V I R G I N I A:

At a joint recessed meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors and Virginia Highlands Airport Commission held Tuesday, March 21, 2006, at 7:00 p.m., at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center in Abingdon, Virginia the following were present:

PRESENT:

Board of Supervisors:

Kenneth O. Reynolds, Chairman
Jack R. McCrady, Jr., Vice Chairman
Phillip B. McCall
Dulcie M. Mumpower
Odell Owens
Paul O. Price
Anthony S. Rector

Mark K. Reeter, County Administrator
Lucy E. Phillips, County Attorney
Naoma A. Mullins, Recording Clerk

Airport Commission:

Bobby M. "Mickey" Hines, Chairman
Kenneth Taylor
David L. Scyphers
William M. "Mark" Nelson
Carl McMurray
Kenny Hobbs
Anthony Lambert

Ron Deloney, Airport Manager

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1. Call to Order

Board of Supervisors:

The meeting was called to order by Kenneth Reynolds, Chairman of the Board, who welcomed everyone in attendance and introduced the Board members.

Airport Commission:

Mr. Mickey Hines, Chairman, called the Airport Commission to order and introduced the Airport Commission members.

2. Welcome and Introductory Remarks

Mr. Reynolds welcomed those in attendance and stated that the public hearing is being conducted at the request of the Board of Supervisors jointly with the Airport Commission as a result of public questions and concerns about the proposed Virginia Highlands Airport Expansion Project. He further stated that the public hearing is not part of the formal environmental assessment process being conducted by the Airport Commission regarding the Airport Project, but rather is intended to permit general public comment on the project and the Virginia Highlands Airport in General. Because this is not a legally required public hearing, the record of this hearing within the minutes of the Board of Supervisors will be limited. Mr. Reynolds explained that the County will attempt to make an audio recording of this hearing, a copy of which may be obtained through the County Administrator's Office.

Mr. Reynolds stated that a ten-minute recess would be called sometime between 8:30 and 9:00 PM.

3. Consideration and Approval of Rules for Public Hearing

County Administrator Mark Reeter addressed the Board providing a review of the proposed rules for the public hearing. Mr. Reeter explained that the rules were presented to the Board at their March 14 regular meeting and was approved by consensus. The proposed rules are as follows:

- The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors shall officiate the public hearing.
- Speakers shall be called in order of those registered to speak on sign-up sheet available prior to beginning of public hearing. No further speaker registrations shall be accepted after 7:30 PM.
- Speakers shall be limited to an amount of time to be decided prior to the beginning of the public hearing (depending on number of speakers) – remaining time may not be yielded.
- Topics speakers may present shall be limited to matters directly involving the proposed Virginia Highlands Airport Expansion Project and the Virginia Highlands Airport in general.
- Members of the Board of Supervisors, Airport Commission and administrative personnel of those bodies shall not be obligated to respond to questions raised by speakers during the public hearing. Questions may be addressed during Closing Remarks at the discretion of Board/Commission members.
- The public hearing shall be closed after all speakers have been recognized. After 10:00 PM, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors may at his discretion call for the consensus of both the Board and Airport Commission to close the public hearing if a majority of both bodies believe a fair representation of views have been adequately expressed.

Mr. Reeter proposed that the speaker time limit be set after the presentation by the Airport Manager and after the number of speakers has been determined. He stated that at the March 14 Board meeting a group of individuals requested a 30 minute block of time to follow the Airport Manager's presentation.

Discussion ensued among the Board of Supervisors and Airport Commission.

It was consensus of the Board and Airport Commission to adopt the proposed rules and to grant the request of a small group of individuals to make a 30-minute presentation.

4. Presentation of Overview of Proposed Virginia Highlands Airport Expansion Project

Virginia Highlands Airport General Ron Deloney made a presentation of the overview of the proposed Virginia Highlands Expansion Project.

At this time, the Board of Supervisors and Airport Commission discussed the time limit for the speakers. It was consensus of the Board of Supervisors and the Airport Commission to set a ten-minute limit and that remaining time of a speaker may not be yielded.

5. Public Hearing on Proposed Virginia Highlands Airport Expansion Project:

The following citizens addressed the Board and Airport Commission:

Lee Saltonstall, 15351 High Meadow Trail, Bristol, VA 24202
Katherine Harper, 205 Cole Lane, Bristol, VA 24202
David Farris, 17034 Windy Ridge Lane, Abingdon 24211

At this time, a ten-minute recess was taken.

Sonya Farris, 17043 Windy Ridge Lane, Abingdon, VA 24211
Margaret Singleton, 119 Holston Street, Abingdon, VA 24210
Dr. Fred Gent, 18159 Lee Highway, Abingdon, VA 24210
Laura Flacavento, 18157 Wyndale Road, Abingdon, VA 24210
Robert Hilt, 17460 Providence Road, Abingdon, VA 24210
Jan Hurt, 247 East Valley Street, Abingdon, VA 24210
Stephen Jett, 333 Court Street, Abingdon, VA 24210
Reva Spry, 17521 Mahogany Drive, Abingdon, VA 24210
Darlene Buchanan, 177746 Mahogany Drive, Abingdon 24210
Jan Luwensik, 17300 Edgars Place, Abingdon, VA 24210
Billy Palmer, 260 Hill Street, Abingdon, VA 24210
Danny Sorrell, 20420 Blue Spruce Road, Bristol, VA 24202
Bill Chapman, Abingdon, VA

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

6. Closing Remarks

a. Board of Supervisors

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, Mr. Reynolds provided closing remarks and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

b. Airport Commission

On behalf of the Airport Commission, Mr. Hines provided closing remarks.

At this time, several of the Board of Supervisors gave remarks.

7. <u>Adjourn/Recess</u>

a. Board of Supervisors

On motion of Mrs. Mumpower, second by Mr. Price it was resolved to recess to 6:00 PM on March 28, 2006.

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

Mr. McCall	***Aye***
Mr. McCrady	***Aye***
Mrs. Mumpower	***Aye***
Mr. Owens	***Aye***
Mr. Price	***Aye***
Mr. Rector	***Aye***
Mr. Reynolds	***Aye***

b. Airport Commission

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

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

Mr. Hines	***Aye***
Mr. Hobbs	***Aye***
Mr. Lambert	***Aye***
Mr. McMurray	***Aye***
Mr. Nelson	***Aye***
Mr. Scyphers	***Aye***
Mr. Taylor	***Aye***

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Prepared by:

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Naoma A. Mullins, Recording Clerk

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Approved by the Washington County Board of Supervisors:

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Kenneth O. Reynolds, Chairman

Approved by the Virginia Highlands Airport Commission:

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Bobby M. “Mickey” Hines, Chairman