

VIRGINIA:

At a regular meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 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 Ken Reynolds gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comment

The following individuals addressed the Board during the public comment period:

- Judith McBride
- Richard MacBeth

4. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Reeter addressed the Board and explained that Item 8.a.3 – “Consideration of Revised Agreement by and between the Town of Abingdon, the County of Washington, Virginia and King College, Inc., Regarding Economic Incentives for a Medical School to be Established by King College in the Town of Abingdon” was withdrawn from the Agenda.

On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Ms. Price, it was resolved to approve the agenda with the following amendment:

Deletion of Item 8.a.3

Consideration of Revised Agreement by and between the Town of Abingdon, the County of Washington, Virginia and King College, Inc., Regarding Economic Incentives for a Medical School to be Established by King College in the Town of Abingdon”

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. 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 an existing industry within the Bristol/Washington County Industrial Park**

On motion of Mr. Reynolds, second by Mr. Taylor, 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 an existing industry within the Bristol/Washington County Industrial Park. It was further resolved to include County Administrator Mark Reeter, County Attorney Lucy Phillips, Assistant County Administrator Christy Parker and via telephone, a representative from the Virginia Tobacco Commission in the Closed 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>

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 Mr. Straten, 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. Straten, 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)

<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>

6. Consent Agenda:

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

a. Approval of Minutes:

- 1. *March 3, 2011 Recessed Meeting***
- 2. *March 8, 2011 Regular Meeting***

b. Approval of Routine Financial Matters:

- 1. *Request for Revenue Refunds – Washington County Sheriff's Office – Animal Sterilization Fees***
- 2. *Request for Supplemental Appropriation – Washington County sheriff's office and Commonwealth's Attorney Office***
- 3. *Request for Revenue Refund – Washington County department of Building and Development Services Building Permit Fee***

4. *Request for Inter-Fund Transfer of \$25,000.00 from Economic Development Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund*
5. *Payment of Bills – Period of February 11, 2011 thru March 10, 2011*
6. *Budget Status Report – As of February 28, 2011*
- c. *Award of Bids and Approval of Contracts:*
 1. *Renewal of FY2010-2011 The Local Choice Program Health Insurance Benefits*
- d. *Authorization of Routine Business Matters:*

No routine business matters were presented to the Board.

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. **Public Hearings:**

- a. **Public Hearing to Solicit Public Input on the Proposed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application to be Submitted to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development for the Mendota Community Water Project and Consideration of Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Submission of Application for CDBG Funds**

Ms. Mumpower addressed the Board and explained the Washington County Service Authority (WCSA) is requesting authorization to submit a CDBG application to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development for the Mendota Community Water System Improvement Project. The application deadline is March 31. As a prerequisite to submitting the CDBG application; two public hearings were required to be conducted by the County. The first public hearing was held on March 8. This will be the second public hearing.

WCSA General Manager Robbie Cornett addressed the Board, and presented the CDBG application for the Mendota Community Water System Improvement Project. Mr. Cornett explained this is an important project to the Mendota community. Since the early 1990's, the WCSA has operated a water system in Mendota. There are about 60 connections that are existing customers of the WCSA. He further explained the current water system has two basic problems. First, a single source well serves the community with limited quantity of water. It is not possible for the WCSA to add additional customers in the Mendota community, or to expand the system outside of the community. Secondly, there is trouble with water quality; it meets the Virginia Department of Health's standards, but does not meet the standards of the WCSA. The water poses esthetic issues as it discolors laundry and such. Mr. Cornett

explained a public information meeting was held in Mendota. WCSA asked residents what one thing they would like to see improved in their community. The resounding answer was the water system. In conclusion, Mr. Cornett explained as part of the CDBG application process, the community residents helped in completing financial assessments. WCSA utilized the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission (MRPDC) to solicit income statements that were also required for the CDBG application. In addition, MRPDC provided support for the environmental assessment portion of the project.

Mr. Bobby Lane addressed the Board and presented the proposed solution to the Mendota Community Water System issues, which is to work with the Scott County Public Service Authority (SCPSA). SCPSA has an 8" water line located at the Washington County line. It is proposed that an agreement be worked out with SCPSA to provide water to the Mendota community. The WCSA has a letter of intent from SCPSA. The project involves installing 2,500 linear feet of eight inch (8") line to connect with the existing system. Project costs are estimated to be \$390,000. He further explained a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) has been completed. It is anticipated that the Virginia Department of Health will approve the PER prior to the CDBG application deadline. Further, WCSA has obtained a letter of support from the local health director. Mr. Lane asked for Board authorization to submit the CDBG Application for the Mendota Community Water Project.

Ms. Mumpower opened the Public Hearing and invited comments both in support of and in opposition to the proposed CDBG application.

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

Mr. Owens addressed the Board and explained Mendota is in his district. The people of this community are in need of quality water.

On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Mr. Taylor, the Board acted to authorize submission of an application for CDBG funds and adopt following Resolution:

Discussions ensued among Mr. Taylor and Mr. Cornett concerning the price to purchase water from the SCPSA.

**RESOLUTION 2011-04
IN SUPPORT OF
VIRGINIA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR
MENDOTA COMMUNITY WATER PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the County of Washington, Virginia wishes to apply for \$425,032.00 in Virginia Community Development Block Grant (VCDBG) funds for the "Mendota Community Water System Improvements Project;" and

WHEREAS, citizen participation requirements have been met through two duly advertised public hearings; and

WHEREAS, the project will meet the VCDBG National Objective of providing benefit to low- or moderate-income persons by providing improved public water service to 60 households. It is projected that at least 40 of the households are low- or moderate income.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Virginia that, pursuant to two public hearings advertised in accordance with the standards set forth In the 2011 Virginia Community Development Block Grant Citizen Participation Plan for Local Government Applicants, the County of Washington requests \$425,032.00 in VCDBG funds in support of the Mendota Community Water Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Washington County's Chief Administrative Official, Mark K. Reeter, is hereby authorized to complete, sign and submit appropriate documents for the Virginia Community Development Block Grant proposal referenced herein.

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. Public Hearing and Consideration of Resolution Amending the FY 2010-2011 County Operating Budget and Authorizing Supplemental Appropriations Thereto

Mr. Seamon addressed the Board and explained the public hearing concerning amendment of the Fiscal Year 2010-11 County Operating Budget is required due to the need to incorporate a portion of the Fall, 2010 bond financing for the county Public Safety Building into the current County Operating Budget. The total requested amendment to the current County budget is \$5,018,300.00. He further explained the Board is asked to make a supplemental appropriation of bond proceeds totaling \$2,637,870.00 to the Capital Improvement Fund so improvements to the County Public Safety Building can proceed prior to July 1, 2011. Any unspent funds on the Public Safety Building Project will be carried over into the FY 2011-12.

Discussions ensued among the Board and Mr. Seamon.

Ms. Mumpower opened the Public Hearing and invited comments both in support of and in opposition to amending the FY 2010-2011 County Operating Budget and Supplemental Appropriations thereto.

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

On motion of Mr. McCall, second by Mr. Straten, the Board acted to adopt the following Resolution amending the FY 2010-11 County Operating Budget to \$136,642,209.00, and approving the supplemental appropriation totaling \$2,637,870.00 for Improvements to the Public Safety Building:

RESOLUTION 2011-05
AMENDMENT OF COUNTY OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 AND
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO ADOPTED COUNTY OPERATING BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 15.2-2507 of the 1950 Code of Virginia a locality shall amend its budget to adjust the aggregate amount to be appropriated during the current fiscal year which exceeds one percent of the total expenditures shown in the currently amended budget after advertising and conducting a public hearing stating the governing body's intent to further amend the budget, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Virginia has determined the need to further amend the County Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 as amended October 12, 2010 in compliance with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Virginia that the County Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 is hereby amended as follows:

Amended FY 2010-2011 County Budget on October 12, 2010 **\$131,623,909**

Proposed Amendment of County Budget:

001 General Fund:

<i>General Government Administration</i>	\$ 28,355
<i>Public Safety</i>	\$ 171,435
<i>Non-Departmental</i>	<u>\$ 3,372,966</u>
 <i>Total General Fund</i>	 \$ 3,572,756
 002 Federal Asset Sharing Fund	 \$ 26,053
005 Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 2,649,286
006 Economic Development Fund	\$ (157,124)
007 Utilities Fund	\$ 15,000
108 County Library Fund	\$ 23,282
316 School Construction Fund	<u>\$(1,110,953) \$ 5,018,300</u>

Proposed Amended FY 2010-2011 County Budget **\$136,642,209**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Virginia that the following supplemental appropriations of funds are made for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011 for the functions and purposes indicated hereafter:

<u>FUND AND DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
FD 005 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND:	
<i>Public Safety Building (Dept # 94131)</i>	<u>\$2,637,870</u>

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>

8. General Business:

a. Actionable Items:

1. Consideration of Franchise Agreement Renewals for Cable Television Franchises to Marcus Cable Associated, L.L.C. (d/b/a, Charter Communications) and Comcast of the South

Ms. Phillips explained at the Board's meeting on March 8, 2011, the Board took action to approve the Franchise Agreements for Marcus Cable Associated, L.L.C., doing business as Charter Communications, and Comcast of the South to provide cable television services within the jurisdictional limits of the County, contingent upon adding programming for two channels, WETT out of Knoxville and SportSouth. She further explained the action of the Board was presented to representatives of both cable companies, and she was informed that the Federal Cable Act does not allow local governments to specify programming requirements for cable television system operators. This was confirmed through her independent research. Further, Ms. Phillips explained she discussed programming with both representatives, and Comcast indicated they will be adding additional sports channels. In regards to the Public Broadcasting Station (PBS) it was explained that PBS have a particular region in which they serve, and by their own rules and regulations are unable to serve outside of their designated region. Ms. Phillips recommended the Board reconsider its previous action and consider whether to approve the proposed franchise agreements without the additional programming requirement.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, second by Mr. Owens, the Board acted to reconsider its previous action on the proposed franchise agreements to require specific programming.

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. Taylor, second by Mr. Owens, the Board acted to adopt the proposed ordinances to enter into franchise agreements with Marcus Cable Associated, L.L.C., doing business as Charter Communications, and Comcast of the South for operation of cable television systems within the jurisdictional limits of Washington County, 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>

Mr. Taylor addressed the Board and explained the Board's action to specify programming requirements gained the cable companies attention as to wishes of some constituents. The County Attorney and he has a conference call scheduled with a representative of Comcast to discuss requests that have been made.

Ms. Price asked the County Attorney to research differences in the Cable Television Franchises to Marcus Cable Association, L.L.C. (d/b/a, Charter Communications) and Comast of the South regarding the building area requirements.

Ms. Phillips acknowledged she would conduct the research.

Sciivener's Note: The ordinances referenced above is included as Minutes Exhibits Item 2011-03-22-A.

2. Consideration of Appointment to the Crooked Road – Virginia's Heritage Music Trail Board of Directors

On motion of Mr. McCall, second by Mr. Owens, the Board acted to appoint Nicole M. Price to The Crooked Road – Virginia's Heritage Music Trail Board of Directors for a one-year term ending March 31, 2012.

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

<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>Abstained</i>
<i>Mr. Reynolds</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Straten</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Taylor</i>	<i>Aye</i>

3. Consideration of Revised Agreement by and between the Town of Abingdon, Virginia, the County of Washington, Virginia and King College, Inc., Regarding Economic Incentives for a Medical School to be Established by King College in the Town of Abingdon

This item was withdrawn from the Agenda.

4. Consideration of County Personnel Committee Recommendations Presented at March 17 Recessed Meeting

Ms. Mumpower explained that Deputy County Administrator Nadine Culberson made a lengthy presentation at the March 17 Budget Adjustment Work Session concerning the Personnel Committee recommendations.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, second by Mr. Straten, the Board acted to accept the recommendations of the Personnel Committee on staffing and salary adjustments for FY 2011-2012.

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. Consideration of Adoption of Resolution Establishing Real Property Tax Rate for County Fiscal Year 2011-2012, County Tax Year 2011

Mr. Reeter addressed the Board and explained the proposed Resolution establishes the real property tax rate for Tax Year 2011 of Fiscal Year 2011-2012 at \$0.58 per \$100 of assessed value, which is the current real property tax rate. He further explained the County Treasurer needs the tax rate established by the end of March in order to send out the first cycle of semi-annual tax collection bills in April.

Mr. Reeter next asked the Board to schedule an additional budget adjustment work session to consider the final set of adjustments to the Requested and Recommended County Operating Budget for FY 2011-2012. He proposed scheduling the work session on Tuesday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Discussions ensued among the Board with it being consensus to schedule the budget adjustment work session on April 19, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

The following action was taken on establishing the real property tax rate for Tax Year 2011:

On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Mr. Reynolds, the Board acted to adopt the following Resolution establishing the real property tax rate at \$0.58 per \$100 of assessed value:

Mr. Taylor addressed the Board and explained he will vote in favor of the resolution. However, there are things such as completing a county wide telecommunications plan, hiring a county planner, funding of the Purchase of Development Rights Program that the county is not doing; possibly because they are areas the County cannot afford to invest in at this time. In order to accomplish the aforementioned items there must be sufficient revenue in place. He addressed fees that the County should be charging to cover costs of services such as the Erosion and Sediment Control Program. The Board should give these issues consideration.

**RESOLUTION 2011-06
ESTABLISHMENT OF REAL PROPERTY TAX RATE
FOR TAX YEAR 2011 OF FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012**

WHEREAS, Section 15.2-2503 of the Code of Virginia requires the governing bodies of every locality in the Commonwealth to prepare and approve a budget for informative and fiscal planning purposes for the ensuing fiscal year and to fix a tax rate for the calendar year no later than the first day of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the County of Washington collects real property taxes on a semi-annual basis, which mandates that the real property tax be fixed by the governing body early enough to allow preparation of invoices for the first installment payment, which is due annually no later than May 20; however, the tax rate for personal property, machinery and tools, and such other levies as the Board may impose may be set at a later date prior to the first day of the fiscal year because taxes on personal property, machinery and tools, and such other levies as the Board may impose shall be collected with the second installment of real property taxes, which are billed at a later date and due to be paid annually no later than November 20; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Washington, Virginia, (the Board) has received funding requests from the County's officers and heads of departments, offices, divisions, boards, commissions, and agencies for inclusion in the budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed during work session meetings prior to the date of this Resolution such funding requests and estimates of anticipated County revenues from local and intergovernmental sources for Fiscal Year 2011 - 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Board has published notice of the proposed budget based on such revenues and expenses, held a public hearing on the proposed budget, and considered it in terms of the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, based on these actions the Board is prepared to fix the real property tax rate for County Tax Year 2011 of Fiscal Year 2011 - 2012 but will delay action to set the tax rate for personal property, machinery and tools, and such other levies as the Board may impose to a later date but not later than the first day of the upcoming fiscal year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Virginia that the unit tax levy on real property for Tax Year 2011 of Fiscal Year 2011 - 2012 is hereby set as follows:

A County-wide unit levy for general County purposes and school purposes of fifty-eight cents (\$0.58) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of all taxable real estate, mobile home and public utilities at one hundred percent (100%) fair market value, excluding real estate devoted to agricultural, horticultural, forest and open space uses, as defined in Code of Virginia 58.1-3230, pursuant to Washington County Code 58-106.

A County-wide unit levy for general County purposes and school purposes of fifty-eight cents (\$0.58) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of all taxable

real estate devoted to agricultural, horticultural, forest and open space uses, as defined in Code of Virginia 58.1-3230, pursuant to Washington County Code 58-106.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the unit tax levies on taxable tangible personal property, taxable machinery and tools and such other levies as the Board shall impose for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 shall be set at the time of adoption of the County budget, not later than June 30, 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. Information Items:

No informational items were presented.

9. Board Member Reports

Mr. Reynolds reported that progress is being made in his district with trash pickup, particularly along the exits. The Washington County Sheriff's Office and Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Authority have helped with this effort. He advised the Board that Sheriff Fred Newman has encouraged Board members to contact him if they wish to have trash removed in their districts.

Mr. Reynolds encouraged Board members to attend the Annual Spring Meeting of the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission scheduled for April 7 in Galax, VA.

Mr. Straten announced that the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Beaverdam Creek Park will be held on April 2 at 10:00 a.m. Games will be played on all three ball fields after the ceremony concludes.

Ms. Mumpower reported that she called Sheriff Newman about litter pick up in the Wilson District. Crews were out the day after she called, and all the trash was picked up within two days. The Sheriff's Office is doing a good job with litter control.

Mr. McCall commented that he would like to see the State do a better job with trash pickup along Interstate 81.

Mr. Owens referenced an advertisement on a local radio station that addresses the litter issues in Tennessee, and the amount of trash in that state.

10. Board Information and Reminders

Mr. Reeter reviewed the following Board Reminders and Information:

Reminders:

- Ribbon Cutting for Glade Spring Middle School Addition – Friday, March 25, 9:00 A.M.

Ms. Phillips made the following report:

Ms. Phillips explained that during the budget adjustment work sessions it was discussed that the Commonwealth Attorney's Office would undertake representation of the County in animal control, inoperable vehicle and litter control issues. Commonwealth Attorney Dennis Godfrey has agreed to do so. She asked for permission of the Board to formally request the Commonwealth Attorney's Office to take on these programs.

On motion of Mr. Reynolds, second by Ms. Price, the Board acted to authorize the County Attorney to formally request the Commonwealth Attorney's Office to begin representing the County in animal control, inoperable vehicle and litter control cases.

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, Ms. Mumpower with permission from the Board allowed additional public comments from individuals that did not have the opportunity to sign up to speak at the beginning of the meeting.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

- Harold Hinchey
- Christine Eldreth
- Allen Boardwine

11. Adjourn or Recess

On motion of Ms. Price, second by Mr. Straten, 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, Chairman