail meetings .

19. **Citizen Comments**

At this time, Chairman Derting invited comments from citizens on items that do not appear on the Agenda.

Patrick Mannix addressed the supervisors about the school board.

20 **Adjournment**

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

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

Mr. Derting	***Aye***	***Mr. Roberts***	***Aye***	***Mr. McCall***	***Aye***
Mr. Rector	***Aye***	***Mrs. Mumpower***	***Aye***	***Mr. Barker***	***Aye***

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Joe W. Derting, Chairman