

V I R G I N I A:

At a recessed meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Thursday, April 11, 1991, at 7:00 p.m., in the Auditorium of Abingdon High School, Thompson Drive, 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
 Mark W. Seamon, Director of Accounting
 Sandra M. Hatfield, Secretary

1. Call to Order

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

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance - Cecil K. Simcox

Mr. Cecil K. Simcox gave the Invocation and led in the pledge to the flag.

3. Public Hearing for the purpose of seeking County taxpayers' input concerning the expense of providing Courthouse parking on Black's Fort Lane, building a parking garage adjacent to the Courthouse, or other citizen suggested options

Mr. Litton invited comments from the audience on Courthouse parking. The following speakers addressed the Supervisors:

Patrick Mannix, commented on justice system and made suggestions that the judges schedule morning and afternoon sessions so Supervisors would not have to provide additional parking.

Louis Atkins, questioned the Supervisors about the proposals under consideration. Mr. Atkins expressed his viewpoint that courthouse parking should be user paid and not paid for by the taxpayers, and that taxpayer

dollars should be used for the courthouse renovation. He stated a three story parking garage should be built now.

Mr. Litton asked for a show of people in favor of a parking garage and opposed to a parking garage. There were nine people in favor and five people opposed to a parking garage.

Martha Weisfeld, expressed her concern over the appearance of a four story parking structure and questioned it being approved by the Abingdon Architectural Review Board. Mrs. Weisfeld agreed with the suggestion that the judges should schedule cases, and expressed her viewpoint that the Town of Abingdon should grant a variance for the parking requirement. She stated she is in favor of everyone finding their own parking space.

For the benefit of the audience, Mr. Mathews summarized the considerations of the Courthouse Parking Committee, and outlined the option to build a four story parking garage which will provide 120 parking spaces, 23 spaces less than the number that is required by the Town of Abingdon in order to get a building permit. Mr. Mathews expressed his hope that the Town would grant a variance for the 23 parking spaces.

A speaker from the audience stated he is opposed to the proposed Courthouse parking plans explaining that people on fixed income, as he is, cannot afford to pay more taxes.

There being no further comments, Mr. Litton declared the public hearing closed.

4. Recess to April 17, 1991 for the purpose of meeting to review projected FY 1991-1992 revenues

On motion of Mr. Mathews, second by Mr. Brown, it was resolved to recess the meeting to Wednesday, April 17, 1991, 7:00 p.m. to review FY 1991-1992 projected revenues.

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