

VIRGINIA:

At a regular meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Tuesday, August 23, 2011, at 6:30 p.m., at the County Administration Building in Abingdon, Virginia the following were present:

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Dulcie M. Mumpower, Chair

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Odell Owens, Vice Chair of the Board, who welcomed everyone in attendance.

Mr. Owens noted that Board Chair Dulcie Mumpower was in Richmond for a meeting.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

3. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

New Item 8.a.4.

Consideration of Scheduling of Joint Meetings with County Industrial Development Authority and Abingdon Town Council Regarding King College Medical School Project

New Item 8.a.5.

Consideration of Recognition of Justice Elizabeth McClanahan being appointed to the Supreme Court of Virginia.

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

<i>Mr. McCall</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. Special Recognitions & Presentations:**a. Presentation of Virginia Association of Counties' 2011 Achievement Award for Washington County MERG Project (Regional Collaboration Category)**

Mr. Beau Blevins of the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) addressed the Board and presented to Vice Chair Odell Owens and Deputy County Administrator Nadine Culberson the VACo 2011 Achievement Award for the Washington County Mountain Empire Regional Geographic Information System (MERG) Project. The award is for a regional collaboration project for the MERG Project that includes the counties of Lee, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Washington and the City of Bristol. This is the first VACo Achievement Award for Washington County. Mr. Blevins advised that Washington County would be recognized for this award at VACo's Annual Conference in November.

Mr. Reeter noted this is the second award for the MERG Project – the first being the Southwest Virginia Technology Council's High Tech in Government. The project is being considered for two additional awards; Governor's Technology Award and Honorable Mention for the National 2011 Integrated Justice Systems Award.

Mr. Owens commented it is pleasing that Washington County is cooperating with other entities in Southwest Virginia. Deputy County Administrator Nadine Culberson and staff involved with the MERG Project are to be commended.

6. Consent Agenda:

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

a. **Approval of Minutes:**

1. **August 9, 2011 Regular Meeting**

b. **Approval of Routine Financial Matters:**

1. **Payment of Bills – From July 11, 2011 thru August 10, 2011**
2. **Request for Revenue Refunds – Washington County Sheriff’s Office – Animal Sterilization Fees**
3. **Supplemental Appropriation – Virginia Department of Emergency Management Grant Received**
4. **Approval of Section 125 Flexible Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement with American Fidelity Assurance Company**
5. **Request to Cancel Old Outstanding Checks – Washington County General Fund and Library Fund**
6. **Request for Revenue Refund – Washington County Department of Recreation Office for Recreation Program Fee**
7. **Budget Status Report – July 31, 2011**

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

No contracts were presented to the Board.

d. **Authorization of Routine Business Matters:**

1. **Authorization of Signatures for Emergency Operations Center Grant, CFD#97.052 – Approved as follows:**

RESOLUTION 2011-32
AUTHORIZATION OF SIGNATURES FOR
PURPOSE OF U. S. DEPARTMENT OF
HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT EMERGENCY
OPERATIONS CENTER GRANT, CFD#97.052

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Virginia that County Administrator Mark K. Reeter, County Director of Budget & Finance Mark W. Seamon and County Director of Emergency Management L.V. ‘Pokey’ Harris are hereby authorized to execute for and on behalf of the named applicant, a public entity established under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, any actions necessary for the purpose of obtaining federal financial assistance provided by the federal Department of Homeland Security and sub-granted through the Commonwealth of Virginia.

2. **Authorization to Schedule Public Hearing of Ordinance to Vacate Lot 7 on Sugarbush Lane from Subdivision of Property of Paul R. & Geraldine Belcher, Madison Magisterial District**
3. **Adoption of Resolution in Support of Restoration of State Funding for Aid to Localities – Approved as follows:**

RESOLUTION 2011-28
IN SUPPORT OF RESTORATION OF STATE
FUNDING
FOR AID TO LOCALITIES

WHEREAS, state financial assistance for mandated and high priority programs, including public education, health and human services, public safety and constitutional officers, is \$800 million less in FY12 than in FY09; and

WHEREAS, cities and counties must balance their budgets during a time in which future state assistance is unreliable, federal stimulus dollars are dwindling, and real estate assessments are declining; and

WHEREAS, the Appropriation Action contains \$60 million in across-the-board cuts to cities and counties for both FY11 and FY12, under which localities are required to either elect to take reductions in particular state aid programs, or to send the Commonwealth a check for the amounts determined by the state Department of Planning and Budget (“Local Aid to the State”); and

WHEREAS, the reductions are applied to essential services, including law enforcement, jail administration, foster care and child protection services, election administration and social services; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County does not have the authority to unilaterally decide to discontinue providing services such as election administration or to refuse to house and care for state prisoners’ in local and regional jails; and

WHEREAS, the state budget cuts are not accompanied by any reductions in state-imposed mandates, standards and service requirements, nor do they provide any administrative flexibility for local agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County remitted \$208,430.00 in FY11 and will be required to remit another \$216,941.00 in FY12; and

WHEREAS, Virginia cities and counties will have provided the Commonwealth with \$220 million by the close of FY12 for this “Local Aid to the State” programs; and

WHEREAS, these reductions shift state costs to local taxpayers and artificially increases the amount of state surplus revenue; and

WHEREAS, state revenues have begun to recover and the Commonwealth is expecting to have a revenue surplus for the second year in a row; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth should not continue to shift its share of costs for mandates and responsibilities to its local governments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Virginia that the Board respectfully requests Governor Bob McDonnell to submit a budget amendment to the 2012 Session of the Virginia General Assembly to reverse the \$60 million-a-year reduction for the current year, FY12, and to eliminate the aid to localities reduction in the budget submitted for FY13 and FY14; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board asks the members of the General Assembly support a budget amendment to the 2012 session of the General Assembly to reverse the \$60 million-a-year reduction for the current year, FY12, and to eliminate the aid to localities reduction in the budget submitted for FY13 and FY14.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator is directed to distribute a copy of this Resolution to the Governor of the Commonwealth; the Southwest Virginia delegation to the General Assembly, and the Executive Director of the Virginia Association of Counties.

- 4. Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Payment of Overtime Compensation to Washington County Sheriff's Office Personnel for April 27-28 Storm Events – Approved as follows:**

RESOLUTION 2011-29

WHEREAS, the storm events of April 27-28, 2011 in Washington County necessitated an extraordinary level of response by personnel of the Washington County Sheriff's Office (WCSO), far in excess of what has previously been experienced or anticipated within the existing policies of the County's personnel system, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has determined that certain eligible WCSO personnel as should be compensated for excess hours worked in response to the April storm events on an overtime basis, and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Director of Emergency Management and the Sheriff of Washington County have agreed that the state of declared local emergency due to the April storm events for the purposes of the extraordinary WCSO response began at 12:01 AM April 28, 2011 and ended 12:00 midnight May 4, 2011;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Virginia that the Board hereby approves the payment of overtime compensation in total amount not to exceed \$87,000.00 from the County's Disaster Recovery Fund to certain eligible personnel of the Washington County Sheriff's Office for hours worked beginning 12:01 AM April 28, 2011 and ending 12:00 midnight May 4, 2011 in responding to the storm events of April 27-28, 2011 during the declared state of local emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs the County Administrator to seek maximum reimbursement of the total amount paid in overtime pursuant to this Resolution from the appropriate emergency funds available from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

5. Approval of Revised Position Descriptions for Administrative Division Personnel

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

<i>Mr. McCall</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 on Application for Community Development Block Grant Funds for Washington County Disaster Recovery Project

Mr. Reeter advised the Board that a project fact sheet was placed at their stations.

Mr. Toby Boian of Mount Rogers Planning District Commission addressed the Board and provided a project description for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Washington County Disaster Recovery Project that the County in concert with the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission and Washington County Long Term Recovery Group are working on.

Mr. Boian explained the Washington County Disaster Recovery Project is located with the boundaries of Washington County, Virginia. The project area is a scattered site area, in the footprint of storm activity as mapped by intensive surveying of storm damage following the tornado activity of April 27 and 28, 2011. The overall project budget is \$971,000.00, of which \$700,000.00 is proposed for funding by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, which consist of federal funds administered by the states available through the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Additional funding of \$139,000.00 has been committed by the United Way, and \$132,000.00 is being applied for separately through the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta by way of People Incorporated by Virginia. The project proposes to rehabilitate or substantially reconstruct eleven (11) homes in Washington County that were significantly or totally impacted during the tornado and severe storm activity of April 27th and 28th of this year. The composition of the proposed clients will be 100% low- or moderate income (LMI) households, with 'Owner-Occupied, Under-insured, Total-loss' clients being given first priority in accordance with the Project's Program Design. Five of the homes are completely destroyed and there are six LMI units with significant rehabilitation needs. Thirty people will benefit from the project.

Mr. Boian next explained the project fits an urgent need for Washington County. Many homes were destroyed or heavily damaged during the recent storms, and this led to the disruption of standard of living for many of the County's residents. This CDBG grant will serve to help make whole the community as the hardest-hit, remaining homeowners who LMI and underinsured are assisted in returning to their normal lives.

Discussions ensued among the Board and Mr. Boian about the construction process.

Mr. Owens opened the public hearing and invited comments in support of and in opposition to the Community Development Block Grant Funds for the Washington County Recovery Project.

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

On motion of Mr. Taylor, second by Mr. McCall, the Board acted to adopt the following Resolution:

Further discussions ensued.

Mr. Straten asked if CDBG funds would be administered to the qualifying property owners in addition to insurance funds received.

Mr. Boian explained that insured properties were not included in the CDBG application.

*RESOLUTION 2011-30
IN SUPPORT OF
VIRGINIA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT
PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR
WASHINGTON COUNTY DISASTER RECOVERY
PROJECT*

WHEREAS, the County of Washington, Virginia wishes to apply for \$700,000.00 in Virginia Community Development Block Grant (VCDBG) funds for the “Washington County Disaster Recovery 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 substantial housing rehabilitation and reconstruction to low- or moderate income households affected by the tornado and severe weather events of April 27-28, 2011 in Washington County;

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 \$700,000.00 in VCDBG funds in support of the Washington County Disaster Recovery 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: (6-0)

***Mr. McCall Aye
Mr. Owens Aye***

Ms. Price *Aye*
Mr. Reynolds *Aye*
Mr. Straten *Aye*
Mr. Taylor *Aye*

At this time, Mr. Owens welcomed Tony Rector, former member of the Board of Supervisors, who was in attendance.

b. Public Hearing on Southwestern Virginia Regional Water Supply Plan

Mr. Boian addressed the Board and presented an overview of the completed Regional Water Supply Plan prepared for the Mount Rogers, LENOWISCO and Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commissions (PDC) in accordance with the requirements of the Virginia State Water Control Board. The Regional Water Supply Planning Group included members of the Washington County Service Authority (WCSA), who were charged with completing the plan and supplied the majority of the data pertaining to Washington County; Draper Aden Associates; Thompson & Litton; and Lane Engineering, Inc. The Plan includes information on water sources, water use and natural resources in the region; water demand management information including population and demand projections; water conservation practices; drought response; and contingency planning.

Mr. Boian next explained the section in the plan specific to Washington County will need modification. The capacity for Cole Spring is inaccurately stated and should be 1.5 mgd. Also, there is currently a water purchase agreement between the WCSA and Bristol Virginia Utilities (BVU) for purchase of additional capacity from BVU as capacity becomes available. Mr. Boian explained the WCSA will discontinue the agreement with BVU; when the expansion of the Middle Fork Wastewater Treatment Plant is completed, water supply issues will be resolved. Mr. Boian further explained the plan refers to a drought ordinance – Washington County does not have such an ordinance. Washington County does have a drought response and contingency plan that references the WCSA drought response and contingency plan.

Mr. Boian explained the plan must be approved and submitted to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality by November 1, 2011. The public hearing is a required part of the approval process. A copy of the completed plan is available at the County Administration Building for review.

Mr. Owens opened the public hearing and invited comments in support of and in opposition to the Southwestern Virginia Regional Water Supply Plan.

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

Discussions ensued among the Board, Mr. Boian and WCSA General Manager Robbie Cornett.

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

*RESOLUTION 2011-31
APPROVING THE CUMBERLAND PLATEAU,
LENOWISCO, AND MOUNT ROGERS
PLANNING DISTRICTS'
REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY PLAN*

WHEREAS, Virginia State Water Control Board Regulation 9 VAC 25-780, Local and Regional Water Supply Planning, requires all counties, cities and towns in the Commonwealth of Virginia to prepare and submit a water supply plan to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ); and

WHEREAS, Washington County is a participant in the Cumberland Plateau, LENOWISCO, and Mount Rogers Regional Water Supply Planning Group as reported to DEQ by letter before the November 2, 2008 deadline; and

WHEREAS, on August 23, Washington County held a public hearing to accept public comment on the Regional Water Supply Plan; and

WHEREAS, the adopted Regional Water Supply Plan will be submitted to the DEQ on or before November 2, 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Washington County hereby adopts the Regional Water Supply Plan as it pertains to Washington County. Approval and adoption of this regional plan indicates support for and general agreement with the regional planning approach, but does not indicated approval or disapproval of conclusions and recommendations presented in the Plan as they pertain to other localities. Washington County reserves the right to comment on specific water supply alternatives in the future even though such alternatives may be recommended in this adopted Plan. Washington County will not be limited to specific water supply alternatives in this adopted Plan and reserves the right to recommend additional alternatives for consideration in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Washington County intends that the Regional Water Supply Plan shall be revised to reflect changes in relevant data at least once every five years and resubmitted to DEQ every ten years in accordance with the regulation and sound planning practice.

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

<i>Mr. McCall</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 commended the WCSA for their diligence in assessing infrastructure immediately after the tornado. He did not receive any complaints from constituents about broken water/sewer lines.

8. General Business:**a. Actionable Items:****1. Update on White's Mill Renovation Project and Consideration of Approval of Amendment of Design Services Agreement**

Mr. Aaron Sizemore with Mount Rogers Planning District Commission addressed the Board and provided a status report on the White's Mill Renovation Project. Mr. Sizemore reviewed the timeline of events relating to the project. He explained the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) awarded grant funding for the project in 2007, with the first action occurring on the grant in 2008. The time delay happened because the project was being procured on behalf of White's Mill Foundation. White's Mill Foundation is the driving force behind the project, but Washington County is the fiscal agent for the grant funds. When the time came to hire an engineer and required documents submitted to VDOT, it was discovered that Washington County's name had been left out of the documents. Therefore, the procurement process had to start from the beginning. Interviews with engineering firms were held in December 2008 with Thompson & Litton being selected to provide engineering services. Pre-award documents were sent to VDOT for approval in June 2009; at this time the actual design of the project began. During the design process it was discovered that services of a Millwright were necessary. A Millwright was hired in June 2010 to work with Thompson & Litton on the design. Mr. Sizemore further explained he has been working on the environmental aspects of the project. Environmental clearances have been received from all the required agencies (VDOT, Department of Historic Resources, et. al). The project is now ready to bid.

Discussions ensued among the Board.

Mr. Owens questioned if VDOT is required to approve the bids.

Mr. Sizemore explained when the bids are received, and the County makes a recommendation to award contract to the low bidder; the bid along with a letter of recommendation from the County is submitted to VDOT for their review and approval.

Mr. Taylor asked about the amendment to the Design Services Agreement that provides additional funding for design services pertaining to the parking lot and handicapped accessibility improvements.

Mr. Kiser explained the original Request for Proposal (RFP) had a very specific design scope. The design scope was taken from the RFP document and copied into the Design Services Agreement. He further explained project design was completed and submitted to VDOT and the Department of Historic Resources (DHR) for their respective reviews. The design was approved by DHR; however, VDOT requested the parking lot and handicapped accessibility improvements be added to the project. Approval was obtained from White's Mill Foundation to add the additional design services. The project was redesigned and resubmitted to VDOT, DHR, and the County Building Inspector's Office. Approval of the entire package has been received from the Building Inspector's Office and DHR. A letter is owed to VDOT, which will be furnished by the County then VDOT should sign off on the changes.

Mr. Taylor asked where the additional \$5,000 for design services would come from.

Mr. Kiser explained there is \$5,000 in the original contract for a historic rehabilitation specialist. Since the time the original contract was signed, Thompson & Litton has added a historic rehabilitation specialist to the staff. The amount of additional funding needed for design services will only be \$245.00

Further discussions ensued.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, second by Ms. Price, the Board acted to approve Contract Amendment 1 between County and Thompson+Litton for the White’s Mill Renovation Project.

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

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

2. Consideration of Board of Supervisors District-Based Public Information Meetings and Strategic Planning Session for Fall 2011

Director of Economic Development and Community Relations Christy Parker addressed the Board to seek guidance on continuation of the District-Based Public Information Meetings and consideration of a Strategic Planning Session prior to commencement of the FY 2012-13 County budget preparation cycle. Ms. Parker spoke about the Public Information Meetings held in the Fall 2010, which were very successful. She explained that post cards were printed to advertise last fall’s meeting. Costs for the postcards and postage ran about \$10,000.00.

Discussions ensued among the Board and Ms. Parker concerning the District-Based Public Information Meetings and Strategic Planning Session for Fall 2011.

Mr. Reynolds explained he attended several of last year’s meetings and believes they were all successful. He still receives positive comments from citizens. He stated the public information meetings are one of the best ways to inform citizens of what is going on in County government. Mr. Reynolds expressed his support for continuation of the meetings this fall.

Ms. Price expressed her support for the public information meetings. She recommended the County not do the post card mailing and save the \$10,000.00. Advertisements could be placed as community service announcements on local radio and television stations. Also, an advertisement could be placed in the newspaper. In addition, the County could post notice of the meetings on the County’s website and calendar.

Mr. Owens stated based on his experiences from last fall’s meetings, the post cards were instrumental to the success of the meetings.

Mr. Taylor explained that to disseminate accurate information to the public and to receive feedback from citizens is a good investment of the money. It is a good way for the County to do business and encourages the meetings be continued this fall.

Mr. Straten stated his support of the meetings. He explained the meetings held last fall were well received. They provide a means for the Board to be more open to the public. Mr. Straten further explained while he would like to see the County save money, he believes the mailings will reach citizens that may not otherwise hear about the meetings. Many citizens in the Taylor District do not have cable or computer service.

Mr. McCall stated that Public Information Meetings this fall would be worthwhile. He explained that last fall he joined with Kenneth Reynolds and held a joint meeting for the Harrison and Madison District, which worked very well. Mr. McCall expressed support of using post cards to advertise the meetings.

Further discussions ensued among the Board regarding the format of the meetings.

Ms. Parker next addressed holding a Strategic Planning Session. She explained that following the District-Based Public Information Meetings, the Board is asked to consider a planning session to create broad goals for the County. County department heads would use these goals to develop their individual goals and strategies. It is recommended that a planning session be held between the public information meetings and the budget season – perhaps late October or early November.

Discussions ensued among the Board regarding a Strategic Planning Session and District-Based Public Information meetings. The following action was taken on the District-Based Public Information Meetings:

On motion of Mr. Taylor, second by Mr. McCall, the Board acted to approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$10,000.000 from Reserve for Contingencies to the Department of Economic Development & Community Relations for meetings-related expenses.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (5-1)

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

No action was taken at this time on scheduling a Strategic Planning Session.

3. Consideration of County Facilities Committee Recommendation Regarding Former Washington County Sheriff’s Office Park Street Property

County Facilities Committee members Odell Owens and Joseph Straten presented the Board with the Committee’s recommendation to sell the former Washington County Sheriff’s Office (WCSO) property on Park Street in Abingdon. The former WCSO Administration Building is presently leased to the Town of Abingdon for \$1.00 annually through December 31 of this year and by way of the Town subleased to the Holston Mountain Artisans Cooperative. The former County Jail Building is presently vacant and unused. Both the Administration Building (including a small former Deputy Quarter’s building) and Jail Building are located on a single, 1.01 acre parcel. A third building (former Detective’s Building) in the complex is on a separate adjoining parcel and is proposed to be retained by the County for court-related records storage. The tax-assessed value of the WCSO Administration Building, Deputy’s Quarters and

Jail is \$665,600.00. The property along Park Street lies within a designated flood hazard area for Town Creek, limiting is redevelopment potential.

The County Facilities Committee recommends the County sell at auction or by other means the 1.01 acre parcel and buildings no later than June 30, 1012 and to so advise the Town of Abingdon of this decision so that the Town and Cooperative may consider their interest in purchasing the property or potentially look for other accommodations.

Discussions ensued among the Board, Mr. Reeter and Ms. Phillips.

It was consensus of the Board to initiate the process of selling the former WCSO property on Park Street in Abingdon on or before June 30, 2012 and to advise the Town of Abingdon of this decision.

4. Consideration of Scheduling of Joint Meetings with County Industrial Development Authority and Abingdon Town council Regarding King College Medical School Project

Mr. Reeter addressed the Board and explained the proposed Agreement between King College, the Town of Abingdon, and the County with respect to the King College Medical School Project is basically complete and ready for execution. The Tobacco Commission will hold a meeting in Abingdon at the end of September, at which time King College would like to be in a position to have the Tobacco Commission formally obligate the \$25,000.00. Prior to execution of the Agreement, it is recommended that the Board of Supervisors and the Washington County Industrial Development Authority (IDA) conduct a joint meeting to review the Agreement, the state of the medical school project's development, and the Plan of Finance for the \$7,500,000.00 County contribution to the project. Following this joint meeting, a joint meeting of the Board and Abingdon Town Council is needed to take final action to enter into the Agreement.

Mr. Reeter next explained the joint Board/IDA meeting is proposed for Monday, September 12 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room 1 of the County Administration Building. The joint Board/Abingdon Town Council meeting is proposed for either Friday, September 16 or Friday, September 23 with either early morning (7:30 a.m.) or mid-afternoon (3:00 p.m.) meeting start times suggested.

Discussions ensued among the Board, Mr. Reeter and Ms. Phillips.

It was consensus of the Board to schedule the joint Board/IDA meeting for September 12 at 5:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1, County Administration Building. Further the joint meeting with the Abingdon Town Council will be scheduled for Friday, September 16 at 7:30 a.m. with the location to be determined.

5. Consideration of Recognition of Justice Elizabeth A. McClanahan being appointed to the Supreme Court of Virginia.

Mr. Owens explained that Justice Elizabeth McClanahan has been elevated to Justice of the Virginia Supreme Court.

Ms. Price addressed the Board and presented a request for the Board to adopt a Resolution declaring September 1, 2011 as Justice Elizabeth A. McClanahan Day in Washington County in recognition and honor of her investiture as Justice of the Virginia Supreme Court. She explained this is an honor and responsibility bestowed on very few people and a remarkable achievement deserving of this type of proclamation.

On motion of Ms. Price, second by Mr. Straten, the Board acted to adopt the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION 2011-33
HONORING ELIZABETH A. McCLANAHAN
UPON THE OCCASION OF HER INVESTITURE
AS JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF VIRGINIA**

WHEREAS, Elizabeth A. McClanahan began her professional career in Washington County as an associate attorney at Penn, Stuart, Eskridge & Jones in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth's natural leadership qualities and her sense of civic responsibility inspired by her parents' lives led to her service on numerous regional and statewide governing boards, including Southwest Virginia 4-H Educational Center Board of Directors, William King Regional Arts Center Board of Trustees, The Virginia 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees, Governor's Regional Economic Development Advisory Council for District 2 of Virginia, Emory & Henry College Board of Trustees, Wellmont Bristol Regional Medical Center Board of Directors, Governor's Task Force to Study Economic Development of the Tri-Cities, Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Higher Education, The College of William and Mary Board of Visitors, and the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia; and

WHEREAS, in 2002 the Honorable Jerry W. Kilgore, Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Virginia, appointed Elizabeth to serve as Chief Deputy Attorney General; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 the Virginia General Assembly elected Elizabeth to the Court of Appeals of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, since April of 2003, Elizabeth has served as Judge of the Court of Appeals of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, on the 29th day of July, 2011, the Virginia General Assembly elected Elizabeth to the Supreme Court of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Supreme Court designated September 1, 2011 as the date of Elizabeth's investiture as Justice;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Virginia that it bestows its highest praise, respect and commendation for the life, career and accomplishments of Elizabeth A. McClanahan on the occasion of her investiture as Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors declares September 1, 2011, the date of her investiture as well as her birthday, to be "Justice Elizabeth A. McClanahan Day" throughout Washington County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread across the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors and publicly presented to Justice Elizabeth A. McClanahan at the investiture ceremony held at the Supreme Court of Virginia in Richmond, Virginia on September 1, 2011.

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

<i>Mr. McCall</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:

There was no information items presented.

9. Board Member Reports

Mr. Reynolds reported on the Washington County Fair that will be held September 12-17, 2011 at the Washington County Fairgrounds.

Mr. Reynolds next reported the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission Joint Annual Fall Dinner will be held on September 1 at 6:00 p.m., at the Heartwood in Abingdon. He hopes all members of the Board will be able to participate.

Ms. Price recognized the hard work of the Department of Economic Development and Community Relations on the Annual Report and asked that the Board be presented with a revised draft for review and approval.

Mr. Straten reported the groundbreaking for the Damascus Branch Library will be held Wednesday, August 31, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

10. Board Information and Reminders

Mr. Reeter reviewed the following Board reminders and information:

- Correspondence from the Southwest Virginia Cultural Heritage Foundation regarding U. S. Senator Mark Warner's tour of Heartwood on Saturday, August 27 at 3:00 p.m.
- Washington County Schools annual tour will be held on Tuesday August 30 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the School Board offices.
- Mount Rogers Planning District Commission Joint Annual Fall Dinner will be held on September 1 at 6:00 p.m., at the Heartwood.
- Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 5 – County offices closed.
- Annual County employee picnic will be held on Sunday, September 25 from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the Washington County Park.
- Virginia Association of Counties 2011 Annual Conference Registration – November 13-15, The Homestead.
- Correspondence from Virginia Cooperative Extension dated August 10, 2011 providing an update on the restructuring.

- Information from Coalition Against Bigger Trucks.

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: (6-0)

<i>Mr. McCall</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