

VIRGINIA:

At a recessed meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Monday, June 30, 2008, at 7:30 p.m., at the County Administration Building in Abingdon, Virginia the following were present:

PRESENT:

Kenneth O. Reynolds, Chairman
Jack R. McCrady, Jr., Vice Chairman
Phillip B. McCall
Dulcie M. Mumpower
Odell Owens
Paul O. Price
Thomas G. Taylor

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

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Mrs. Mumpower, it was resolved to approve the agenda as presented.

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

<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. McCrady</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mrs. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Price</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Reynolds</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Taylor</i>	<i>Aye</i>

3. Public Hearings:

- a. Public Hearing and Consideration of adoption of an Ordinance Pursuant to §15.2-1414.1 and 15.2-1414.3 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, to Establish Annual Salaries of the Members of the Board of Supervisors of Washington, Virginia effective July 1, 2008**

Ms. Phillips addressed the Board explaining that due to an increase in population of the County, the members of the Board of Supervisors are eligible to receive compensation for service as elected members of the Board at a higher rate than was available when the Board most recently set its compensation in 1999. Adoption of the ordinance would increase compensation to \$9,000 for all members, with an additional \$1,200 for the vice-chairperson and \$1,800 for the chairperson. She explained that the proposed ordinance was drafted pursuant to State law. Further the proposed ordinance allows for an increase each year for inflation not to exceed five percent. The changes to compensation if approved would be effective July 1.

Mr. Reynolds opened the public hearing to receive comments in regards to the proposed ordinance.

Patrick Mannix addressed the Board in opposition to the proposed ordinance.

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

Substantial discussions ensued among the Board with the following action being taken on the proposed ordinance:

On motion of Mr. Price, second by Mr. Owens, it was resolved to adopt the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT §§ 15.2-1414.1 AND 15.2-1414.3 OF THE 1950 CODE OF VIRGINIA, AS AMENDED, TO ESTABLISH ANNUAL SALARIES OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Virginia has determined that the present prescribed salary compensation for its members is ripe for increase because of inflation and the results of the 2001 Census, which indicated the County population surpassed 50,000, and

WHEREAS, 15.2-1414.3 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, establishes the maximum annual salaries which may be paid to boards of supervisors of the Commonwealth's various counties on the basis of population, and

WHEREAS, Washington County's 2000 Census population of 51,103 inhabitants permits the Washington County Board of Supervisors to be compensated with an annual salary not to exceed \$9,000 per member, with provisions for up to \$1,800 additional annual salary for chairman and up to \$1,200 additional annual salary for vice-chairman;

NOW THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Board of Supervisors for Washington County, Virginia:

1. That Chapter 2, Article II, Section 2-31 of the Code of the County of Washington, Virginia, (2002) is hereby amended, as follows:

CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION
ARTICLE II. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

Sec. 2-31. Compensation of board of supervisors.

(a) Each member of the board of supervisors shall be allowed and paid out of the county levy an annual salary, to be fixed pursuant to ~~subsection (b) of this section~~, for services in attending meetings of the board and discharging duties imposed by law as a member thereof.

~~(b) Effective January 1, 1999, the annual salary of members of the board of supervisors shall be \$8,800.00 for chair, \$8,200.00 dollars for vice chair, and \$7,000.00 for other board members. Effective July 1, 2008, the annual salary of members of the board of supervisors shall be nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) for each member plus additional annual sums of \$1,800 and \$1,200 for the chairperson and vice-chairperson, respectively. Salary shall be rendered monthly.~~

(c) Members of the board of supervisors may not assign compensation due and payable pursuant to this section but may at their individual discretion refuse acceptance of compensation for services and duties discharged. Compensation as may be refused shall remain in the general fund of the county.

(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the granting by resolution of any or all fringe benefits to members of the board of supervisors in manner and form provided for county employees.

(e) The salary set by this ordinance may be adjusted in any year or years by an inflation factor not to exceed five percent (5%) by resolution adopted at the time of adoption of the annual budget.

2. That should any section or provision of this ordinance be decided to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section or provision of this ordinance or the Code of Washington County, Virginia (2002, as amended).

3. That this ordinance shall become effective July 1, 2008.

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. Reynolds Aye
- Mr. Taylor Aye

b. Public Hearing and Consideration of Adoption of an Ordinance to Amend Subsection 22-33 of the Code of the County of Washington, Virginia to Increase Compensation of Members of the Virginia Highlands Airport Authority

Ms. Phillips addressed the Board explaining that the Virginia Highlands Airport Authority (VHAA) has requested that the Board consider allowing an increase to the amount of compensation for members of the Authority. The current ordinance allows \$75 per meeting attended, with a limitation of one meeting per month. The proposed revision would allow compensation of up to \$200 per meeting attended, with a limitation of compensation of one meeting per month. She further explained that compensation to members of the Authority is paid entirely from revenues generated from operation of Virginia Highlands Airport.

Mr. Reynolds opened the public hearing to receive comments in regards to the proposed ordinance.

Patrick Mannix commented that all County Boards and Commissions should receive compensation.

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

Discussions ensued among the Board.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, second by Mr. McCrady, it was resolved to adopt the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBSECTION 22-33 OF THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, VIRGINIA TO INCREASE COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF THE VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS AIRPORT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the members of the Virginia Highlands Airport Authority provide oversight and regulation of the Virginia Highlands Airport, which has grown to include increased responsibilities and time commitment of the Authority members; and

WHEREAS, the Authority members are currently compensated in the amount of \$75 per meeting, not to exceed one meeting per month; however, due to increased responsibilities, activity, and inflationary economy, this amount is no longer sufficient; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Supervisors finds it in the best interest of the public welfare to compensate adequately the members of the Authority for their time and commitment to the success of the Virginia Highlands Airport;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Virginia, after notice and public hearing, as required by law:

1. That Chapter, Section, is amended, as set forth below:

CHAPTER 2 - ADMINISTRATION

Article III – Boards, Committees, Commissions, and Authorities

Division 6. Airport Authority

Sec. 22-33. Compensation of directors.

The directors of the authority shall receive compensation of up to ~~\$75.00~~ \$200.00 per meeting attended, not to exceed compensation for one meeting per month, plus

reimbursement of expenses in the performance of their duties. Compensation per meeting and reimbursement of expenses shall be determined by the authority in accordance with the limitations stated herein and shall derive wholly from revenues generated by operation of the Virginia Highlands Airport.

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- 2. *That should any section or provision of this ordinance be decided to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section or provision of this ordinance or the Washington County Code.*
- 3. *That this ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 2008.*

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

<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. McCrady</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mrs. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Price</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Reynolds</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Taylor</i>	<i>Aye</i>

4. Adjourn

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

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

<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. McCrady</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mrs. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Price</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Reynolds</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Taylor</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Prepared by:

Naoma A. Norris, Recording Clerk

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Approved by the Washington County Board of Supervisors:

Kenneth O. Reynolds, Chairman