V I R G I N I A:

At a recessed meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Monday, April 16, 1990, at 7:00 p.m., at the County Administration Building in Abingdon, Virginia, the following were present:

PRESENT:

James P. Litton, Chairman
Maurice H. Parris, Vice Chairman
Kenneth G. Mathews
Aubrey E. Brown
Charles O. Byrd
Thomas Whittaker

Joseph L. Howard, Jr., County Attorney, Acting County Admin.
Mark W. Seamon, Director of Accounting
Sandra M. Hatfield, Secretary

ABSENT:

Cecil K. Simcox (Mr. Simcox left before the meeting started)

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1. Call to Order

The recessed meeting was called to order by Mr. James P. Litton, Chairman of the Board.

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2. Presentation of Budget Requests

Mr. Litton and members of the Board received formal budget presentations from the following department heads and agencies:

:: Mr. Ken Savage and Mr. Emmitt Yeary, Commissioners, Virginia Highlands Airport Commission, gave an overview of their expansion program. Mr. Savage requested additional funding of $194,487 (over three year period) beyond their budget request in order to complete construction of the Airport. Mr. Savage commented on the following proposed capital projects for 1990-91: Land/Easement Acquisition; Fuel Farm; Refueler Trucks; East Apron Expansion; and the development of a brochure. Mr. Yeary urged the Supervisors to support budget request adding it is critical that the Airport Commission have matching funds for potential federal and state grants.

:: Doug Meade, Director, Department of Social Services, highlighted the Department of Social Services budget proposal explaining there is a 4.2% pay increase in the budget for staff and two new staff positions.

:: Buckey Boone, Director, Office on Youth requested continued funding for the Office on Youth program pointing out state and local sources of funds. The following members of the Board of Directors addressed the Supervisors each requesting continued funding for the program: Tom Castile; Carolyn Peterson, Head Start Program; John Hulvey, Jr., Student Representative from Abingdon High School; Cathy Baldwin and Vassie Vaught, Chuck Starks, Board of Directors, Office on Youth.

:: Suzanne Lay, Executive Director, Chamber of Commerce speaking for the Chamber as well as for the Industrial Development Authority in the absence of Chairman Frank Buchanan;

:: Vassie Vault, Executive Director, Southwest Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council, Inc.;

:: Bill Parsons, Bristol Life Saving Crew, Incorporated

:: Donna Smith, Director of Operations, District III Governmental Cooperative;

:: Jim Smith, speaking for Dr. Craig Smith of the Mount Rogers Health District, explained the increase in the budget request is due to staff cost increases and regrading of nursing personnel.

:: Tommy DeBusk, Glade Area Recreation, explained gate receipts were down and the organization incurred extra expenses due to the high school using the playing field.

:: Victoria Tucker, Executive Director, Big Brothers-Big Sisters, and Jeff Barth, expressed appreciation to the Supervisors for their financial support in the past year.

Mr. Mathews distributed data compiled by Mount Rogers Planning District Commission comparing total sales tax for the City of Bristol, Galax, Bland, Carroll, Grayson, Smyth, Wythe and Washington Counties for the years 1981 and 1988. Mr. Mathews stated the information is provided to illustrate there is growth in Washington County and that the County tax structure was not harmful.

On motion of Mr. Whittaker, second by Mr. Mathews, it was resolved to approve supplemental appropriation of $293.00 to allow payment of EMS One for Life Funds to the volunteer rescue squads of Emergency Volunteers Association.

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

Mr. Mathews	Aye	Mr. Litton	Aye	Mr. Brown	Aye
Mr. Byrd	Aye	Mr. Parris	Aye	Mr. Whittaker	Aye

Supervisors agreed to meet on Thursday, April 19, 1990 to develop plans for hiring a County Administrator and a County Attorney.

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1. Recess to Thursday, April 19, 1990 to Continue Presentation of Budgets from County Departments and Agencies

On motion of Mr. Whittaker, second by Mr. Parris, it was resolved to recess to Thursday, April 19, 1990 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Mr. Mathews	Aye	Mr. Litton	Aye	Mr. Brown	Aye
Mr. Byrd	Aye	Mr. Parris	Aye	Mr. Whittaker	Aye

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James P. Litton, Chairman