

V I R G I N I A:

At a recessed meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Wednesday, December 12, 1990, at 7:30 p.m., at The Tavern Restaurant, Main Street, 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
 Cecil K. Simcox

Bruce E. Bentley, County Administrator
 Cliff Walsh, County Attorney
 Sandra M. Hatfield, Secretary

1. Call to Order and Welcome

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

Mr. Litton welcomed the following people in attendance:

Senator William C. Wampler, Jr.
 Delegate Joseph P. Johnson, Jr.
 Delegate G. C. Jennings
 Thomas G. Taylor, Executive Director
 Mount Rogers Planning District Commission

Invited to the meeting but not in attendance was Delegate Ford C. Quillen.

2. Dinner Meeting with Legislators to discuss legislative issues for consideration in the 1991 Session of the General Assembly

Mr. Litton stated the purpose of the dinner meeting was to discuss legislative issues of particular concern to Washington County and issues being considered in the 1991 Session of the General Assembly.

3. Topics:

The following topics were presented and discussed at length. Legislators expressed their viewpoints on each issue. Some significant comments on particular topics are noted. .

:: School Equalization Funding, and Potential School Funding Next Two Years;

:: Enact authorization for local governments to levy an additional one-half of one percent local option sales tax for general governmental purposes;

Senator Wampler stated he will reintroduce a bill to have one-half cent local option sales tax. He stated the bill will provide for a referendum action. Discussion ensued about the merits of a state wide sales tax rather than a local sales tax.

:: Fund State Mandates;

:: Amend the Virginia Constitution to grant borrowing power to counties equivalent to that which currently exists for cities and towns to spur economic development through expanded infrastructure and facilities to attract industry;

:: Lottery allocations to localities;

Delegate Jennings stated his viewpoint that for the next few years, lottery funds will be used to balance the budget.

Discussion of using lottery funds to help education mandates resulted in a consensus by a majority of the supervisors stating they did not want any restrictions placed on the lottery proceeds that are returned to the localities.

Board Members encouraged the legislators to do whatever is necessary to accomplish returning a portion of the lottery proceeds to the localities.

:: Funding for Route 58;

Delegate Jennings stated the money is available for Route 58 development. He explained the Department of Transportation has a contract with independent consultants to seek the exact route. He stated everyone should be cognizant that we do not want Route 58 on Routes I-77 or I-81. He encouraged the Supervisors to actively work on Route 58 going through Washington County.

:: Request elimination of payment of Dog Damage Claims under Section 3.1-796.118 of the Code of Virginia;

Supervisors requested help from the legislators in eliminating payment of dog damage claims as required by the Code of Virginia.

:: Department of Social Service: Support of an 18 month study and analysis to evaluate the feasibility of restructuring the Commonwealth's social service delivery system;

- :: Department of License Agent Office Closure;
- :: State charges for review of new landfills to meet State man-
dates;
- :: Virginia Welcome Center closing;
- :: No funding for IFLOWS in FY 1992;
- :: Other

There were no other topics.

There was consensus agreement to recess the meeting to December 17, 1990, at 7:00 p.m., in order to discuss establishing the salary of the resource management consultant, and to define effective date of employment, location he will work from, and car allowance.

It was determined that Mr. Bentley will develop a job description.

4. Adjournment

On motion of Mr. Whittaker, second by Mr. Parris, it was resolved to recess the meeting to Monday, December 17, 1990.

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

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

James P. Litton, Chairman