

VIRGINIA:

At a regular meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Tuesday, May 25, 2010, at 6:30 p.m., at the County Administration Building in Abingdon, Virginia the following were present:

PRESENT:

Dulcie M. Mumpower, Chair
Odell Owens, Vice Chair
Phillip B. McCall
Nicole M. Price (Arrived at 7:03 p.m.)
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 Ms. Price was not present at the time of the meeting.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Joseph Straten gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

4. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Reeter explained the Agenda was amended to add consideration of grant applications by Washington County Fireman's Association and Washington County Sheriff's Office.

On motion of Mr. McCall, second by Mr. Owens, it was resolved to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

New Item 8.a.7.

Consideration of Authorization of Grant Applications by Washington County Fireman’s Association and Washington County Sheriff’s Office.

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

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| <i>Mr. McCall</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Ms. Mumpower</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Mr. Owens</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> |

5. Special Recognitions & Presentations:

- a. Presentation of Certificates of Commendation to Retiring County Building Official Bill Cole, County Building Inspector Bill Roark and Zoning/Building Assistant Diana Rasnake

Ms. Mumpower and Mr. Reeter presented Certificates of Commendation to County Building Official Bill Cole (28 years), County Building Inspector Bill Roark (12 years) and Zoning/Building Assistant Diana Rasnake (12 years) that will be retiring after many years of service to Washington County at the end of May.

Ms. Mumpower stated that she was happy for these employees but sad that the County will lose this much experience. She commended the Mr. Cole, Mr. Roark and Ms. Rasnake for the outstanding job they have done for the County.

Mr. Reeter stated it is difficult to look at retirement of those that you work so long with. These employees are to be commended for their service to the County.

6. Consent Agenda:

Mr. Taylor made a motion to remove the following items from the Consent Agenda and add them as General Business Items. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Reynolds:

a. Award of Bids and Approval of Contracts:

- 1. *Approval of Contract for Grinding and Removal of Woody Debris from Old County Landfill with Mountain Forest Products*
- 2. *Approval of Contract for Cable Television Consulting Services with The Howell Group, LLC*

Ms. Mumpower noted that according to the Board’s By-laws any Consent Agenda items which the Board members wish to remove and be made an item of General Business should be addressed at the time of Approval of Agenda.

Discussions ensued.

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

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| <i>Mr. McCall</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Ms. Mumpower</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Mr. Owens</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> |

On motion of Mr. McCall, second by Mr. Taylor, the Board acted to approve items a and b of the Consent Agenda as set forth below.

a. Approval of Minutes:

1. May 6, 2010 Joint Recessed Meeting
2. May 13, 2010 Rescheduled Regular Meeting
3. May 13, 2010 Recessed Meeting

b. Approval of Routine Financial Matters:

1. Supplemental Appropriation - Washington County Treasurer's Office
2. Authorization to Dispose of Certain Records of the Accounting Department

c. Award of Bids and Approval of Contracts:

1. Approval of Contract for Grinding and Removal of Woody Debris from Old County Landfill with Mountain Forest Products

Removed from Consent Agenda and added as a General Business Item.

2. Approval of Contract for Cable Television Consulting Services with The Howell Group, LLC

Removed from Consent Agenda and added as a General Business Item.

d. Authorization of Routine Business Matters:

There were no routine business matters presented to the Board.

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

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| <i>Mr. McCall</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Ms. Mumpower</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Mr. Owens</i> | <i>Aye</i> |

Mr. Reynolds *Aye*
Mr. Straten *Aye*
Mr. Taylor *Aye*

6.c. Award of Bids and Approval of Contracts:

1. Approval of Contract for Grinding and Removal of Woody Debris from Old County Landfill with Mountain Forest Products

Ms. Phillips explained that at the April 27, 2010, regular meeting of the Board, Mr. Reeter advised the Board that the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality had directed the County to discontinue burning of woody debris at the old, closed County landfill due to its recent recognition of the likely presence of waste material buried beneath the burn pile site. Burning has now ceased at the former County landfill and a significant amount of debris has accumulated. Mr. Reeter and Solid Waste Manager Coy Martin worked to identify other means of disposal. Mr. Martin was contacted by Mountain Forest Products, which offered to use its equipment on site to grind the debris, remove the finished ground material from the site, and pay the County \$0.25 per ton of finished material. Mr. Martin estimates the current pile of debris to exceed 500 tons of material, which would result in payment to the County in excess of \$125.

Ms. Phillips further explained the proposed contract before the Board for consideration would provide for the County to work with Mountain Forest Products. The contract states that when 500 tons of debris has accumulated, Mountain Forest Products will come to the former County landfill to grind the debris and make payment to the county for the finished product. The contract goes through the end of this calendar year with an option to renew for an additional twelve months. The income from sale of the finished product to Mountain Forest Products combined with the savings the County will realize by not burning the debris is a viable, short term solution.

Mr. Taylor commended staff for working out an agreement with the private sector. He stated ceasing to burn the debris at the former landfill will benefit those that live in the area of the landfill.

Mr. Reeter explained that the arrangement with Mountain Forest Products may not be a long term or permanent solution. The reason this service is available now is due to flooding in various regions of Tennessee which has created a need for particle board. Once the demand is filled there may no longer be a demand for the material.

2. Approval of Contract for Cable Television Consulting Services with The Howell Group, LLC

Ms. Phillips explained there are five companies that operate cable television systems in Washington County. The biggest companies are Comcast and Bristol Virginia Utilities with the third largest being Charter Communications (serving Damascus and the portion of Washington County closest to the Russell County line). There are also two smaller cable television systems providers that serve the County. None of the five companies are in complete compliance with the requirements for operation of the cable television systems. The County has had an extremely hard time with some of the companies keeping their franchise agreements up-to-date and with their performance bonds. At the current time, Charter Communications poses the biggest problem to the County. They have not had an updated franchise agreement for several years. Ms. Phillips further explained that State and Federal law requires that cable franchise agreements be the same for all companies. Charter Communications has been attempting to

negotiate a better deal with the County. She explained that Charter refused to accept franchise agreement terms that are consistent with the terms for the other companies.

In light of these issues, Ms. Phillips recommends the County retain the services of The Howell Group to provide limited assistance with oversight of the cable television service providers to achieve full compliance of all providers. In 2006, the County retained The Howell Group to audit Charter Communications' franchise fee payments to the County that resulted in the County collecting \$48,000.00 in fees that Charter neglected to pay. She explained the project expense should not exceed \$7,500.00. Therefore, the contract is not subject to statutory procurement processes.

Mr. Taylor inquired if the cable television provider that has not agreed to the County's Franchise Agreement has continued to pay franchise fees.

Ms. Phillips explained the company has continued to pay their franchise fees. The fees are now by paid by the company directly to the state. The state returns a portion of the fees back to the County. She further explained that Charter Communications is operating under their expired agreement, which is not a good arrangement.

Further discussions ensued.

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

- 1. Approval of Contract for Grinding and Removal of Woody Debris from Old County Landfill with Mountain Forest Products*
- 2. Approval of Contract for Cable Television Consulting Services with The Howell Group, LLC*

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

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| <i>Mr. McCall</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Ms. Mumpower</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Mr. Owens</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. Public Hearings:

- a. Public Hearing pursuant to Chapter 26, Article II, Division 2 if the 2002 Code of the County of Washington, Virginia concerning the Application by Glade Spring Volunteer Fire Department for Emergency Medical Services Permit

County Emergency Management Coordinator Pokey Harris addressed the Board and made a presentation concerning the application by Glade Spring Volunteer Fire Department (GSVFD) for an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Permit to provide non-ambulatory first-responder EMS services countywide. The GSVFD agrees to serve not only their designated area, but any area of the County where their services may be needed. She explained that GSVFD has provided her with their standard operating

guideline and within 30 days will submit a memorandum of understanding. Ms. Harris recommended approval of the EMS Permit.

Ms. Mumpower opened the public hearing and invited comments regarding the application of GSVFD for an EMS Permit.

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

Discussions ensued among the Board.

Mr. McCall (County Emergency Services Committee member) explained that the Emergency Services Committee reviewed the request and recommends approval.

Mr. Taylor asked if non-ambulatory means that GSVFD could administer level one emergency service. Also, if a person needs to be transported would the transport be handled by the Glade Spring Lifesaving Crew?

Ms. Harris explained that was correct and the EMS Permit is strictly for non-ambulatory services.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, second by Mr. McCall, the Board acted to issue a non-ambulatory first-responder County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Permit to the Glade Spring Volunteer Fire Department.

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

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| <i>Mr. McCall</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Ms. Mumpower</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Mr. Owens</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> |

8. General Business:

a. Actionable Items:

1. Review of Tentative Adjustments to Budgetary Departments within Requested & Recommended County Operating Budget for FY 2010-2011 from May 13 Recessed Meeting

Mr. Reeter provided a brief review of the next four budget related general business items.

Mr. Seamon provided a review of the tentative adjustments to the FY 2010-2011 Requested & Recommended County Operating Budget made by the Board at the May 13 budget adjustment worksession meeting. He explained that the issue of the \$91,000.00 discrepancy in the School General Fund and School Debt Service Fund discussed at the May 13 meeting has been resolved. The Board has available \$402,495 in additional uncommitted County funds.

2. Consideration of Final Adjustment to and Approvals of Budgetary Departments within Requested & Recommended County Operating Budget for FY 2010-2011

a. School General Fund:

1. Depts. 61100-69999 - Classroom Instruction

Ms. Mumpower explained that the School General Fund was discussed at length during the May 13 budget adjustment worksession meeting. Since the May 13 meeting, Washington County School Superintendent Dr. Alan Lee has determined that \$245,400 in additional funding is needed to preserve ten employees. The \$550,000.00 in new local revenue will take care of the teaching positions.

Dr. Lee addressed the Board and stated that Ms. Mumpower was correct. He explained that the \$245,400 in additional local funding being requested would mean that no contract employees would lose their jobs during the 2010-2011 school year.

Further discussion ensued.

The following action was proposed:

On motion of Mr. Reynolds, second by Ms. Price, the Board acted to add \$245,400 to the FY 2010-2011 tentatively approved budget for the School General Fund, Depts. 61100-69999 - Classroom Instruction in order to save ten contract employee positions.

Mr. Straten stated that taking money from the County’s contingency fund to add to the School General Fund is only a temporary fix to the problem. Mr. Straten further stated if county citizens want these jobs preserved; the Board should give consideration to adding another penny to the real estate tax rate in addition to the two cents that has already been tentatively approved.

Ms. Mumpower stated that the new revenue generated from the two cent increase in the real property tax rate has been redirected to the School General Fund.

Ms. Price explained that it is important to point out to the public that the two cent increase in the real property tax rate was to balance the County Operating Budget for FY 2010-2011. She further explained that the Board made up state funding cuts to other departments in the County. Ms. Price said she does not want the public to think the tax increase was solely for the schools.

Further discussions ensued among the Board.

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

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| <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> |

Mr. Straten *Aye*
Mr. Taylor *Aye*

Dr. Lee thanked the Board of Supervisors for all they have done to assist the schools in FY 2010-2011.

- 3. Re-consideration (Re-visitation) of Tentative Adjustments to and Preliminary Approvals of Budgetary Departments within Requested & Recommended County Operating Budget for FY 2010-2011

Mr. Seamon explained there is approximately \$157,095 of uncommitted County funds remaining.

Mr. Reeter recommended the Board consider adding money to the following budgetary departments primarily because these budgets have no room for contingencies:

Dept. 94321 - Libraries - Damascus Branch Project Construction (County) \$25,000
Dept. 94330 - Libraries - Glade Spring Branch Project Construction (County) \$25,000
Dept. 94533 - Recreation - Beaverdam Creek Park Project Construction (County) \$25,000

This would take \$75,000 from the available funds.

Discussions ensued among the Board.

The following action was proposed:

On motion of Mr. Taylor, second by Mr. Straten the Board acted to accept the County Administrator’s recommendation and add money to the following projects:

Dept. 94321 - Libraries - Damascus Branch Project Construction (County) \$25,000
Dept. 94330 - Libraries - Glade Spring Branch Project Construction (County) \$25,000
Dept. 94533 - Recreation - Beaverdam Creek Park Project Construction (County) \$25,000

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*

Mr. Taylor stated last year the Glade Spring Senior Citizens did not request County funds through United Way. Since other senior citizen groups are getting County funds through United Way, he recommends putting money in the County budget for Glade Spring Senior Citizens. Mr. Taylor further stated this group helps with distribution of food for Town Square Food Pantry.

Mr. Taylor recommended adding \$15,000 to the proposed County Budget for Glade Spring Senior Citizens with the understanding if they do not complete the required paper work with United Way the

money would go back to reserve for contingencies. Mr. Taylor further recommended adding \$1,000 to Town Square Food Pantry for a total of \$3,500.

Mr. Seamon requested guidance on how to handle the requests in the Proposed County Budget since contributions of this type would normally flow through United Way's Budget.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Taylor moved to add \$15,000 to the Glade Spring Senior Citizens with understanding if they do not complete the required paper work with United Way the money would go back to reserve for contingencies, and further to add \$1,000 to Town Square Food Ministry. No second offered to motion.

4. Final Reconciliations to Requested & Recommended County Operating Budget for FY 2010-2011

a. General Fund-Nondepartmental:

1. Dept. 9140 - Reserve for Contingencies

On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Mr. Straten, the Board acted to tentatively approve Operational Reserve for contingencies line-item in the amount of \$332,095 for FY 2010-11.

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

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| <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> |

Mr. Reeter explained that with this action the budget development process for FY 2010-2011 is completed. The budget adoption resolution will be brought before the Board for consideration on June 8 and the appropriation resolution will be brought to the Board on June 22.

5. Consideration of Mount Rogers Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for 2010/2011

Assistant County Administrator Christy Parker addressed the Board and reviewed the proposed 2010/2011 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for Washington County. Ms. Parker explained that each year the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission develops a list of projects by jurisdiction, which they incorporate into a CEDS for the region. Many of the grant agencies such as the U. S. Economic Development Administration, Appalachian Regional Commission and the Virginia Department of Housing & Community Development require that projects be listed in this regional strategic plan before they can be funded. The CEDS presented to the Board has been modified from the prior year's listings. She noted that the list includes projects added by the Towns of Abingdon, Damascus and Glade Spring.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, second by Mr. Owens, the Board acted to approve the Washington County list of local priorities to be incorporated into Mount Rogers Planning District Commission's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

Discussions ensued among the Board.

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

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| <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> |

Sciivener's Note: The CEDS List referenced above is included as Minutes Exhibits Item 2010-05-25-a.

6. Consideration of Appointments to Various Boards, Authorities and Commissions Expiring June 30, 2010

Bristol Virginia Utilities Board

On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Ms. Price, the Board acted to reappoint Dulcie M. Mumpower to represent Washington County on the Bristol Virginia Utilities Board of Directors for a one year term beginning July 1, 2010 and expiring June 30, 2011.

Discussion ensued among the Board.

Mr. Taylor inquired about the criteria for this appointment and if the appointment were only for a board member from the BVU service area or if it was open to any board member.

Ms. Mumpower stated that she does not think there are any criteria for an appointee. The Board representative has always been from the Wilson District because the majority of this district is within the BVU service area.

He advised the Board that he is interested in the appointment and would be glad to serve if the Board would appoint him. Mr. Taylor explained he has raised questions over the years about the way BVU conducts business, and appointing him to the BVU Board would be one way of solving the questions that he has. As an ex-officio member, he could take issues the Board of Supervisors may have to the BVU Board.

Further discussions ensued.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (6-1)

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| <i>Mr. McCall</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Ms. Mumpower</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Mr. Owens</i> | <i>Aye</i> |

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| <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>Nay</i> |

Washington County Park Authority

On motion of Mr. McCall, second by Mr. Owens, the Board acted to reappoint G. Curtis Addison to represent the Harrison Election District on the Washington County Park Authority for a four year term beginning July 1, 2010 and expiring June 30, 2014.

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

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| <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> |

Washington County Board of Social Services

Ms. Mumpower asked that Mr. Doug Meade be appointed to the Washington County Board of Social Services to represent the Wilson Election District.

On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Ms. Price, the Board acted to appoint Doug Meade to represent the Wilson Election District on the Washington County Board of Social Services for a four year term beginning July 1, 2010 and expiring June 30, 2014.

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

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| <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> |

Upper East Tennessee River Roundtable Board

Ms. Price stated that she would be willing to serve on the Upper East Tennessee River Roundtable Board.

On motion of Mr. McCall, second by Mr. Owens, the Board acted to appoint Nicole Price to represent Washington County on the Upper East Tennessee River Roundtable Board for a two year term beginning January 1, 2010 and expiring December 31, 2011.

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*

Virginia Highlands Airport Authority

On motion of Mr. Reynolds, second by Ms. Price, the Board acted to appoint David L. Neal to represent the Madison Election District on the Virginia Highlands Airport Authority for a four year term beginning July 1, 2010 and expiring June 30, 2014.

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*

7. Consideration of Authorization of Grant Applications by Washington County Fireman's Association and Washington County Sheriff's Office

County Emergency Management Coordinator Pokey Harris addressed the Board on behalf of the County Emergency Services Committee (ESC) and presented a request from the Washington County Fireman's Association (WCFA) for authorization to submit an application for a \$1,000,000.00 grant to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG).

Ms. Harris explained in March of this year, Mr. Mike White representing the WCFA came before the Board to seek support for a grant application in the amount of \$1,000,000 (80/20 grant) they submitted to AFG to comprehensively upgrade radio communications to meet the 2013 Federal Communication Commission (FCC) Regulations for Radio Narrow Banding and Interoperability. She distributed to the Board information on Narrow Banding and explained this is a term the Board will become familiar with over the next few years. The FCC's 2013 mandate is not a situation isolated to the WCFA. It will affect emergency medical services agencies, the school system, industry in the county and anyone using radio systems for day-to-day communications. She further explained that Narrow Banding attempts to increase the band width/frequencies especially in the spectrum of public safety to provide for more frequencies to communicate on. By doing so they are taking the size of a frequency and reducing it by half; therefore, calling it Narrow Banding. Ms. Harris stated this is not an option, it is a requirement. By 2013, everyone using radios will be required to Narrow Band in order to communicate on radios. Narrow Banding will involve a licensing process that will require holders of radio licenses to Narrow Band their licenses. Also, there is the component to upgrade or replace radio systems currently being used.

Ms. Harris further explained the WCFA has stepped forward to be proactive in meeting the 2013 FCC mandate. The WCFA introduced a grant to the ESC that is a multiagency grant. The agencies include all nine fire departments, two emergency medical services transport departments and three non transport fire departments. The grant will be for the purchase of 87 mobile radios, 10 base stations 312 portable radios, 338 pagers and three towers including all infrastructure to be situated on Brumley Gap Mountain, White Top Mountain and Reservoir Hill. She stated that based on a general review of the application, the WCFA has attempted to address all issues and concerns they would be facing. If they were to apply for everything needed the amount would be over \$3,000,000.00. The grant is capped at \$1,000,000.00. Therefore, the WCFA narrowed the list to the items that would meet the immediate needs. Ms. Harris explained the WCFA could know within six months if they are awarded a grant, or it could take up to a year. If they are awarded a grant they would come before the Board to ask for support to meeting the 20% local match. They would also ask the participating agencies to assist in raising funds to meet the local match. However, at this time the WCFA is asking only for endorsement and support of their grant application.

In conclusion, Ms. Harris stated that she supports the efforts of the WCFA and will encourage all emergency medical services agencies to move forward in the same pattern in coming months when there are grant opportunities available. She further stated that the ESC recommends the Board endorse and support the WCFA's grant application.

Mr. McCall (member of the County Emergency Services Committee Member) explained the grant application is for \$1,000,000.00; however, there is no guarantee the WCFA will receive a grant in this amount or if they will be awarded the grant at all. If they do receive the grant and the Board could meet the \$200,000 local match, the County fire departments would have a good system. As part of the system upgrade, the Hidden Valley Tower will be evaluated. There will also be an evaluation to see if the Sheriff's Department could use the fire departments' system. Other towers throughout the county will be evaluated to see if the system could be used in conjunction with other departments.

Ms. Harris added that one of grant opportunities that Washington County is benefiting from in the region is a regional grant that will occur in three phases. Phase I includes a baseline survey of the region for communication needs. The second phase will be for each locality to put together a plan for their specific needs. The third phase will be to look at interoperability. She explained that she added a stipulation to the WCFA's grant that when a contractor for the regional grant project is brought on board that the contractor be allowed to look at the WCFA grant application to make sure it is in line with what they would suggest for Narrow Banding and Interoperability.

Further discussions ensued among the Board and Ms. Harris.

At this time, Mr. Reeter explained that the Washington County Sheriff's Office is requesting authorization to submit an application for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for FY 2010 in the amount of \$12,053.00 for funding of four in-car video cameras in patrol vehicles.

The following actions were proposed:

On motion of Mr. Taylor, second by Ms. Price the Board acted to authorize the Washington County Sheriff's office to apply for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for FY 2010 in the amount of \$12,053 to purchase four in-car video cameras for patrol vehicles.

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

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| <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> |

On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Ms. Price, the Board acted to endorse and support the Washington County Fireman’s Association \$1,000,000 grant application to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program to comprehensively upgrade radio communications to meet the 2013 FCC Regulations for Radio Narrow Banding Interoperability.

Mr. Taylor expressed concerns about the source of the local match.

Mr. Taylor asked if it were not premature to apply for grant funding at this time since the plan mentioned in Ms. Harris’s presentation has not yet been completed to identify what the actual needs will be.

Ms. Harris explained it is not premature because the funding stream is very competitive. The WCFA is applying only for what is needed.

Ms. Mumpower stated that ESC recommends the endorsement and support of the WCFA’s application because of the dollar amount and the costs that will be involved with meeting the 2013 mandates.

Mr. Taylor expressed a concern that when you began to mess with communications it involves more than fire departments. He stated that he would feel more comfortable if an overall look at telecommunication needs and a plan had been developed with adjoining counties.

Ms. Harris explained the process of developing a plan has begun with the baseline survey. Grant opportunities will have to be sought simultaneously while developing the plan.

Mr. Taylor asked if the plan would be completed before the grant is awarded.

Ms. Harris explained that it would not. The baseline survey will most likely be completed but the overall plan will not be finished.

Mr. Owens stated that in the materials distributed by Ms. Harris it is clear that by January 1, 2013, if the equipment is not in place for Narrow Banding that radio communications will cease. He further stated that he believes to a great extent the needs are known in that all radios will have to be replaced.

Further discussions ensued among the Board.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (6-1)

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| <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> |

Mr. Reynolds *Aye*
Mr. Straten *Aye*
Mr. Taylor *Nay*

b. Information Items:

1. Presentation of 2009 Annual Report by People, Inc., of Virginia

People Incorporated of Virginia Executive Director Rob Goldsmith addressed the Board and presented the 2009 Annual Report for this agency.

Mr. Goldsmith thanked the Board for their partnership and support and for the representation of Phillip McCall on the People Incorporated of Virginia Board of Directors. He asked the Board to contact People, Inc., if they have ideas for future projects.

Mr. McCall mentioned that the People, Inc., programs were being recognized nationwide. People, Inc., is now affiliated with counties in Northern Virginia and the City of Bristol. These localities participate in meetings via conference call.

Ms. Mumpower thanked Mr. Goldsmith for his presentation and stated that she receives a lot of positive feedback about the programs and assistance offered through People, Inc.

Mr. McCall commended Mr. Goldsmith on his recent recognition from Delegate Joe Johnson for his 33 years of service to People, Inc.

Scrivener's Note: The Annual Report referenced above is included as Minutes Exhibits Item 2010-05-25-A.

9. Board Member Reports

Ms. Price reminded the Board of the annual Memorial Day Ceremony on May 30th, 2:00 p.m., at the Veterans Memorial Park in Abingdon. She expressed her appreciation for the sacrifices made by the veterans.

Mr. Taylor asked for a status report on the sewer services study for the western portion of the County.

Mr. Reeter explained that he does not have an update at this time. The study is being handled by the Washington County Service Authority.

Mr. Straten reported that the construction of the ballfields at Beaverdam Creek Park is progressing. An agreement was reached with the Town of Damascus for the Trail Days Celebration. Everything with the event worked out fine. Parking was allowed at the Beaverdam Creek Park site.

Mr. Straten reported that the Virginia Department of Transportation has awarded a contract for the next phase of the US Highway 58 extension project that will widen the road from just beyond the intersection of U. S Highway 58 and Watauga Road to the Washington County Service Authority Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mr. Owens reported on the New Rivers/Mount Rogers Workforce Investment Consortium Board meeting he recently attended. The Workforce Investment Board is concerned about training people who are disadvantaged. If Board members know of someone unemployed or in need of workforce training they can be referred to the Workforce Investment Board.

10. Board Information and Reminders

Mr. Reeter reviewed the following Reminders/Board Information:

Memorial Day Holiday - Monday, May 31, 2010 (County Offices Closed)

11. Closed Meeting:

- a. **Request to convene in Closed Meeting pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(5) for discussion concerning prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community; specifically a commercial enterprise proposed for location in Washington County and regarding a potential partnership with the Town of Abingdon for business development and the particular property and prospective business being contemplated**

On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Mr. McCall, the Board acted to convene in Closed Meeting pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(5) for discussion concerning prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community; specifically a commercial enterprise proposed for location in Washington County and regarding a potential partnership with the Town of Abingdon for business development and the particular property and prospective business being contemplated. It was further resolved to include County Administrator Mark Reeter, County Attorney Lucy Phillips and Assistant County Administrator Christy Parker in the Closed Meeting.

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

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| <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> |

The Board took a five minute recess prior to convening in Closed Meeting.

b. Reconvene in Open Meeting and Certification of Closed Meeting

After returning to the meeting, the Chairperson noted that upon motion of Mr. McCall, second by Ms. Price and favorable vote, the Board of Supervisors reconvened in open meeting. The Chairperson called for any participant in the closed meeting(s) who believed that there was a departure from the

requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act during the closed meeting(s), to state the substance of the departure that they believed took place. No members of the Board responded to the Chairperson's call for statements.

On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Mr. Price, the members of the Board certified the closed meeting(s) in accordance with the requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. By vote in favor of this motion, each member certified that the closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law, and that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened was heard, discussed, or considered in the closed meeting.

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

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| <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> |

9. Adjourn or Recess

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

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

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| <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

Approved by the Washington County Board of Supervisors:

Dulcie M. Mumpower, Chairman