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At a regular meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Tuesday, August 10, 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
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.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Phillip McCall gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda

On motion of Mr. Reynolds, second by Ms. Price, it was resolved to remove Item 6.a.4, Consideration of Resolution Establishing County Finance Committee for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 from the Agenda and consider establishing this committee at the Organizational Meeting in January 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>

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

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>

4. Consent Agenda:

On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Mr. Straten, the Board acted to approve items a, c and d of the Consent Agenda as set forth below.

a. Approval of Minutes:

1. July 27, 2010 Regular Meeting - Corrected as Follows:

Page 17106, Paragraph 8, Revised to Read:

Mr. Taylor (Member of the Joint County Planning and Land-Use Committee) addressed the Board and explained the Committee took a long term view of the good of the County from an economic standpoint, and the PDR Program is available to help preserve farmland. It allows a farmer to continue to farm the land and if they want to sell the farm land as a farm they are permitted to do so. The farmers are not put in a situation because of market forces to divide the farm to get the highest dollar when they decide they can no longer continue to farm and have no family to leave the farm to. The PDR Program is an opportunity to preserve valuable farm land for future generations. It is a farsighted look at the needs for the County and needs for our country. Mr. Taylor stated that the Joint County Planning and Land-Use Committee recommends establishment of the PDR Program.

b. Approval of Routine Financial Matters:

No financial matters were presented to the Board.

c. Award of Bids and Approval of Contracts:

1. Approval of Judicial Sales Services Agreement - Washington County Treasurer’s Office

d. Authorization of Routine Business Matters:

1. Approval of Publication of 2009 Delinquent Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Lists

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>

5. Public Hearings:

Ms. Mumpower requested that Items 5.a.1, 5.a.2 and 5.b.1 be combined into one hearing. It was consensus of the Board to combine the hearings.

a. Request(s) for Rezoning:

1. Clifton-Stewart Rentals, LLC, Property Tax Map # 106C-2-123: Request to rezone approximately 2.37 acres of property located on the South side of State Route 11 (Lee Highway) near the intersection of State Route 11 (Lee Highway) and State Route 58 (Jeb Stuart Highway) from R-2 (Residential, General) and A-2 (Agricultural, General) to B-2 (Business, General), Madison Magisterial District, A-01 Election District
2. Clifton-Stewart Rentals, LLC, Property Tax Map #107-1-134A: Request to rezone approximately 3.562 acres of property located on the South side of State Route 11 (Lee Highway) near the intersection of State Route 11 (Lee Highway) and State Route 58 (Jeb Stuart Highway) from R-2 (Residential, General) and A-2 (Agricultural, General) to B-2 (Business, General), Madison Magisterial District, A-01 Election District

b. Request(s) for Special Exception Permit:

1. John E. Lambert on behalf of Abingdon Convalescent Ambulance Service, Property Tax Map #107-1-105A: Request for a Special Exception Permit to construct and operate Emergency Medical Facilities with offices on property located on the North side of State Route 11 (Lee Highway) near the intersection of State Route 11 (Lee Highway) and State Route 677 (Watauga Road) in a B-2 (Business, General) zone, Harrison Magisterial District

County Zoning and Subdivision Official Cathie Freeman provided the Board with an overview of the proceedings before the Planning Commission at their July 26, 2010, meeting in regards to the application of Clifton-Stewart Rentals, LLC to rezone property approximately 2.37 acres of property located on the South side of State Route 11 (Lee Highway) near the intersection of State Route 11 (Lee Highway) and State Route 58 (Jeb Stuart Highway) from R-2 (Residential, General) and A-2 (Agricultural, General) to B-2 (Business, General). Ms. Freeman explained that Mr. Jimmy Stewart requests the property be rezoned to allow for the construction of pediatric offices at the new location of Johnston Memorial Hospital. The Planning Commission did not express opposition to the proposal, nor was there any opposition expressed from the public. She further explained that Planning Commission Member John Lentz inquired about the impact to traffic on State Route 11. Mr. Stewart advised the Planning Commission that a Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) was completed, and the report shows there would be

minimal impact on traffic on State Route 11. Ms. Freeman explained the Planning Commission, by unanimous vote, recommended approval based on it being consistent with the surrounding area.

Ms. Freeman next provided an overview of the proceedings before the Planning Commission in regards to the application of Clifton-Stewart Rentals to rezone approximately 3.562 acres of property located on the south side of State Route 11 (Lee Highway) near the intersection of State Route 11 (Lee Highway) and State Route 58 (Jeb Stuart Highway) from R-2 (Residential, General) and A-2 (Agricultural, General) to B-2 (Business, General). She explained this particular area as it is now has a mix of residential and commercial uses. Mr. Jimmy Stuart requests to have the property rezoned to allow for construction of professional offices that would adjoin the proposed pediatric offices as requested in the first rezoning application. There was no opposition expressed at the Planning Commission. Ms. Freeman explained that as with the first application, there were questions raised by the Commission about the traffic impact. Mr. Stuart explained to the Planning Commission that a TIA had been done and there would be minimal impact. Another issue addressed by the Planning Commission pertained to lighting. Mr. Stuart advised the Planning Commission that he intended to protect the neighbors and use lighting that would not be a disturbance.

In conclusion, Ms. Freeman provided a summary of the proceedings before the Planning Commission concerning the application of John E. Lambert on behalf of Abingdon Convalescent Ambulance Service for a Special Exception Permit to construct and operate Emergency Medical Facilities with offices on property located on the north side of State Route 11 (Lee Highway) near the intersection of State Route 11 (Lee Highway) and State Route 677 (Watauga Road). The proposed development of an emergency medical facility is consistent with the area and would be located near the new hospital. She explained that Mr. Stuart told the Planning Commission that the Special Exception Permit would allow him to build medical offices and operate a convalescent ambulance service. Mr. Stuart noted that the ambulance service is not a new service, but a relocation of Abingdon Ambulance Service. There was no opposition to the request. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the Special Exception Permit.

Mr. McCall addressed the Board and explained he is an employee of Clifton-Stewart Rentals, LLC; therefore, he will abstain from voting on the requests.

At this time, Ms. Mumpower opened the public hearing and invited comments in regards to the first two zoning requests of Clifton-Stewart Rentals, LLC and the Special Exception Permit of John E. Lambert on behalf of Abingdon Convalescent Ambulance Service.

Mr. Jimmy Stuart addressed the Board to answer questions.

Mr. Taylor inquired if it was Clifton-Stewart's plans to develop the properties once approvals were obtained and administrative issues taken care of.

Mr. Stuart explained that is their plan.

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

On motion of Mr. Taylor, second by Mr. Straten, the Board acted to follow the recommendation of the Washington County Planning Commission and approve the following requests of Clifton-Stewart Rentals, LLC:

1. *Approve the application of Clifton-Stewart Rentals, LLC to Rezone approximately 3.562 acres of property located on the South side of State Route 11 (Lee Highway) near the intersection of State Route 11 (Lee Highway) and State Route 58 (Jeb Stuart Highway) from R-2 (Residential, General) and A-2 (Agricultural, General) to B-2 (Business, General), Madison Magisterial District, A-01 Election District.*
2. *Approve the application of Clifton-Stewart Rentals, LLC to rezone approximately 3.562 acres or property located on the South side of State Route 11 (Lee Highway) near the intersection of State Route 11 (Lee Highway) and State Route 58 (Jeb Stuart Highway) from R-2 (Residential, General) and A-2 (Agricultural, General) to B-2 (Business, General), Madison Magisterial District, A-01 Election District.*
3. *Approve the application of John E. Lambert on behalf of Abingdon Convalescent Ambulance Service for a Special Exception Permit to construct and operate Emergency Medical Facilities with offices on property located on the North side of State Route 11 (Lee Highway) near the intersection of State route 11 (Lee Highway) and State Route 677 (Watauga Road) in a B-2 (Business, General) zone, Harrison Magisterial District.*

The vote on this motion was as follows: (6-0-1)

<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Abstained</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>

3. Clifton-Stewart, Yearly, LLC, Property Tax Map #125-A-5: Request to rezone approximately 196.88 acres of property located on the west side of State Route 794 (Stonemill Road) near the intersection of State Route 794 (Stonemill Road) and State Route 670 (Vances Mill Road) from R-2 (Residential, General and R-1 (Residential, Limited) to R-2 (Residential, General), Madison Magisterial District

Ms. Freeman provided the Board with an overview of the proceedings before the Planning Commission regarding the application of Clifton-Stewart, Yearly, LLC to rezone approximately 196.88 acres of property located on the west side of State Route 794 (Stonemill Road) near the intersection of State Route 794 (Stonemill Road) and State Route 670 (Vances Mill Road) from R-2 (Residential, General and R-1 (Residential, Limited) to R-2 (Residential, General). She explained the Clifton-Stewart, Yearly proposal is for a major subdivision development consisting of approximately 190 acres. The agenda materials provided to the Board include a map that shows this property divided almost in half between the two zoning districts. Ms. Freeman explained it is easier for a developer to operate under one zoning district. She reviewed the differences between R-1 and R-2 zoning designations. The R-1 zoning designation allows for an increase lot width and allow for a one or two family dwelling, but does not allow for multi family dwellings. Normally in the type of development being proposed there is a mixed use. There will be single family dwellings, but there may also be an area the developer would want to dedicate to townhouses because of public water and sewer being available to the property. If the property is rezoned to R-2 it opens the door to have single family, two family (duplex) or multi family which allows the development to develop townhouses with approved plat by County staff. They can develop with the R-1

and R-2 zoning designations, but it would be easier to have the property all zoned R-2. Ms. Freeman explained the Planning Commission recommended approval of the rezoning request because it was consistent with development in the surrounding area. Ms. Freeman noted that one Planning Commission member voted against the rezoning request because of a concern with road issues particularly Stone Mill Road.

Discussions ensued among the Board.

Mr. Taylor inquired if Stone Mill Road would be the primary access to the development, and if the property has access to surrounding properties especially on the west end.

Ms. Freeman explained there are two entrances, and Mr. Stewart could provide an explanation. County staff has requested with VDOT because of their new regulations that it would be best for developers in the beginning to work directly with VDOT prior to submitting a preliminary plat to the County. It is her understanding that Mr. Stewart has met with VDOT and that two entrances were approved.

Ms. Mumpower opened the public hearing and invited comments in regards to the request to rezone property.

Mr. Jimmy Stuart addressed the Board to answer questions.

Mr. Reynolds commented with the two entrances discussed that VDOT should be able to approve the other side of the property.

Mr. Stuart explained there are four entrances. There will be two entrances at Whisperwood Subdivision, one entrance at Millbrooke and one entrance at Stonemill Road. The first two entrances will be located at Whisperwood and Millbrooke, and there will possibly be a third entrance at Whisperwood. The last planned entrance would be located on Stonemill Road during Phase II. He further explained that a TIA was completed and shows minimal impact on the traffic.

Mr. Taylor asked Mr. Stuart about the plans for development of the property. Specifically, would he develop the property and build homes, or develop the land and sale the property.

Mr. Stuart explained the plan is to do both.

Mr. Taylor next asked Mr. Stuart if he had consulted with economic advisors on the potential for a residential development of this size.

Mr. Stuart explained that they had not. At the current time, they have 64 people interested in plats and two major contracts signed.

Mr. Taylor stated that there are probably builders with interest in the property.

Mr. Stuart explained they want to do lots for other builders according to their covenants and restrictions.

Mr. Taylor inquired about the planned build out time.

Mr. Stuart explained that VDOT has predicted it would take seven years to develop all 130 lots. However, this is not known for sure. If the economy picks up, the 70 lots in phase one could go fast maybe in three years.

Mr. Taylor inquired if financing for the project had been approved.

Mr. Stuart explained that it had.

Mr. Taylor explained the Joint Land Use and Planning Committee and Planning Commission have been working on a project with a consultant that VDOT hired for the County. The population projections they are working with for the study are required to be obtained from the Virginia Employment Commission. The proposed development of Clifton-Stewart, Yearly if it were built out would take care of all the population for the entire County projected for the year 2020. This is the reason he asked if Clifton-Stewart had a financial advisor. Mr. Taylor stated he believes the population projections are low. He encouraged Mr. Stuart to continue with the development and would like to see other developers to do the same.

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

On motion of Mr. Reynolds, second by Mr. Taylor, the Board acted to follow the recommendation of the Washington County Planning Commission and approve the application of Clifton-Stewart, Yearly, LLC to rezone approximately 196.88 acres of property located on the West side of State Route 794 (Stonemill Road) near the intersection of State Route 794 (Stonemill Road) and State Route 670 (Vances Mill Road) from R-2 (Residential, General and R-1 (Residential, Limited) to R-2 (Residential, General), Madison Magisterial District.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (6-0-1)

<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Abstained</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. McCall [member of the Joint Land Use and Planning Committee] addressed the Board and explained the development is exactly what the County wants according to the study referenced by Mr. Taylor. Townhouses and multiple dwellings with water and sewer provided. This development is ideal for what the County wants for the future.

6. General Business:

a. Actionable Items:

1. Consideration of Request for Funding by Appalachian Sustainable Development's Learning Landscapes Program

Ms. Lindsey Holderfield, Learning Landscapes Program Manager for Appalachian Sustainable Development (ASD), addressed the Board and presented a request for funding in the amount of \$5,000.00 to allow the Learning Landscapes Program to operate through the end of September. Ms. Holderfield distributed letters of support and a program overview to the Board. She explained ASD is a not-for-profit organization. For the last nine years, the Learning Landscapes Program has been building community gardens and outdoor classrooms working with children to teach them about growing food and the environment. It teaches them about bringing ideas out and applying in real world situations. The program works with students from ages four through high school, and with some college students to do mentoring within the program. She explained the program tries to incorporate as many subject areas as possible. The children plant gardens in the spring and return in the fall to harvest, prepare and eat what is grown. They work with local chefs to learn how to prepare the food and to incorporate more fresh fruits and vegetables into their diets. Right now, the program is established in eight schools in Washington County and reaches over 2,000 students each year. Ms. Holderfield explained the program has become successful and other schools and parts of the community would like to emulate the program. However, the program has come to the end of its grant cycle and is in need of funding to get them through the fall in order to allow the students to harvest their gardens and prepare the food. The Town of Abingdon recently made a \$5,000.00 contribution. She explained that the Town Council had asked the Town Manager to send a letter to the County requesting that their contribution be matched. Ms. Holderfield concluded her presentation by explaining that the ASD would be going through strategic planning to help the program become self sufficient.

Ms. Mumpower thanked Ms. Holderfield for her presentation and stated it is important for the children to be taught these types of things. Ms. Mumpower inquired if the ASD receives funding from the School Board.

Ms. Holderfield explained the ASD receives assistance from the School's Maintenance Department, but does not receive financial support. The maintenance staff plows the gardens and provides the mulch.

Lengthy discussions ensued among the Board and Ms. Holderfield.

Mr. Reynolds inquired if the money requested from the Board would help the program get through the fall.

Ms. Holderfield explained that a contribution would get the program through the end of September. If by that time, the ASD has not heard from other funding sources they will take a hiatus and continue to work on obtaining financing.

Mr. Taylor asked what a contribution from the County would be used for.

Ms. Holderfield explained the funds would help cover program materials used for harvesting, expenses associated with materials and cooking in the school cafeterias with the kids. The funds would also help to

cover staff time to oversee the programs and to purchase materials to cover the beds after harvesting is completed.

Mr. McCall asked how many children per school participated in the program.

Ms. Holderfield explained there is a total of 2,000 students in the County. She provided a breakdown of the number of students per school and the different projects by school.

Mr. McCall inquired if the gardens are large enough to benefit all the students.

Ms. Holderfield explained the gardens are only big enough to feed the students in the program. At the elementary schools all students participate so they all get to eat. The middle schools, for example at E.B. Stanley Middle School has a small group and grow more than the students can eat. So food is shared with other students and some food is sent home with the children.

Mr. Straten raised question about the School Board not contributing to the program.

Ms. Holderfield explained requests have been made numerous times to the School Board and denied because of lack of funding.

Mr. McCall questioned how many staff that works with the children receives a salary.

Ms. Holderfield explained that she is paid for 30 hours per week and has an assistant paid for 20 hours a week. The local chefs volunteer their time; the cafeteria workers that spend extra time with program are volunteers and there a lot of parent volunteers.

On motion of Mr. McCall, second by Ms. Price, the Board acted to appropriate \$5,000.00 to Appalachian Sustainable Development's Learning Landscapes Program from Operational Reserve for Contingencies.

Further discussions ensued.

Mr. Straten explained there should be other areas of funding looked into; such as the United Way and School Board. The County provides the United Way with funding and appropriated a lot of money to the School Board. According to a recent newspaper article; the School Board has excess funds that they possibly could provide to the Learning Landscapes Program. Mr. Straten said that these sources should be looked into before the Board makes a decision on a contribution.

Ms. Holderfield explained that ASD is not eligible to receive funds from the United Way.

Mr. Taylor stated he agrees with Mr. Straten's comments. He explained the Learning Landscapes Program is an excellent program. His grandchildren participated in a similar program, and he sees the joy they received. It is a worthwhile endeavor; however, it is an educational endeavor. The County has a School Board that it funds. The School Board needs to step up and fund these educational programs. Mr. Taylor further explained that the Learning Landscapes Program crosses over with the Virginia Tech Extension Program. Also, the ASD is a non profit organization so the private sector can make contributions and receive a tax deduction. The Board of Supervisors does not receive a tax deduction and are spending taxpayer money to make a contribution. The taxpayers will not receive a tax deduction for the contribution.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (3-4)

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

The motion failed.

2. Consideration of Award for Bid for Glade Spring Branch Library Project

Washington County Library Director Charlotte Parsons addressed the Board and presented for their consideration the award for bid for the Glade Spring Branch Library Project (renovation of the former Peery Building in Glade Spring). Accompanying Ms. Parsons was Charles Day with Beeson & Beeson Architects and Mr. Lee Coburn, Mayor, Town of Glade Spring. Ms. Parsons explained on August 3, bids were received and opened for the project. Four companies submitted bids, with the low bidder on the basis of Bid Alternate 2 being Duco Construction, LLC of Johnson City, Tennessee at \$390,153.00. The bid process was structured to include three alternates.

Ms. Parsons explained the low bid of \$390,153.00 was over the \$314,000.00 available for the project. The Town of Glade Spring offered to contribute \$60,000.00 to the project. Ms. Parsons noted that the Town had put the \$60,000.00 in their budget for completion of the second floor of the Peery Building. However, when the Town was made aware of the situation that the construction bids were over budget they came forward to offer financial assistance. Mr. Reeter had set aside \$18,000.00 to purchase property adjacent to the Peery Building for parking. She explained the additional funds made available for the project were still not enough to meet the low bid. Therefore, Mr. Day negotiated with Duco Construction to identify changes that could be made to bring the bid into the range of money available for the project, and was able to work out an amendment to accept two sets of reductions. With the reductions, the project now has a contingency of \$33,000.00. Mr. Reeter proposes the Board of Supervisors allocate an additional \$20,000.00 to project. Ms. Parsons stated that it was a disappointment that the bids for the project came in so high.

Mr. Day added that late in the project a full sprinkler system for the building had to be added to the project. This addition contributed to the bids coming in high.

Ms. Mumpower inquired if the January 1, 2011 deadline would be met.

Mr. Day explained that the contractors have assured that the deadline would be met.

Mr. Taylor explained if the contract is approved it specifies that the construction must be completed by December 10.

Mr. Day stated that was correct.

Mr. Taylor added that allows 20 days to move the library into the building.

Ms. Mumpower recognized individuals in the audience representing the library in Glade Spring. She thanked them for attending the meeting.

Ms. Parsons added that this group has been involved for over four years with fundraising to assist the library. They have raised about \$10,000 to assist with the interior of the building. She noted that this group has not asked the Library for assistance in regards to planning or clerical support.

Ms. Mumpower commended Lee Coburn for his leadership with the Town of Glade Spring and commended him for the work he has done.

Mr. Taylor inquired if the changes recommended to the project to bring it in line with budget were acceptable to the Town of Glade Spring.

Mr. Coburn explained that he is not familiar with the latest changes because the County was involved with that. He would like to see a new library and trusts the County to make the right decisions.

Mr. Day added that the changes will not hurt the library operations.

Mr. Taylor explained that the elevator shaft is a big issue. The shaft will be constructed as part of the project. An elevator will be installed at a later time when money becomes available.

On motion of Mr., Taylor second by Ms. Price the Board acted to accept and award the bid for the construction of the Glade Spring Branch Library Project to Duco Construction, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$373,212.00, and further to supplementally appropriate \$20,000 from Operational Reserve for Contingencies for the projects construction.

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>

At this time, Mr. McCall asked Ms. Parsons if she had projections on the Damascus Library Project.

Ms. Parsons explained that an issue has arisen with the Town of Damascus concerning a water easement. The Damascus Town Council must approve the easement and cannot do so until holding a public hearing. The public hearing is scheduled for the end of August.

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

Washington County Park Authority

On motion of Mr. McCall, second by Mr. Owens, the Board acted to reappoint Larry P. Compton to represent the Wilson Election District to 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)

<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>

4. Consideration of Resolution Establishing County Finance Committee for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

This item was removed from the Agenda.

b. Information Items:

1. Update on Washington County Strategic Plan for Tourism Development

Ms. Suzanne Lay of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce; Ms. Kitty Barker of the Virginia Tourism Corporation; and Ms. Myra Cook of the Abingdon Convention and Visitors Bureau presented an update on the Washington County Strategic Plan for Tourism Development.

Ms. Lay addressed the Board and explained that the purpose of the presentation is to present the Board with a strategic plan for tourism in Washington County. The plan was developed after three visioning sessions held last summer. With the Heartwood Artisan Center opening in the spring of 2011 and an expected 200,000 yearly visitors to the center, Washington County needs to be prepared to welcome these visitors. The goal is to convince visitors to stay in Washington County and spend their money after their visit to Heartwood. The vision statement that will be presented shows what it would take to capture the tourists.

Ms. Barker addressed the Board and presented a PowerPoint presentation. She explained through the visioning sessions a mission statement was developed to bring all the communities within the County together to form a tourism partnership that will act as an umbrella for a comprehensive tourism plan. The vision is that by 2016, the area will be recognized as a leading destination and will contribute to the economic success of the area. Four major goals were identified:

1. Unify the tourism industry - create a partnership with all localities (County and Towns) to create a new marketing partnership to brand the area as a tourism destination.

2. Unify tourism marketing - create a professional marketing and branding campaign to position the community as a high quality, prime tourism destination; conduct a pre-marketing study; develop a new brand; and create one brochure and one website.
3. Encourage new tourism businesses - create strong partnership with key assets and organizations within the area to develop a plan to attract new investments for tourism businesses.
4. Increase customer service and hospitality - provide easy access to information through one brochure and one web site; enlist all tourism employees in the customer service training.

Ms. Barker explained the projected outcomes are to create a tourism partnership with the Town of Abingdon, Town of Damascus, Town of Glade Spring and Washington County; to set aside funding for the one brochure, one web site, one marketing campaign project; to have an agreement to participate in partnership led by the Washington County Chamber of Commerce to include the towns; and to authorize the partnership to move ahead on a brochure, web site and marketing campaign.

Ms. Cook addressed the Board and discussed issues pertaining to the budget for the marketing project. She explained the visitor guide brochure would cost \$30,000; the web site \$20,000; and the marketing campaign \$50,000 for a total of \$100,000. It is proposed that the County contribute \$35,000; Town of Abingdon \$35,000; Town of Damascus \$17,500; and Town of Glade Spring \$17,500. She explained the money would be used to leverage grant funds. Matching funds from the Virginia Tourism Corporation will be applied for in September and grants are awarded in December. The timeline for this project is to have the brochure, web site and marketing campaign in place by Spring 2011. Ms. Cook explained that Mr. Todd Christenson with the Southwest Virginia Cultural Heritage Commission is requesting that two employees be provided to help with marketing. The Town of Abingdon has agreed to fund one employee and the County is asked to consider funding the second employee.

This concluded the presentation.

Ms. Mumpower thanked the group for their presentation and expressed appreciation on behalf of the Board for the report they put together and for their efforts in marketing Washington County as a tourism destination. She stated that tourism is important to the area.

Lengthy discussions ensued among the Board, Ms. Lay, Ms. Barker and Ms. Cook concerning the tourism development plan and the financial contribution that would be required by the County. Discussions were also devoted to the meals and lodging tax.

7. Board Member Reports

Mr. Reynolds complimented Board Chair Dulcie Mumpower on the outstanding presentation she made at the Washington County Schools Opening Convocation. He stated that she did an excellent job challenging the educators to meet the needs of the students.

Ms. Price reported the guest on her radio show (90.7 FM) this week (August 13) would be Washington County Service Authority General Manager Robbie Cornett. The guest for next week's show (August 20) will be Congressman Rick Boucher.

Mr. Straten reported on issues pertaining to the Damascus Branch Library. He explained that approval of a water easement is required from the Town of Damascus. Discussions have taken place with the Damascus Town Mayor and Robbie Cornett of the Washington County Service Authority. The Town of Damascus must approve the easement and are required to hold a public hearing prior to granting approval. The public hearing is scheduled for August 28. Mr. Straten stated that at this point the project could go forward with the request for proposals.

Ms. Phillips stated she would confirm this information with the architects.

Discussions ensued among the Board about the Damascus Branch Library project.

Mr. Straten discussed the three requests for funds presented to the Board during this meeting. He explained the Board needs to be given information pertaining to funding requests by the Friday prior to a Board meeting. This is an issue that a County Finance Committee would review. Mr. Straten further explained that when a request from Appalachian Sustainable Development, for example comes before the Board, the Board has more information and are better prepared to make a decision. He stated that Appalachian Sustainable Development's Learning Landscapes Program sounds like a wonderful and worthy project. However, to request that amount of money at the spur of the moment is not appropriate. The Board needs to address ways to handle these types of requests.

Mr. McCall reported on the Southwest Virginia 4-H Center Groundbreaking Ceremony held on August 7. He explained in 1958, the Board of Supervisors felt it right to donate land for the 4-H Center and it was good they had the foresight to do so. Delegate Joe Johnson and Senator Phillip Puckett attended the event and presented Resolutions to the 4-H Center. A cake was made by a volunteer in the shape of 4-H and an auction held to raise money. It was a successful event.

Mr. Owens reported that the bill before Congress to mandate collective bargaining was defeated. Both Senator Warner and Senator Webb voted against the bill.

Mr. Owens reported on the 2010 Virginia Rural Summit on September 13-15. One of the areas the Summit will focus on is economic development and job creation. He inquired if any Board member planned to attend the Summit.

Discussions ensued among the Board about the 2010 Virginia Rural Summit.

Mr. Owens suggested that Christy Parker attend the Rural Summit.

Ms. Mumpower reported on the recent article in the Virginia Association of County's (VACo), County Connections concerning the appointment of Nadine Culberson as Deputy County Administrator of Operations and Personnel. She thanked Assistant County Administrator Christy Parker for her work on the article and presenting it to VACo for publication.

Ms. Mumpower commended County Treasurer Fred Parker for the high rate of delinquent tax collections by the County Treasurer's Office. She commended the work of both the County Treasurer and Commissioner of Revenue's Offices.

Ms. Mumpower read a letter of appreciation from the family of Ruth Ann Henry (David Henry's mother).

8. Board Information and Reminders

Mr. Reeter reviewed the following Board Reminders:

- Grand Opening of Elm Residency Hall, Emory & Henry College - Wednesday, August 18 at 8:30 a.m.
- Governor Bob McDonnell's Town Hall Meeting for Discussion of Possible Privatization of Virginia ABC Stores - Tuesday, August 31 at 7:00 p.m., Bristol Public Library, J. Henry Kegley Meeting Room, 701 Goode Street, Bristol, VA
- County Employee Picnic - Sunday, September 12, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Washington County Park
- Joint Meeting of the Board of Supervisors and Abingdon Town Council - Wednesday, September 22 at 6:30 p.m., Abingdon Municipal Building

Mr. Reeter reviewed the following Board Information Items:

- Correspondence from Washington County Treasurer Fred Parker dated August 4, 2010, concerning County Transient Occupancy Tax.

Discussions ensued among the Board concerning the County Transient Occupancy Tax.

At this time, Ms. Mumpower asked for Board permission to speak on her behalf and present her position at Governor Bob McDonnell's Town Hall Meeting on possible privatization of Virginia ABC stores.

Mr. Owens stated that any Board member should be permitted to present their position at the Town Hall Meeting.

Mr. Taylor agreed.

Discussions ensued among the Board about Governor McDonnell's proposal.

Ms. Phillips provided the following reports:

Ms. Phillips provided a report on the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) hearing concerning the appeal of Southeast Land & Mineral. The BZA affirmed the decision of the County Zoning Administrator and are in agreement that there is no provision in the County Ordinance for drilling and extraction of natural gas. Ms. Phillips stated this may be a good topic for the Joint County Land Use and Planning Committee and the Planning Commission to explore to see if this is a good activity for the County.

Ms. Phillips provided an update on issues pertaining to the Mercy Ambulance permit. The County Director of Emergency Services Pokey Harris and she have met with legal counsel for Mercy Ambulance. Mercy Ambulance is interested in working out a resolution. There is a hearing scheduled before the Board on August 25 regarding Mercy Ambulance's permit. However, in light of the progress made during the discussions and optimism about a resolution it is a possibility that the hearing will be scheduled at a later date, perhaps at the end of September or in early October.

9. Adjourn or Recess

On motion of Mr. Owns, second by Mr. Reynolds, 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>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, Chair