

VIRGINIA:

At a regular meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Tuesday, February 9, 2010, at 6:30 p.m., at the County Administration Building in Abingdon, Virginia the following were present:

PRESENT:

Dulcie M. Mumpower, Chairman
Odell Owens, Vice Chairman
Phillip B. McCall
Nicole M. Price
Kenneth O. Reynolds
Joseph C. Straten
Thomas G. Taylor

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Dulcie M. Mumpower, Chair of the Board, who welcomed everyone in attendance. Ms. Mumpower noted that all members of the Board were present.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Nicole Price gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda

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

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

Mr. McCall Aye
Ms. Mumpower Aye
Mr. Owens Aye
Ms. Price Aye
Mr. Reynolds Aye
Mr. Straten Aye
Mr. Taylor Aye

4. Recognitions and Special Presentations:

a. Presentation of Certificate of Commendation to Washington County Department of Social Services

Ms. Mumpower presented a Certificate of Commendation to Washington County Department of Social Services (WCDSS) Director Tommy Casteel and the Foster Care Program staff for their recognition of having the best statewide performance on family-based placement outcomes. Under the Child Welfare Transformation Project the goal was to have 80% placement in 2009. The WCDSS Foster Care Program had a 96.43% placement and was recognized in December 2009 by Governor Kaine. Ms. Mumpower stated the Board of Supervisors is proud of their accomplishments.

b. Revenue Presentations

County Treasurer Fred Parker, Commissioner of Revenue David Henry and Accounting Manager Mark Seamon addressed the Board and presented the FY 2010-2011 Preliminary Local Revenue Projections. Mr. Parker noted that the revenue projections are conservative and would be modified throughout the budget preparation cycle.

Mr. Parker explained the beginning fund balance projected for FY 2010 is \$1,250,000 and proposed for FY 2011 is \$750,000.

Mr. Seamon explained the County is working toward decreasing dependency on carryover funds to balance the budget. With the downturn in the economy, the County's beginning fund balance has continually decreased over the last few years.

Mr. Parker next provided a review of the current revenue projected by line item for FY 2009-2010, and the projected figures for FY 2010-2011 and highlighted the following:

Real Property Taxes:

Mr. Parker reviewed revenue projections for real property taxes. He explained for the current fiscal year 2010 the tax revenue is \$18,430,431; the projected amount for FY 2010 is \$19,666,360; the proposed amount for FY 2011 is \$750,000. The revenue projection for FY 2011 shows the smallest growth in many years. The building permit issuances are down so there is very little growth in residential/commercial development, which is a national trend.

Mr. Parker reviewed revenue projections for delinquent tax collections and explained this may be a figure that could be upwardly adjusted during the year

Public Service Corporation Taxes:

Mr. Parker reviewed revenue projections for public service corporation taxes and explained this tax is assessed on utilities companies for taking land out of production. The assessments are controlled by the State Corporation Commission.

Personal Property Taxes:

Mr. Parker reviewed revenue projects for personal property taxes. The current fiscal year 2010 figure is \$4,064,090; the projected figure for FY 2010 is \$4,510,500; the proposed figure for FY 2011 is \$4,557,000. He explained there was some growth in personal property taxes reported in July 2009. However, during the last year personal property did not increase as much as anticipated. Mr. Parker discussed the devaluation of trucks and sport utility vehicles and stated the values decreased more than expected.

Mr. Henry explained that the United States Government Cash for Clunkers Program should have a positive impact on personal property taxes. The new cars purchased during this program will be recorded on the tax books in 2010. He said the impact of the program is not known at this time but believes the County will pick up new car values.

Machinery & Tools Taxes:

Mr. Parker reviewed revenue projections for machinery & tools and explained these are taxes paid by industry on their machinery and equipment used for production.

Mr. Henry explained there is little growth in the machinery and tools taxes.

Mr. Henry reported that there is no update to provide regarding the State Tax Commission's review of a County industry's tax assessment appeal.

Penalties and Interest:

Mr. Parker reviewed the revenue projections for penalties and interest on delinquent taxes. He explained that less than three percent of property taxes are delinquent. Washington County's delinquent tax rate is 96.82% which is well above the State average of 91%.

Local Sales and Use Tax:

Mr. Parker reviewed the revenue projections for local sales and use tax. He explained that year-to-date the revenues are \$150,000 less than this time last year.

Revenue from Use of Money:

Mr. Parker reviewed the revenues from use of money. He explained interest earned on money on deposit is down even for public entities. The County will be fortunate to reach the projected amount of \$225,000.

Shared Expenses:

Mr. Seamon reviewed revenue projections for state reimbursements for the County's Constitutional Offices. For the current fiscal year it is projected the County will lose \$240,000. Projections for FY 2010-11 are about \$1,000,000 in lost revenue.

Payments in Lieu of Taxes:

Mr. Parker reported a projected increase in federal payment in lieu of taxes primarily from payments received from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). Approximately a year and a half ago Bristol Virginia Utilities went to back to purchasing its electricity from TVA.

In concluding the revenue projections presentation, Mr. Seamon reported the FY 2009 projected local revenues will be \$49,229 short of budgeted amount and FY 2010 projected local revenue will be \$749,598 short of the current year budget.

Discussions ensued among the Board regarding proposed state revenue projections.

Ms. Mumpower thanked Mr. Parker, Mr. Henry and Mr. Seamon for their presentation.

5. Consent Agenda:

Ms. Phillips addressed the Board and explained the minutes of the January 19 recessed Board of Supervisors meeting include a revised Resolution adopted by the Board authorizing acquisition of the Alpha Building. A new Resolution was provided at Board stations that highlighted the changes. Ms. Phillips reviewed the following revisions and asked the Board to ratify the changes:

Page 1, Fourth Bullet now Reads:

Based on consultation with an architectural firm after extensive scoping and design discussion, new construction of a comparably-sized facility (of approximately 65,000 square feet) was estimated to cost at least \$12,875,000.00;

Page 1, Sixth Bullet removed:

~~The County owns property that may be suitable for new construction, but there is no certainty that the County would be offered the opportunity to acquire the former hospital structure nor of the cost of such acquisition if it were offered;~~

Page 2, First Bullet now Reads:

However, there is no certainty that the County would be offered the opportunity to acquire the former hospital structure nor of the cost of such acquisition if it were offered;

Page 2, under NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Paragraph 1 now Reads:

1. The Board hereby indicates its intent to accept the offer as stated in the January 15, 2010 correspondence from Alpha to the County Administrator for purchase of the Property, with the exception of the 2009 real estate assessment value stated therein for which the Board does not have authority to confirm the assessed value, and subject to successful negotiation of a Purchase and Sale Agreement and Lease Agreement, and directs the County Attorney, in consultation with legal counsel for the Authority and bond counsel for the County as well as discussion with Alpha, to negotiate and prepare a Purchase and Sale Agreement and Lease Agreement for the Property for final Board and Authority approval.

Ms. Phillips explained a revised contract for construction services for the Beaverdam Creek Park – Phase one improvements was provided to the Board at stations with the following language inserted on Page 1, in Paragraph #1

“Subject to final determination of whether Add Alternates “D” and “G” will be included no later than ninety (90) days after the date of the Notice to Proceed and final determination of whether all/any other Add Alternate(s) will be included no later than forty five (45) days after the date of the Notice to Proceed; after which dates, as applicable, said “Add Alternates” bid prices shall expire.”

Ms. Phillips noted that BurWil Construction Company requested the revision. The contract price remains the same.

On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Mr. Reynolds, the Board acted to approve items a, b, c and d of the Consent Agenda as set forth below and ratified the changes to the minutes of January 19, 2010, and changes to the construction contract for Beaverdam Creek Park Project as recommended by the County Attorney.

a. Approval of Minutes:

1. **January 12, 2010 Annual Meeting**
2. **January 19, 2010 Joint Recessed Meeting**
3. **January 26, 2010 Regular Meeting**

b. Approval of Routine Financial Matters:

1. **Payment of Bills – Month of January 2010**
2. **Request for Revenue Refunds – Washington County Sheriff’s Office-Animal Sterilization Fees**
3. **Request for Supplemental Appropriations-Washington County Sheriff’s Office**
4. **Request for Supplemental Appropriations-Washington County Sheriff’s Office and Commonwealth’s Attorney Office**
5. **Budget Status Report – January 31, 2010**

c. Award of Bids and Approval of Contracts:

1. **Approval of Construction Contract, Beaverdam Creek Park Project**

d. Authorization of Routine Business Matters:

1. **Reappointment of Sheriff Fred Newman to Southwest Virginia Community Criminal Justice Board**

2. Resolution Endorsing January 29, 2010, Resolution of the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Authority – approved as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2010-08
ENDORSEMENT OF RESOLUTION OF SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA REGIONAL JAIL
AUTHORITY**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Virginia that the Board hereby endorses the following Resolution of the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Authority styled, Re: FY 11/12 Budget Bill (HB30/SB30) Budget Amendments as adopted on January 28, 2010.

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

- Mr. McCall Aye*
- Ms. Mumpower Aye*
- Mr. Owens Aye*
- Ms. Price Aye*
- Mr. Reynolds Aye*
- Mr. Straten Aye*
- Mr. Taylor Aye*

6. Public Hearings:

Ms. Mumpower proposed that the public hearings regarding the requests of Mercy Ambulance Services for a Special Exception Permit and Convalescent Ambulance Services Permit be combined into one public hearing.

Mr. Reeter provided an overview of the requests from Mercy Ambulance Services.

The Board was in agreement to combine the two public hearings.

a. Request(s) for Special Exception Permit:

1. David Robins on behalf of Mercy Ambulance Services, Inc., Property Tax Map #086A1-5-13: Request for a Special Exception Permit to operate an emergency medical rescue squad office within facilities in an existing building located on the north side of State Route 11 (Lee Highway) and State Route 704 (Enterprise Road) in a B-2 (Business, General) and R-2 (Residential, General) zone, Harrison Magisterial District

b. Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapter 26, Article II, Division 2 of the 2002 Code of the County of Washington, Virginia concerning the Application by Mercy Ambulance Service, Inc., for Convalescent Ambulance Services Permit

County Zoning and Subdivision Official Cathie Freeman provided the Board with an overview of the proceedings before the Planning Commission at their January 25, 2010, meeting in regards to the application of David Robins on behalf of Mercy Ambulance Services, Inc. Ms. Freeman explained Mr. Robins appeared before the Planning Commission on behalf of Mercy Ambulance Services to present their plan to lease property he owns at the intersection of State Route 704 (Enterprise Road) and State

Route 11 (Lee Highway). This property was previously used as a service station. There was no opposition present at the Planning Commission's hearing in regards to the Special Exception Permit application. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the Special Exception Permit contingent on the County's approval of a Convalescent Ambulance Services Permit for Mercy Ambulance Service, Inc.

Ms. Freeman drew the Boards' attention to items provided in their Agenda materials, in particular materials relating to the 1954 septic system presently located on the property. She explained that Mercy Ambulance Services has contacted Mr. Scott Honaker with the Washington County Health Department about the septic system. Ms. Freeman stated Mr. Honaker has advised her that a sewage disposal system is currently being used, and the Health Department is in the process of designing a new sewer system for the property. The design would have already been completed had it not been for the inclement weather. Mr. Honaker further advised her there should be no problems with septic related issues on the property.

At this time, Mrs. Mumpower asked the County Administrator to provide remarks concerning Mercy Ambulance Services application for a Convalescent Ambulance Services Permit.

Mr. Reeter addressed the Board and explained that the Convalescent Ambulance Services Permit is required under County Code Chapter 26. The County has two distinctions in terms of Emergency Medical Services Permits (EMS). There is an EMS permit proper which is a permit primarily given to volunteer rescue squads to allow them to operate as a primary rescue squad in the County. The second form of EMS permit issued under Chapter 26 is a Convalescent Ambulance Services Permit. All County EMS Permits shall be issued only after a public hearing has been held by the Board "on the question of the issuance of a permit, that there is a need for the emergency medical service, in the area to which the application applies, and that such area is not being served efficiently by another person rendering emergency medical services, and that the applicant is trained, equipped and otherwise qualified in all respects to render first aid and emergency medical service in the area indicated in the application."

Mr. Reeter further explained that Mercy Ambulance Services needs both a zoning Special Exception Permit to physically operate their business at the proposed location and a Convalescent Ambulance Services Permit from the Board of Supervisors to operate a convalescent ambulance service in the County.

Ms. Price made an inquiry about Section 26-59 in regards to insurance coverage and stated that she did not find the proof of insurance that is required prior to issuance of a permit.

Mr. Reeter explained the County assumes at this point that the applicant can get insurance coverage, and a permit will not be issued until the County receives the appropriate insurance documents.

Ms. Mumpower opened the public hearing and invited comments in regards to the request of David Robins on behalf of Mercy Ambulance Services, Inc., for a Special Exception Permit, and the application by Mercy Ambulance Service, Inc., for Convalescent Ambulance Services Permit.

Mr. James Lewis with Mercy Ambulance Service (1061 East Main Street, Lebanon, Virginia) addressed the Board and explained they have been in business since 1995 serving Russell, Tazewell and Buchanan Counties. They anticipate serving Washington County in the near future. Mr. Lewis advised the Board that proof of insurance would be provided to the County on February 10.

There being no further comments, Ms. Mumpower declared the public hearing closed.

Mr. Taylor asked in regards to the statement in Chapter 26 that says “to the question of the issuance of a permit that there is a need for the emergency medical service in the area to which the application applies, and that such area is not being served efficiently by another person rendering emergency medical service...” if Mercy Ambulance Services has completed a market study or business plan to provide evidence for the Board to respond to this statement.

Mr. Reeter explained the County does not require an applicant demonstrate a need for the service. He further explained Chapter 26 is an older statute in the County Code and believes it was put in place primarily to regulate volunteer rescue squads and EMS units. The idea of the statement is if anyone believes there are too many ambulance services operating in the County they would take the opportunity during public hearing to come before the Board to make that case. Mr. Reeter stated this is his interpretation of Chapter 26.

Mr. Taylor commented does he understand that it is up to the applicant to complete a market study to determine if there is sufficient business to support their operation and that there is no liability to the County. Mr. Reeter replied that was correct.

Mr. Taylor asked if a stipulation would need to be added to the Special Exception Permit that addresses the type of sewer system that would be located on the property.

Ms. Freeman explained it is anticipated that a renovation would occur to the building to accommodate the ambulance service operations. The County would require submittal of a plan for a new or existing sewer system before a building permit would be issued for the renovations. She further explained that after talking with Mr. Honaker that a new system is being designed.

Ms. Price commented in light of the prior history of this property where drugs were distributed by a previous owner that it is fitting and appropriate that a convalescent ambulance services business would locate on the property to provide this type of service to the people of Washington County. She explained as a prosecutor she prosecuted several drug distribution charges that came from this location under prior ownership and that this information is a matter of public record in the Circuit Court Clerk’s Office.

On motion of Mr. McCall, second by Mr. Owens, the Board acted to follow the recommendation of the Washington County Planning Commission and approve the application of David Robins on behalf of Mercy Ambulance Services, Inc., for a Special Exception Permit to operate an emergency medical rescue squad office with facilities in an existing building located on the north side of State Route 11 (Lee Highway) and State Route 704 (Enterprise Road) in a B-2 (Business, General) and R-2 (Residential, General) zone, Harrison Magisterial District. The Board further acted to approve issuance of a Convalescent Ambulance Services Permit to Mercy Ambulance Services, Inc.

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

<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Price</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Reynolds</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Straten</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Taylor</i>	<i>Aye</i>

7. General Business:

a. Actionable Items:

1. Consideration of Supplemental Appropriation to Washington County Public Schools for Phase II School Projects

Mr. Reeter addressed the Board and explained the Washington County School Board is requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$3,175,000 in interim financing bond proceeds to begin construction on the Phase II School Projects. The Board of Supervisors has taken action previously to amend the County Operating Budget to include the \$9,500,000 in bond proceeds into the current County Operating Budget but has not yet supplementally appropriated any funds to the School Board. The School Board anticipates the \$3,175,000 will be what is needed for the Phase II Construction Projects through June 30, 2010.

Mr. Reeter explained in mid-January the Governor's Office by Executive Order 110 allocated to Washington County a total of \$10,510,035 in 2009 Qualified School Construction Bonds for Eligible School Projects (QSCB bonds) for school projects on the waiting list for State Literary Bond funding. All Phase II school projects plus the Neff Center addition were funded by this allocation. The QSCB bonds are funded by stimulus money allocated by former Governor Kaine to fund projects on the State Literary Fund list. The County's Financial Advisors and Bond Counsel are presently evaluating the coordination of this funding with the interim financing bonds and anticipate 'taking out' the interim financing bonds with QSCB proceeds sometime in mid-2010. Since the school projects have already been bid and awarded, the County may proceed in using a portion of the interim financing bond proceeds to begin work on the projects thru June 30 of this year. Mr. Reeter explained the anticipated interest rate for the QSCB bonds will be zero percent. The interest rate for the State Literary Loan Fund bonds is three percent.

On motion of Mr., Taylor, second by Mr. Straten, the Board acted to approve a supplemental appropriation of \$3,175,000 of school project bond proceeds to the Washington County School Board.

Discussions ensued among the Board prior to the vote.

Mr. Straten asked if the entire \$9,500,000 million would be needed when the QSCB bonds are approved.

Mr. Reeter explained the interim financing of \$9,500,000 would be paid off with the QSCB bonds.

Mr. Owens asked if the County would borrow the entire \$10,510,035 approved by the Governor's Office since the costs for the Phase II Construction projects is \$9,500,000.

Mr. Reeter explained the County will borrow what is needed out of the \$10,510,035.

Mr. McCall inquired about the term of the QSCB bonds.

Mr. Reeter explained the term for the QSCB bonds would be for 20 years and will be structured similar to the Literary Loan Fund bonds.

Mr. Taylor commented that if money can be obtained an a zero percent interest the School Board needs to identify capital projects that need funding because another opportunity like this is not likely.

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

<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Price</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Reynolds</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Straten</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Taylor</i>	<i>Aye</i>

2. Consideration of Appointments to Virginia a-corridor Program Board of Directors and Chief Local Elected Official to the New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Investment Consortium Board

Mr. Reeter explained the Virginia a-Corridor Program and the New/River Mount Rogers Workforce Investment Area Consortium are requesting Board appointments to their respective Board of Directors and Consortium Board. The Virginia a-Corridor Program is requesting appointment/reappointment to their Board be made annually. Term for the appointment to the New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Investment Consortium Board shall be established by the County. Mr. Reeter further explained that in accordance with Board By-Laws, Article 10, if a term limit for a sanctioned appointment is not established by the entity the term of an appointed Board of Supervisors member shall be for two years. If the appointment is a non-Board of Supervisors member the term shall be for one year. Supervisor Kenneth Reynolds presently represents Washington County on both boards.

Discussions ensued among the Board.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, second by Mr. Straten, the Board acted to make the following appointments:

- 1. Appointed Dulcie Mumpower to the Virginia aCorridor Program Board of Directors for a one year term ending December 31, 2010.*
- 2. Appointed Odell Owens to the New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Investment Consortium Board and appointed Dulcie Mumpower as alternate member for a two year term ending December 31, 2011.*

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

<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Price</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Reynolds</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Straten</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Taylor</i>	<i>Aye</i>

b. Informational Items:

1. Joint Recessed Meetings with Washington County Service Authority and Washington County Industrial Development Authority

Mr. Reeter reminded the Board of the joint recessed meeting with the Washington County Service Authority scheduled for February 16 at 7:00 PM at the Washington County Service Authority Offices. A draft agenda for this meeting was provided in the Agenda materials for Board review and will be finalized and mailed later this week. He asked Board members for other matters they would like added to the Agenda.

Discussions ensued among the Board. The following topics were added to the February 16 joint meeting agenda:

1. Status of Lowery Hills Sewer
2. Status of Wastewater Service for Oak Park
3. Status of Water System for Route 700 - Blackwell Chapel to Greendale

Mr. Reeter explained it will be necessary to schedule two joint recessed meetings with the Washington County Industrial Development Authority (IDA) prior to the regular Board meetings of February 23 and March 9 to handle matters pertaining to the financing of the Alpha Natural Resources Office Building acquisition. On February 23, the County's financial advisors will present the final plan of finance. There is no anticipated action that will be required by the Board/IDA during the February 23 recessed meeting. At the second joint meeting with the IDA proposed for March 9, Resolutions pertaining to the plan of finance will be presented to the Board/IDA for adoption. It is proposed that both recessed meetings be scheduled at 5:00 PM in Conference Room #1.

It was consensus of the Board to schedule joint meetings with the IDA on February 23 and March 9 beginning at 5:00 PM in Conference Room #1.

In another matter, Mr. Taylor reported that the Purchase of Development Rights Program Committee is ready to report on their progress and make a recommendation to the Board regarding a Purchase of Development Rights Program Ordinance.

8. Board Member Reports

Mr. Reynolds reported on the Abingdon High School Ground Breaking Ceremony held February 8. The faculty and students are looking forward to the new addition and thank the Board of Supervisors for their support of the construction projects.

Ms. Price reported that she has received additional calls from constituents about the issue of secondary roads not being maintained by the State. In one case, the road would not qualify for the Rural Additions Program because of the road's age. One constituent put forth that they are victims of a process the County has stopped and inquired about what they do now. This particular road is about a ¼ mile off of US Route 19 and was constructed prior to the 1995 County Code change. She explained that she does not know the answers to provide to her constituents and seeks guidance in advising them. Ms. Price stated the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries owns property on one of the roads that she has received complaints about and inquired if there were programs to repair roads that access state property.

Ms. Mumpower recommended that Ms. Price consult the County Attorney about these issues.

Mr. Taylor reported that Bristol Virginia Utilities (BVU) is installing fiber optic cable in the County. Since the County does not have a Telecommunications Plan, BVU has no obligation to inform the County about the projects they are doing within the County. If a Telecommunications Plan existed, BVU would have been required to make a presentation to the Planning Commission. Also, a public hearing would have been required. He explained that it is unknown if BVU will offer universal service on the infrastructure they are installing and there is a question if the BVU rates will be so high as to not offer competition. Mr. Taylor stated that a Telecommunications Plan would benefit the County.

Discussions ensued among the Board.

Ms. Mumpower stated that BVU representatives would be willing to make a presentation to the Planning Commission/Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Taylor asked the County Administrator for a status on the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) hiring of a consultant to conduct a study on what areas of the County would qualify as an Urban Development Corridor.

Mr. Reeter explained he anticipates receiving more information from VDOT about his issue. VDOT has been awarded \$50,000 to hire a consultant to do the study.

Mr. Taylor explained his reason for inquiring is when VDOT hires a consultant they need to involve the Washington County Planning Commission because it will be the Planning Commission that makes decisions and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors about development in the Urban Development Corridor.

Mr. Straten reported that he met with the Damascus Little League Board of Directors to discuss the baseball fields. They are pleased and happy with what is taking place, but have questions about the configurations of the ball fields. Ms. Phillips will contact them concerning their questions. He further reported that the purchase of the Alpha Building was discussed during this meeting, and he explained the process to them and discussed the County's options. They were pleased with the answers. Mr. Straten stated that the members of the Damascus Little League Board of Directors said the type of information he provided to them about the Alpha Building purchase needs to be put out to the public.

Mr. Straten reported that he had a meeting scheduled at the Green Cove Community Center on Friday, February 5, but had to reschedule because of the weather. David Henry will be going with him to Green Cove to discuss the Elderly Tax Exemption Program and how it was recently restructure by the Board.

Mr. Straten reported that he has received a call from someone opposing the proposed dog barking ordinance.

Mr. McCall reported that he has received a call from someone opposing the proposed dog barking ordinance.

Mr. Owens reported that he has received one call in opposition of the proposed barking dog ordinance.

Mr. Owens asked about the status on the closing of the VDOT-Abingdon Residency office.

Mr. Reeter explained that the Abingdon Residency remains open at this time. Toward the end of April communication from VDOT will be sent out statewide identifying the new role of the residency offices. What is now communicated to the Abingdon Residency will be related to VDOT through the Bristol District Offices beginning sometime after May. The residency offices will become more maintenance oriented and no longer be involved in road plans such as the Six Year Plan. Mr. Reeter reported the County should receive official correspondence from VDOT in late April.

Mr. Owens commented that he is receiving a lot of complaints about potholes and stated that VDOT has a shortage of funds available to fix these problems.

Ms. Mumpower reported that she received an invitation to the Lowe's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Thursday, February 11 at 10:00 AM. Vice Chair Odell Owens will represent her at this event because of a prior commitment to be in Richmond participating in the Virginia Association of Counties Chairpersons Institute.

Ms. Mumpower reported on ground breakings ceremonies that have taken place at Patrick Henry High School, Abingdon High School and Wallace Middle School. The School bands performed at these events and students are excited about the projects. She encouraged Board members to attend the ground breaking ceremonies that are scheduled during the last week in February.

Ms. Mumpower commented on the County's recent ranking of 15 overall all in the state in regards to transparency on government budgets. She recognized County staff and Board members for their efforts in making this happen. She explained that the Board is doing a lot of things to make information more accessible to the public. Citizens can find out information about the County on the County's website. The Board added a public comment period back to the agenda. Video of Board meetings are now posted on the County's website for public viewing. Ms. Mumpower commended Board members and County staff for identifying ways to make County government more transparent. She welcomes suggestions from the citizens to help the Board become better leaders and make Washington County a better place to live.

Ms. Mumpower explained she would like public information meetings to be held in each of the election districts to provide citizens with information about the projects being done in the County. She recommends the meetings be scheduled after the budget preparation process is completed.

Ms. Mumpower reported about complaints she received from a constituent concerning the ditch line on Golden View Drive being full of debris. She contacted VDOT about this issue and hopes they will address the problems.

9. Board Information and Reminders

Mr. Reeter reviewed the following Board Reminders and Information:

Reminders:

- Joint Recessed Meeting of Board of Supervisors and Washington County Service Authority, Tuesday, February 16, 7:00 PM, Service Authority Board of Commissioners Meeting Room, 25122 Regal Drive, Abingdon

Board Information:

- Minutes of the Meeting of the Washington County Service Authority, December 28, 2009
- Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Washington County Planning Commission, January 25, 2010
- The requested and recommended County Operating Budget for FY 2010-11 will be presented to the Board at their February 23 regular meeting
- The first and only scheduled agency/department hearing on the recommended County Operating Budget for FY 2010-11 is scheduled for February 25, 6:30 PM
- The FY 2010-11 County Operating Budget adjustment worksessions are scheduled for March 2, March 4 and March 11, 6:30 PM
- The public hearing on the FY 2010-11 County Operating Budget will be held March 11, 5:30 PM with a budget adjustment worksession to follow at 6:30 PM.

Mr. Reeter noted that a fourth and fifth budget adjustment worksession is scheduled if needed.

10. Adjourn or Recess

On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Mr. Reynolds, it was resolved to recess to February 16, 2010, 7:00 PM for a joint meeting with the Washington County Service Authority Board of Commissioners to be held at the Service Authority Board of Commissioners Meeting Room, 25122 Regal Drive, Abingdon Virginia.

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

<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Price</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Reynolds</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Straten</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:

Dulcie M. Mumpower, Chairman