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At a recessed meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Thursday, April 18, 2002, at 4:00 p.m., at the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courtroom, Washington County Courthouse in Abingdon, Virginia, the following were present:

PRESENT:

Joe W. Derting, Chairman Jack H. Barker Bobby D. Ingle Phillip B. McCall

Mark K. Reeter, County Administrator Naoma A. Cook, Administrative Supervisor

ABSENT:

John B. Roberts, Sr., Vice Chairman Dulcie M. Mumpower Anthony S. Rector

In Attendance were:

Randall Blevins, Probation Manager, 28th Judicial Court Services Unit Frank Canter, General Services Manager Jeff Coale, Commonwealth Attorney Charles Day, Beeson and Beeson Architects, Inc. Sue Flanagan, Clerk, Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Eugene Lohman, Judge, Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court

1 Call Recessed Meeting to Order

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

2 County Courthouse Facilities Committee Presentation

Mr. Mark Reeter, County Administrator, explained that the purpose of the meeting was to allow the County Facilities Committee to make a presentation to the Board on the proposed renovation project at the County Courthouse. Mr. Reeter stated there would be a tour of the Courthouse at the conclusion of the meeting.

Mr. Frank Canter, General Services Manager and Mr. Charles Day with Beeson and Beeson Architects presented the proposed renovation plan. Mr. Canter stated that renovations would include the Courthouse and the adjacent Elliot Building. Mr. Canter explained that due to the Historical Society's move to the train depot and pending move of the Voter Registrar's Office to the new Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles office building, space would become available for the

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expansion of the remaining court-related offices. Mr. Canter stated that cost estimates provided by Beeson and Beeson for the proposed renovation project was \$233,000.

The following are highlights of their presentation:

- First floor of the Courthouse which is presently occupied by the Clerk for the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court would be expanded and the present Court Services Unit offices on the western end would be converted into witness rooms and attorney/client conference rooms.
- Court Services Unit offices will move to space currently occupied by the District Three Governmental Cooperative and the Voter Registrar's Office. Court Services Unit would also occupy offices left vacant by the Historical Society on the third floor.
- The layout of the existing Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court would change to provide greater security and better use of the space. Judge Eugene Lohman told the Board that he would assist with building the judge's bench to cut costs.
- On the second floor, part of the Elliott Building would be used to expand the Commonwealth Attorney's office. District Three Governmental Cooperative would use the remaining portion of this space.
- On the third floor, a corridor would be built between the elevator on the front of the building through the former Historical Society offices to the front of the Circuit Courtroom entrance.

In concluding the presentation, Mr. Day stated that the preliminary cost figures could change due to the age of the building.

Mr. Derting stated that the Courthouse was last renovated in 1992 and that it was difficult to project anticipated growth.

County Administrator Mark Reeter, stated that the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court used to be located in the County Administration Building and moved to the Courthouse after the renovations in 1992.

Jeff Coale, Commonwealth Attorney, asked if the Board could find alternative space for the District Three Governmental Cooperative and allow him to have the entire space being renovated in the Elliott Building. Frank Canter stated that he has searched for suitable space for District Three offices away from the Courthouse but has not identified anything as yet.

3 Adjourn

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

The vote on this motion was as follows: (4-0)

Mr. Derting
Mr. Barker
Mr. Ingle
Mr. McCall
Aye

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Naoma A. Cook, Recording Clerk

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Approved by the Washington County Board of Supervisors:

Joe W. Derting, Chairman