V I R G I N I A:

At a recessed joint meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors and Virginia Highlands Airport Authority held Thursday, April 26, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., at the Virginia Highlands Airport in Abingdon, Virginia the following were present:

PRESENT:

Board of Supervisors:

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

Mark K. Reeter, County Administrator
Lucy E. Phillips, County Attorney
Naoma A. Norris, CAP, Executive Assistant/Recording Clerk

Virginia Highlands Airport Authority:

Stephen R. Lowe, Chairman
Frank M. Buchanan III, Vice Chairman
David G. Anderson
Edward "Earl" Maine
David N. Matlock

Mickey Hines, Airport Manager
Ruth Denton Canter, Airport Secretary
Kristy Miller, Airport Assistant Secretary

Others Present:

Charlie Lamb, CEO, Delta Airport Consultants, Inc.
Tracy Saunders, Delta Airport Consultants, Inc. – Charlotte (Airport Engineer)

ABSENT:

Board of Supervisors:

Dulcie M. Mumpower

Virginia Highlands Airport Authority:

John Matney
John Russell White

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1. Call to Order

Board of Supervisors:

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

Mr. Straten noted that Supervisor Dulcie Mumpower would not be attending the meeting.

Virginia Highlands Airport Authority:

The meeting of the Virginia Highlands Airport Authority was called to order.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Board of Supervisors:

On motion of Mr. Pennington, second by Mr. McCall, the Board acted to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

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

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

Virginia Highlands Airport Authority:

The Airport Authority approved the agenda by consensus.

4. Presentation Concerning Status of Virginia Highlands Airport Runway Expansion Project

Virginia Highlands Airport Manager Mickey Hines used a PowerPoint Presentation to present an update on the Airport and the Airport Expansion Project. An estimated time line for the expansion project is as follows:

Capital Project:	Year:
Obstruction Removal Runway 24	2013/2014
Land Acquisition Services Runway 6	2013
Land Acquisition Runway 6	2014
Runway 6 Extension Design & Engineering	2015
Route 611 Relocation Construction	2016
Wetland Mitigation and Runway 6 Construction Phase 1	2017
Phases II thru IV	2018-2020

At this time, Mr. Tracy Saunders and Mr. Charlie Lamb with Delta Airport Consultants, Inc., provided a presentation on capital programs and the expansion project at Virginia Highlands Airport.

Scrivener's Note: The Presentations referenced above are included as Minutes Exhibits Item 2012-4-26-A.

A period of questions and answers ensued among the Board of Supervisors, Airport Authority members, Mr. Reeter, Mr. Hines, Mr. Saunders and Mr. Lamb. Of particular discussion was possible use of any additional property that is being purchased for the runway expansion project as an aviation business park. Mr. Reeter recommended a working group comprised of members of the County's Industrial Development Authority and Virginia Highlands Airport Authority be established to explore the viability of an aviation business park.

5. Adjourn or Recess

Board of Supervisors:

Mr. Straten on behalf of the Board of Supervisors thanked the Virginia Highlands Airport Authority for hosting the joint meeting.

The Board of Supervisors took a brief recess.

Virginia Highlands Airport Authority:

The meeting of the Virginia Highlands Airport Authority adjourned.

6. Reconvene Recessed Meeting of Board of Supervisors

Mr. Straten called the recessed meeting of the Board of Supervisors back to order.

7. Presentation by Virginia Department of Transportation Concerning Status of Washington County's Six-Year Plans for Interstate, Primary and Secondary Highway Improvements & U. S. Highway 11 Access Management Initiative

Mr. Matthew Cox, Program and Investment Director for the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) – Bristol District, presented a draft of the Secondary Six Year Pan for Washington County. The following is a list of construction projects on the Plan:

Regular Construction

Route 609 (Hillman Highway) -- public hearings held, in process of purchasing right-of-ways, planning to advertise in November 2013.

Route 614 (Barnrock Road) -- project is in the right-of-way procurement phase; September 2012 is the anticipated advertising date.

Route 611 (Exit 13 back to Jonesboro Road - Spring Branch) -- funding is in place for preliminary engineering; public hearing will be held in December 2012. It was noted that this project is not fully funded.

Unpaved Roads

First Priority is Route 691 (Clinch Mountain Road) that is being developed as rural rustic and fully funded.

Second and Third Priority is Route 644 (back to back segments of Whitaker Hollow Road) being developed as rural rustic (2 miles) and fully funded.

Final Priority is Route 676 (Azure Lane). This is a two mile section of roadway. There is some funding in place, but not enough to finish construction of the road. The estimated construction costs are $4 million. The road is not a candidate for the Rural Rustic Program.

Mr. Cox explained the public hearing for the Six Year Plan is anticipated to be scheduled for the May 22 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Scrivener's Note: The Six Year Plan referenced above is included as Minutes Exhibits Item 2012-4-26-B.

Mr. Conrad Hill, VDOT Residency Administrator for Washington County, provided an update on the Rural Rustic Road Program guidelines, and talked in more detail about the projects in the County being built by these program guidelines (Clinch Mountain and Whitaker Hollow).

Mr. Donny Necessary, District Planner for VDOT Bristol District, discussed the study currently underway on the section of highway from Hillman Highway along Route 11 to Enterprise Drive (Route 704) that will assist in creation of a development plan for this corridor. A public hearing will be held in connection with the study and is scheduled for June 19, 2012 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Coomes Center in Abingdon, VA.

Substantial discussions among the Board of Supervisors and VDOT staff were devoted to development along the Route 11 corridor.

8. Adjourn or Recess

On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Mr. Stevens, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting.

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

Mr. Gibson	***Aye***
Mr. McCall	***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