V I R G I N I A:

At recessed meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Tuesday, April 3, 2012, at 6:30 p.m., at the County Administration Building in Abingdon, Virginia the following were present:

PRESENT:

Joseph C. Straten, Chairman
Phillip B. McCall, Vice Chairman
William B. Gibson
Dulcie M. Mumpower
Odell Owens
Randy L. Pennington
C. Wayne Stevens, Jr.

Mark K. Reeter, County Administrator
Lucy E. Phillips, County Attorney
Mark W. Seamon, Director of Budget & Finance

ABSENT:

Naoma A. Norris, CAP, Executive Assistant/Recording Clerk

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Joe Straten, Chairman of the Board, who welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Wayne Stevens gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda

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

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

Mr. Gibson	***Aye***
Mr. McCall	***Aye***
Ms. Mumpower	***Aye***

Mr. Owens ***Aye***
Mr. Pennington ***Aye***
Mr. Stevens ***Aye***
Mr. Straten ***Aye***

4. Review of Tentative Adjustments to Budgetary Departments within Requested & Recommended County Operating Budget for FY 2012-2013 from March 22 Recessed Meeting

Budget & Finance Director Mark Seamon provided the Board with a review of adjustments to the Requested & Recommended County Operating Budget for FY 2012-2013 made at the March 22, 2012, budget adjustment work session.

Mr. Seamon next provided a review of estimates regarding the effect of changes to the Virginia Retirement System.

5. Consideration of Tentative Adjustments to and Preliminary Approvals of Budgetary Departments within Requested & Recommended County Operating Budget for FY 2012-2013

a. School General Fund:

Mr. Reeter and Mr. Seamon reviewed anticipated state revenue increases for public education, and presented for Board consideration various funding options for the School General Fund.

Scrivener's Note: The funding options referenced above is included as Minutes Exhibits Item 2012-4-03-A.

6. Re-consideration (Re-visitation) of Tentative Adjustments to and Preliminary Approvals of Budgetary Departments within Requested & Recommended County Operating Budget for FY 2012-2013

a. Dept. 12210 – County Attorney

On motion of Ms. Mumpower, second by Mr. Stevens, it was resolved to modify Dept. 12210 – County Attorney by reducing a total of $3,295 from conferences & education, dues & memberships, and books & subscriptions, and to tentatively approve the FY 2012-2013 Budget for Dept. 12210 – County Attorney in the amount of $280,679.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (5-2)

Mr. Gibson ***Nay***
Mr. McCall ***Aye***
Ms. Mumpower ***Aye***
Mr. Owens ***Aye***
Mr. Pennington ***Nay***

Mr. Stevens ***Aye***
Mr. Straten ***Aye***

b. Dept. 2110 – Circuit Court

No further action taken on this department.

c. Dept. 43210 – General Services – Government Center Building

No further action taken on this department.

d. Dept. 81500 – Dept. of Economic Development & Community Relations

On motion of Ms. Mumpower, second by Mr. Stevens, it was resolved to modify Fund 001 – Dept. 81500 – Dept. of Economic Development & Community Relations by reducing a total of $4,164.40 from conference & education and books and subscriptions.

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

Mr. Gibson ***Aye***
Mr. McCall ***Aye***
Ms. Mumpower ***Aye***
Mr. Owens ***Aye***
Mr. Pennington ***Aye***
Mr. Stevens ***Aye***
Mr. Straten ***Aye***

On motion of Mr. Pennington, second by Mr. Gibson, it was resolved to modify Fund 001-Dept. 81500-Dept. of Economic Development & Community Relations by reducing $10,000 for the public information meetings, and to tentatively approve the FY 2012-2013 Budget for Dept. 81500 – Dept. of Economic Development & Community Relations in the amount of $274,269.

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

Mr. Gibson ***Aye***
Mr. McCall ***Aye***
Ms. Mumpower ***Nay***
Mr. Owens ***Aye***
Mr. Pennington ***Aye***
Mr. Stevens ***Aye***
Mr. Straten ***Aye***

e. Final Re-considerations No Previously Identified in Prior Budget Adjustment Worksessions

The Board reviewed the recommendations of the County Revenue Review Committee regarding the Solid Waste Department as presented at the March 15, 2012, budget adjustment work session. Subsequently, the following action was taken:

On motion of Ms. Mumpower, second by Mr. Pennington, the Board acted to:

1. ***Increase the tipping fees at the transfer station to $35.00 for inside county waste and $38.00 for outside county waste.***

2. ***Close manned convenience sites on Wednesdays.***

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

Mr. Gibson	***Aye***
Mr. McCall	***Aye***
Ms. Mumpower	***Aye***
Mr. Owens	***Aye***
Mr. Pennington	***Aye***
Mr. Stevens	***Aye***
Mr. Straten	***Aye***

Lengthy discussions ensued among the Board relating to issues pertaining to the FY 2012-13 County Operating Budget with the following actions being taken:

On motion of Mr. Pennington, second by Mr. Stevens, it was resolved to eliminate from the FY 2012-2013 County Operating Budget the 3% salary adjustment for all non-school related employees.

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

Mr. Gibson	***Aye***
Mr. McCall	***Nay***
Ms. Mumpower	***Nay***
Mr. Owens	***Nay***
Mr. Pennington	***Aye***
Mr. Stevens	***Aye***
Mr. Straten	***Nay***

The motion failed.

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On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Pennington, it was resolved to request that all departments and agencies look at their budgets for the possibility of up to 5% additional cuts, including fire and rescue.

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

Mr. Gibson	***Aye***
Mr. McCall	***Aye***
Ms. Mumpower	***Aye***
Mr. Owens	***Aye***
Mr. Pennington	***Aye***
Mr. Stevens	***Aye***
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Mr. Straten Aye

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On motion of Mr. Gibson, second by Mr. Pennington, it was resolved to transfer $400,000 out of undesignated reserves into the general budget to reduce the real property tax rate by one penny.

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

Mr. Gibson	***Aye***
Mr. McCall	***Nay***
Ms. Mumpower	***Nay***
Mr. Owens	***Nay***
Mr. Pennington	***Aye***
Mr. Stevens	***Aye***
Mr. Straten	***Nay***

The motion failed.

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On motion of Mr. Gibson, second by Mr. Stevens, it was resolved to provide a 3% salary adjustment only for those County employees making less than $40,000.

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

Mr. Gibson	***Aye***
Mr. McCall	***Aye***
Ms. Mumpower	***Nay***
Mr. Owens	***Nay***
Mr. Pennington	***Aye***
Mr. Stevens	***Aye***
Mr. Straten	***Nay***

7. <u>Consideration of Adoption of Resolution Establishing County Real Property Tax Rate for Tax Year 2012</u>

Discussions ensued among the Board regarding funding options for the School General Fund as presented earlier in the meeting by Mr. Reeter and Mr. Seamon. Subsequently, the following action was taken:

A motion was made by Mr. Gibson, and a second by Mr. Stevens, to accept funding option E for the School General Fund increasing the real property tax rate from $.58 to $.62. (This option assumes $3,200,000.00 in new local and $800,000.00 in new state funding to the schools.

Substitute motion:

On motion of Ms. Mumpower, second by Mr. Owens, it was resolved to accept funding option D for the School General Fund increasing the real property tax rate from $.58 to $.63.

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

Mr. Gibson	***Nay***
Mr. McCall	***Aye***
Ms. Mumpower	***Aye***
Mr. Owens	***Aye***
Mr. Pennington	***Nay***
Mr. Stevens	***Nay***
Mr. Straten	***Aye***

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On motion of Mr. McCall, second by Mr. Owens, the Board acted to adopt the following Resolution establishing the real property tax rate for Tax Year 2012 to $.63 per $100 of assessed value:

RESOLUTION 2012-13
ESTABLISHMENT OF REAL PROPERTY TAX RATE
FOR TAX YEAR 2012 OF FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013

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 2012-2013; 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 2012 – 2013; 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 2012 of Fiscal Year 2012 - 2013 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;
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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 2012 of Fiscal Year 2012 - 2013 is hereby set as follows:

> ***A County-wide unit levy for general County purposes and school purposes of Sixty-three cents ($0.63) 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.***
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> ***A County-wide unit levy for general County purposes and school purposes of Sixty-three cents ($0.63) 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 2012-2013 shall be set at the time of adoption of the County budget, not later than June 30, 2012.

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

Mr. Gibson	***Nay***
Mr. McCall	***Aye***
Ms. Mumpower	***Aye***
Mr. Owens	***Aye***
Mr. Pennington	***Nay***
Mr. Stevens	***Nay***
Mr. Straten	***Aye***

8. <u>Adjourn or Recess</u>

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Owens, it was resolved to recess the meeting to 6:30 p.m. on April 4, 2012 for a joint meeting with Abingdon Town Council.

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

Mr. Gibson	***Aye***
Mr. McCall	***Aye***
Ms. Mumpower	***Aye***
Mr. Owens	***Aye***
Mr. Pennington	***Aye***
Mr. Stevens	***Aye***
Mr. Straten	***Aye***

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Prepared by:

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Naoma A. Norris, Recording Clerk

Approved by the Washington County Board of Supervisors:

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Joseph C. Straten, Chairman