

VIRGINIA:

At a regular meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Tuesday, October 11, 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
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:

Kenneth O. Reynolds

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Dulcie M. Mumpower, Chair of the Board, who welcomed everyone in attendance.

Ms. Mumpower noted that Kenneth Reynolds is attending a meeting out of town and would be at the Board meeting.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Tom Taylor gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda

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

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

Mr. McCall Aye
Ms. Mumpower Aye
Mr. Owens Aye

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

4. Special Recognitions & Presentations:

a. COVITS Award

Deputy County Administrator Nadine Culberson made a presentation on the Mountain Empire Regional Geographical Information System Project (MERG). MERG is a collaborative regional project involving five (5) counties and one (1) city: Lee, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Washington and the City of Bristol. The MERG Project has created a secure and accessible regional data repository which includes data, web mapping and map services. It streamlines the process for data sharing among localities and the state through development of a regional GIS data replication system in near real-time. It significantly improves public safety in a large region of the state, and is the largest regional geographic data repository project in the Commonwealth of Virginia

Ms. Culberson explained MERG was honored with a 2011 Governor's Technology Award for Cross-Boundary Collaboration at the Commonwealth of Virginia Information Technology Systems (COVITS) Awards on September 26. This is the first Governor's Technology Award for Washington County. The County shares this award with Lee, Russell, Scott Smyth and the City of Bristol.

Ms. Mumpower presented Certificates of Recognition to the following individuals for their outstanding service for the MERG Project:

Timothy D. Addington, Virginia Information Technologies Agency
 R. Blake Andis, Major, Washington County Sheriff's Office
 L. V. "Pokey" Harris, Director of Emergency Management
 Brandon Moore, County GIS Consultant
 Fred P. Newman, Sheriff, Washington County

Also recognized were:

Nadine Culberson, Deputy County Administrator
 Kevin Hill, Information Systems Specialist
 Leon Bailey,

Ms. Mumpower commended the group for the exceptional job on the MERG Project.

b. Certificate of Commendation – Brandon Moore

Ms. Mumpower presented County GIS Consultant Brandon Moore a Certificate of Commendation for his assistance during the tornado event. His expertise in mapping and the leadership display was invaluable to the County and its citizens. On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, Ms. Mumpower expressed appreciation for the Mr. Moore's excellent service to Washington County during such a tragic time.

5. Consent Agenda:

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

a. Approval of Minutes:

- 1. September 27, 2011 Regular Meeting

b. Approval of Routine Financial Matters:

No financial matters were presented to the board.

c. Award of Bids and Approval of Contracts:

No bids or contracts were presented to the board.

d. Authorization of Routine Business Matters:

- 1. Adoption of Resolution Requesting Designation of Clinch Mountain Road (State Route 691) as Rural Rustic Road - Approved as follows:

RESOLUTION 2011-40

WHEREAS, Section 33.1-70 .1 of the Code of Virginia permits the improvement and hard surfacing of certain unpaved roads deemed to qualify for and be designated as a Rural Rustic Road; and

WHEREAS, any such roads must be located in a low-density development area and have a minimum of 50 vehicles per day (vpd), and have no more than 1,000 vpd; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Virginia ("Board") desires to consider whether Clinch Mountain Road (State Route 691) from State Route 80 to End of State Maintenance should be designated a Rural Rustic Road; and

WHEREAS, the Board is unaware of pending development that will significantly affect the existing traffic on this road; and

WHEREAS, the citizens that utilize this road have been made aware that this road may be paved with minimal improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that this road should be so designated due to its qualifying characteristics and will endeavor to retain these characteristics through its comprehensive planning process; and

WHEREAS, this road is in the Board's six-year plan for improvements to the secondary system of state highways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Virginia that the Board hereby designates this road a Rural Rustic Road, and requests that the Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation concur in this designation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Board requests that this road be hard surfaced and, to the fullest extent prudent, be improved within the existing right of way and ditch-lines to preserve as much as possible the adjacent trees, vegetation, side slopes, and rural rustic character along the road in their current state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation.

VDOT Project: 0691-095-P13, N501 UPC#72237

- 2. **Authorization of Signatures for Region IV Radio Infrastructure Needs Assessment Grant – Approved as follows:**

RESOLUTION 2011-41

AUTHORIZATION OF SIGNATURES FOR PURPOSE OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT – REGION IV RADIO INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS ASSESSMENT

BE IT 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.

- 3. **Adoption of Resolution Commemorating 2011 Veteran’s Day – Approved as follows:**

RESOLUTION 2011-42

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, while Americans were attending their daily routines, terrorists hijacked four civilian aircraft, crashing two of them into the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, a third into the Pentagon near Washington, DC, and a fourth was prevented from also being used as a weapon against America by brave passengers who placed their country above their own lives, and

WHEREAS, thousands of innocent Americans were killed and injured as a result of these attacks, include the passengers and crew of the four aircraft, workers in the World Trade Center and in the Pentagon, rescue workers, and bystanders, and

WHEREAS, 10 years later the country continues to, and shall forever, mourn their tragic loss and honor their memory, and

WHEREAS, these attacks destroyed both towers of the World Trade Center, as well as adjacent buildings, and seriously damaged the Pentagon, and

WHEREAS, these attacks were by far the deadliest terrorist attacks ever launched against the United States, and, by targeting symbols of American strength and success, were intended to assail the principles, values, and freedoms of the United States and the American people, intimidate our Nation and weaken its resolve, and

WHEREAS, memorials have been constructed to honor the victims of these attacks at the Pentagon, in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and on the World Trade Center grounds, so that Americans and people from around the world can visit to mourn those lost and to pay tribute to the heroic action and sacrifice of those who have served our communities and our country in the years since the attacks, and

WHEREAS, 10 years after September 11, 2001, the United States continues to fight terrorists and other extremists who threaten America and her friends and allies, and

WHEREAS, successive Congresses have passed and Presidents have signed numerous laws to assist victims of terrorism, protect our Nation, combat terrorism at home and abroad, and support the members of the Armed Forces who courageously defend the United States, and

WHEREAS, by the tireless efforts of our intelligence, military, and law enforcement professionals, the United States has been able to significantly degrade the al Qaida network, by taking into custody or killing senior al Qaida leaders, operational managers, and key facilitators, and owes a debt of gratitude to the focused and persistent efforts of all those personnel involved in the removal of Osama bin Laden, and

WHEREAS, the terrorist attacks that have occurred around the world since September 11, 2001, remind us of the hateful inhumanity of terrorism and the ongoing threat it poses to freedom, justice, and the rule of law, and

WHEREAS, United States law enforcement and intelligence agencies and our allies around the world have worked together to detect and disrupt terrorist networks and numerous terror plots since September 11, 2001, and have ensured that no attacks have been carried out on American soil since that day, and

WHEREAS, the nation is forever indebted to the brave military, intelligence, law enforcement, and civilian personnel serving in Afghanistan, Iraq, and elsewhere in advancement of United States national interests, and

WHEREAS, thousands of families have lost loved ones in the defense of freedom and liberty against the tyranny of terror, and

WHEREAS, the passage of ten years has not diminished the pain caused by the senseless loss of nearly 3,000 persons killed on September 11, 2001;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Virginia that the Board hereby:

- 1. Recognizes September 11 as a day of solemn commemoration;*
- 2. Extends again its deepest sympathies to the thousands of innocent victims of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and to their families, friends, and loved ones;*

3. *Honors the heroism and the sacrifices of United States military and civilian personnel and their families who have sacrificed much, including their lives and health, in defense of their country;*
4. *Credits the heroism of first responders, law enforcement personnel, State and local officials, volunteers, and others who aided the victims of these attacks and, in so doing, bravely risked their own lives and long-term health;*
5. *Expresses thanks and gratitude to the foreign leaders and citizens of all nations who have assisted and continue to stand in solidarity with the United States against terrorism in the aftermath of the attacks on September 11, 2001, and asks them to continue to stand with the United States against international terrorism;*
6. *Commends the military and intelligence personnel involved in the removal of Osama bin Laden;*
7. *Reasserts its commitment to opposing violent extremism arrayed against American interests and to providing the United States military, intelligence, and law enforcement communities with the resources and support to do so effectively and safely;*
8. *Vows that it will continue to identify, intercept, and disrupt terrorists and their activities, and*
9. *Reaffirms that the American people will never forget the sacrifices made on September 11, 2001, and will never bow to terrorist demands.*

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

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

6. Public Hearings:

a. Request(s) for Rezoning:

1. Clifton-Stewart Rentals, LLC, Property Tax Map Numbers 106C-2-135 and 107-1-134: Request to Rezone Approximately 14 Acres of Property Located on the Southside of State Route 11 (Lee Highway) at the intersection of State Route 11 (Lee Highway) and Viceroy Drive (private road) from R-2 (Residential, General) and A-2 (Agricultural, General) to B-2 (Business, General), Madison Magisterial District, A-01 Election District

Mr. McCall stated he would abstain from participation in this item due to a conflict of interest.

County Zoning and Subdivision Official Cathie Freeman addressed the board and provided an overview of the proceedings before the Washington County Planning Commission at their September 26, 2011 meeting in regards to the request of Clifton-Stewart Rentals, LLC to rezone 14 acres of property they

recently purchased from the current R-2 (Residential, General) and A-2 (Agricultural, General) to B-2 (Business, General) in order to construct a medical office and pharmacy. The current zoning designation does allow for construction of professional offices, but a rezoning to B-2 would make the property more suitable.

Ms. Freeman further explained there was no opposition from the public expressed during the Planning Commission's public hearing on this request. The Planning Commission recommended the governing body approve the request.

Ms. Price inquired about Planning Commission Member Paul Widener's concerns about the effect on the Urban Development Corridor (UDA).

Ms. Freeman explained designation UDAs is a state initiative. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) awarded the County a \$50,000 grant to hire the firm of Cox and Associates to identify an area in the County that would have room for a dense type of development. The Exit 19 area has been targeted as a UDA. If the County pursues a UDA in this area, an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance and update to the Comprehensive Plan would be required. It would also require updates to infrastructure such as water and sewer.

Ms. Freeman further explained that Planning Commission Members John Lentz and Paul Widener had concerns with the rezoning request because of the development at Exit 19 and with traffic. She further explained Mr. Jimmy Stewart contacted VDOT about the traffic issues, and VDOT approved an entrance off of Route 11 to the property in question.

Mr. Straten explained his concern with the rezoning request relates to infrastructure. Should the Board approve the rezoning the entire 14 acre tract there is no longer control about what happens with the property, and he is concerned the infrastructure could not handle the development. He further explained the County has put in place a committee to review revenues and fees, and recommended action to approve this type of rezoning request be delayed to allow time for that Committee to look at a capital plan for the County.

Mr. Taylor asked for a staff report on the recent meeting with VDOT regarding Highway 11.

Mr. Reeter explained VDOT is considering the undertaking of a study to designate the portion of Highway 11 in the vicinity of the new Johnston Memorial Hospital a limited or restricted access area. VDOT is currently in the process of collecting preliminary data. It is anticipated that in January/February, VDOT will make a presentation to the Board about their recommendations for this portion of Highway 11. He further explained it is important to understand the implications of what VDOT is planning for the area, and if the Board would wish to go with a limited access corridor. VDOT will ask if the County is willing to undertake such a program. If the Board chooses not to proceed, VDOT will not proceed with the study and will implement restrictions they believe are necessary.

Mr. McCall explained his understanding of a limited access for Highway 11 from Exit 19 to Exit 22 is that four lanes would be constructed and traffic would have to make a right turn.

Ms. Mumpower opened the public hearing and invited comments in support of and in opposition to the request to rezone property.

Mr. Jimmy Stuart addressed the Board and explained that Clifton Stewart wishes to have the 14 acres of property in question rezoned to B-2 in order to keep out the other markets that are permitted in an A-2 area. B-2 allows for construction of professional offices and restaurants. He addressed concerns expressed about infrastructure and explained that water and sewer is available to accommodate development on the property. Clifton Stewart would not have purchased the property had adequate infrastructure not been available; water lines were improved when the new hospital was constructed. Mr. Stewart next addressed traffic issues and explained that VDOT only approved one entrance to the property.

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

Further discussions ensued among the Board, staff and Mr. Stewart.

Mr. Taylor asked if Clifton Stewart has submitted a development plan to the County.

Mr. Stewart explained a plan has not been submitted. Clifton Stewart would like development to be limited to medical/business offices, which is their reason for requesting a rezoning to B-2.

Mr. Taylor asked if there were plans to further subdivide the property.

Mr. Stewart explained the property would be further divided.

Mr. Taylor asked if deed restrictions, in addition to County regulations, would be placed on the property when sold.

Mr. Stewart stated the lending institutions will not allow for such restrictions. He further explained that Clifton Stewart envisions the property to have a campus environment; they do not want to see a strip mall.

Mr. Taylor questioned staff about the technical review process for development plans.

Mr. Reeter explained the County has a Technical Review Committee in place that reviews plans.

Mr. Taylor asked staff how Clifton Stewart's proposed development relates to the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Reeter explained he would search the Comp Plan and provide an answer.

Mr. Straten explained in light of the medical school, the potential for gas well drilling, and since Clifton-Stewart can build on the property with the current zoning designation; he proposes a motion to table the rezoning request. The Board could reconsider the request after VDOT makes their presentation. In addition, the County needs to look at other issues before decisions are made to rezone massive amounts property. Mr. Straten stated he does not have an urgency to rezone the property at this time.

Ms. Freeman explained if the property were rezoned to B-2, Clifton Stewart could build up to the property line. The R-2 zoning designation imposes a minimum setback of 10', therefore making construction in an R-2 zoning area more difficult. Also, it is easier to enforce zoning issues if there is one zoning designation. Ms. Freeman added the Board could decrease the amount of acreage in the request to be rezoned.

Mr. Stuart explained all 14 acres are not developable. He discussed the topography of the land and location of several retention basins. The developable acreage is about 5-6 acres. Mr. Stuart stated the plans are to construct three buildings on the property.

Mr. Reeter advised the Board that Chapter 3, Roman Numeral III-7 of the County Comprehensive Plan notes the different types of developments that are likely to occur. The area in question is all indicated as being a commercial development zone. There are areas to the north and south of Highway 11 that are principally residential areas. Property directly in front of the hospital is indicated for commercial development.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, second by Mr. Owens, the Board acted to follow the recommendation of the Washington County Planning Commission and approve the request of Clifton-Stewart Rentals, LLC to Rezone Approximately 14 Acres of Property Located on the Southside of State Route 11 (Lee Highway) at the intersection of State Route 11 (Lee Highway) and Viceroy Drive (private road) from R-2 (Residential, General) and A-2 (Agricultural, General) to B-2 (Business, General), Madison Magisterial District, A-01 Election District.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (5-0-1)

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

7. General Business:

a. Actionable Items:

1. Consideration of Authorization to Bid Renovations to Washington County Government Center Building

Mr. Sam Kiser with Thompson & Litton, the design firm for the renovations to the Washington County Government Center Building, presented a request to proceed with advertising for bid of the building renovation project. Mr. Kiser explained during the design phase, staff has given feedback on design ideas and specific needs for the work areas. He explained materials were provided to the Board that outline timeline for advertising, reviewing of bids and awarding the construction contract.

Mr. Owens (County Facilities Committee Member) provided a report on the Government Center Renovation Project. He explained the design plans have been reviewed by the Treasurer and Commissioner of Revenue, whose offices will occupy the first floor of the building. The plans for the second floor have been reviewed by staff and will provide office space for the County Administrative Division. Mr. Owens further explained there will be bid alternates for items the Board can make a decision as to whether or not to include with the renovation project.

Discussions ensued among the Board, Mr. Kiser and staff.

On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Mr., Straten the Board acted to authorize bidding of renovations to the Washington County Government Center Building.

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

<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>Nay</i>
<i>Mr. Straten</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Taylor</i>	<i>Aye</i>

2. Consideration of Appointment to Various Board, Authorities and Commissions

On motion of Ms. Price, second by Mr. Owens, the Board acted to appoint the following individuals to the Community Criminal Justice Board of Southwest Community Corrections:

- The Honorable Elizabeth S. Willis, Juvenile and Domestic Judge Representative*
- The Honorable Henry A. Vanover, Circuit Court Judge Representative*
- The Honorable Sage B. Johnson, District Court Judge Representative*
- Ms. Allison Steele, Education Representative*
- Mr. William H. Price, Chief of Police Representative*
- Ms. Ruth Hale, Chief Magistrate Representative*
- Mr. David Bradley, Sheriff's Representative*
- Mr. Roy Evans, Commonwealth Attorney Representative*
- Mr. Steve Clear, Regional Jail Representative*
- Mr. Kevin Tiller, Defense Attorney Representative*
- Ms. Sharon Alderson, Community Service Representative*

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

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

On motion of Mr. McCall, second by Mr. Owens, the Board acted to appoint Henry S. Snodgrass to represent the Harrison Election District on the Industrial Development Authority of Washington County for a four year term beginning November 14, 2011 and expiring on November 13, 2015.

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

<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. Straten</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Mr. Taylor Aye

On motion of Mr. Taylor, second by Mr. Straten, the Board acted to reappoint William M. "Mark" Nelson to represent the Monroe Election District on the Industrial Development Authority of Washington County for a four year term beginning November 14, 2011 and expiring November 13, 2015.

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

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

3. Consideration of Public Information Meeting Concerning Natural Gas Extraction Issues as Recommended by Joint County Planning & Land Use Committee

Ms. Phillips presented the recommendation of the County Land Use Steering Committee that the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors hold a joint meeting solely to educate the two bodies on the issue of natural gas extraction. She explained her memo to the Board included in agenda materials states in detail the recommendation of the Committee. This is a matter of interest now because of permit applications pending with the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME) to drill for natural gas in the Tyler District; there may be more applications to follow.

Ms. Phillips further explained there is new technology (hydro-fracking) to allow for extraction of natural gas. This method of extraction is very controversial nationally. The County Zoning Ordinance currently does not allow for natural gas drilling in the County. For this reason, the Committee has taken the issue under advisement. They have received presentations from DMME and from the company with applications pending with DMME. The Committee understands the complexity of the issues and felt insufficient to make a recommendation; therefore, they recommend the Board and Planning Commission be presented with information from the experts. Ms. Phillips advised that the Commission proposes the meeting be scheduled in November. She noted that Supervisors Tom Taylor and Phillip McCall were members of the Committee along with John Lentz and Bill Canter representing the Planning Commission.

Mr. McCall explained the Committee discussed the issues at length, and felt a joint meeting of the Planning Commission and Board to conduct a public information meeting with presentations from the experts should be the next step taken in this matter. The purpose of the meeting would be to receive information with no action taken by either the Board or Planning Commission. Mr. McCall proposed waiting until January when the new Board is seated to schedule the public information meeting.

Discussions ensued among the Board.

It was consensus of the Board to schedule the public information meeting in January 2012.

Ms. Phillips asked if she has permission of the Board to work with Mr. Reeter on identifying a date.

The Board granted Ms. Phillips permission.

4. Consideration of County Personnel Committee Recommendation Concerning Salary Supplementation for Washington County Sheriff’s Office Dispatch Personnel

Sheriff Fred Newman addressed the Board concerning his request to provide salary supplements for the Sheriff’s Office Central Dispatch personnel. He stated there is ongoing problems attracting, hiring and retaining qualified personnel. Currently, six of the 14 communications operators have less than one year experience. Sheriff Newman further stated he is not requesting additional funds from the County, but is asking for authorization to utilize Traffic Enforcement funds to pay for the requested salary supplement.

Discussion ensued among the Board and Sheriff Newman.

Ms. Mumpower stated the Personnel Committee had reviewed Sheriff Newman’s salary supplement request, and are recommending Board approval.

Further discussion ensued.

On motion of Mr. McCall, second by Ms. Price, the Board acted to approve a supplemental appropriation of \$36,964.00 from the Traffic Enforcement Fund to the County General Fund for salary adjustments for County Central Dispatch personnel.

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

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

5. Consideration of Approval FY 2012-2013 County Operating Budget Calendar

Mr. Reeter reviewed a first draft of the budget calendar for FY 2012-2013. He asked the Board to review the calendar for anticipated scheduling conflicts they may have with the listed meeting dates. Mr. Reeter also asked the Board, by consensus, to tentatively approve the FY 2012-2013 County Operating Budget Calendar, subject to final approval at the Board’s January 2012 Annual Meeting.

It was Board consensus to tentatively approve the FY 2012-2013 County Operating Budget Calendar.

6. Consideration of Voting Credentials for 2011 Virginia Association of Counties Annual Business Meeting

It was consensus of the Board to designate Joe Straten as the as the Board’s voting representative (and Dulcie Mumpower as alternate) to the 2011 VACo Annual Business meeting.

7. Consideration of Rescheduling of November 8 Regular Board Meeting

Mr. Reeter asked the Board to consider rescheduling the November 8 regular Board meeting in deference to Election Day. He noted there may be a need for a joint meeting with the Industrial Development Authority prior to the rescheduled regular meeting.

On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Ms. Price, the Board acted to reschedule the November 8 regular meeting to 6:30 p.m. on November 9.

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

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

b. Information Items:

1. Update Report by Commissioner of Revenue

County Commissioner of Revenue David Henry reported to the Board a new supplemental real estate tax assessment for calendar year 2008. Spectra Energy, who owns and operates Saltville Gas Storage, was sent a 2008 supplemental tax bill for approximately \$456,000. The County had hired Pritchard and Abbot to properly assess Spectra Energy’s unique underground gas storage facilities.

Pritchard and Abbot are currently working on the supplemental real estate tax assessment for calendar year 2009. Once the supplemental assessment is determined, this amount will be carried forward and used for tax years of 2010, 2011 and 2012. Mr. Henry stated he would keep the Board updated on the 2009 supplemental tax assessment.

Discussion ensued among the Board and Mr. Henry.

8. Board Member Reports

Ms. Price reported the two Board of Supervisors candidates for the Monroe District seat on the Board would be guests on her radio show on 90.7 FM this Friday (October 14) at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Taylor explained the County needs a professional planner on staff. This position would be an asset in gathering information to help the Board make the best decisions on land use matters. He hopes the Personnel Committee take a serious look at the need to for a planner, and stated there will be funds from the unexpected revenue to pay the salary and benefits for this position.

Mr. Straten stated he believes there is justification for a planner and a capital improvement plan for the County.

Mr. Straten reported the Taylor District Public Information Meeting will be Thursday, October 13 at 6:30 p.m., Rhea Valley Elementary School.

Mr. Owens reported the Tyler District Public Information Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 4. He stated the attendance was less than last year, but it was a good meeting. Mr. Owens thanked Economic Development staff Christy Parker and Alicia Roland for their work on the presentation.

9. Board Information and Reminders

There was no Board information or reminders presented.

10. Adjourn or Recess

On motion of Mr. McCall, 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>Ms. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Price</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