

V I R G I N I A:

At a meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Tuesday, August 24, 1993, at 7:00 p.m., at the County Administration Building in Abingdon, Virginia, the following were present:

PRESENT:

Joe W. Derting, Chairman
 James T. Osborne, Vice Chairman
 Kenneth G. Mathews
 James P. Litton
 Maurice H. Parris
 Jackson Barker, Jr.
 Cecil K. Simcox

Bruce E. Bentley, County Administrator
 Cliff Walsh, County Attorney
 Mark W. Seamon, Director of Accounting
 Sandra M. Hatfield, CPS

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Joe W. Derting, Chairman of the Board.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance - Rev. Betty Riffe, Associate Pastor, Abingdon United Methodist Church

Reverend Betty Riffe, Associate Pastor, Abingdon United Methodist Church, gave the Invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Patrick Mannix stated he made a request to be placed on the agenda to discuss a matter of hazardous material in the Landfill and his request was denied.

Mr. Bentley requested the agenda be amended to add the following items:

- 13.b Contract Award - Construction of Two Convenience Stations
- 15.i Request to Use Courthouse - Christian Coalition

Mr. Barker requested Agenda Item 11, Discussion of Requesting Abrams Falls be Designated as a State Park Site, be postponed indefinitely since he is not prepared to make a presentation.

Mr. Litton moved, with no second, to grant Mr. Pat Mannix' request and place him on the Agenda.

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

Mr. Mathews	Nay	Mr. Litton	Aye	Mr. Derting	Nay
Mr. Osborne	Nay	Mr. Parris	Aye	Mr. Barker	Nay
Mr. Simcox	Nay				

Mr. Mathews made a motion, second by Mr. Barker, to approve postponing item No. 11 and adding items 13.b and 15.i to the agenda.

Mr. Litton made a substitute motion, with no second, to allow Mr. Whittaker to be placed on the agenda to discuss his request for access to records and letter from the Army Corps of Engineers.

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

Mr. Mathews	Nay	Mr. Litton	Aye	Mr. Derting	Nay
Mr. Osborne	Nay	Mr. Parris	Aye	Mr. Barker	Aye
Mr. Simcox	Nay				

Mr. Litton commented to the Board that they should not amend any part of the Agenda to keep from discriminating against Messrs. Mannix and Whittaker.

The vote on Mr. Mathews' motion to approve the Agenda postponing item No. 11 and adding items 13.b and 15.i was as follows (6-1):

Mr. Mathews	Aye	Mr. Litton	Nay	Mr. Derting	Aye
Mr. Osborne	Aye	Mr. Parris	Aye	Mr. Barker	Aye
Mr. Simcox	Aye				

4. Approval of Minutes of August 10 1993

On motion of Mr. Mathews, second by Mr. Barker, it was resolved to adopt the Minutes of August 10, 1993 as written.

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

Mr. Mathews	Aye	Mr. Litton	Nay	Mr. Derting	Aye
Mr. Osborne	Aye	Mr. Parris	Aye	Mr. Barker	Aye
Mr. Simcox	Aye				

5. Mr. Litton's Reports and Comments

Mr. Litton reported receiving telephone calls on Tuesday, August 17, 1993 concerning the absence of County employees during business hours in the Administration Building, and he inquired about the reason.

Mr. Litton requested the remainder of his reports and comments be moved to after recess.

6. Public Hearing to consider the adoption of a mandatory sewer and water hook-up ordinance as proposed by the Washington County Service Authority

Mr. Derting invited comments both in support of and in opposition to the adoption of a mandatory sewer and water hook-up ordinance.

The following speakers voiced their opposition to the proposed mandatory sewer and water hook-up ordinance:

James and Don Woodring, owners of a farm located in Highpoint in Sinking Creek Community, expressed concerns that their utility bill will exceed real estate taxes. Mr. James Woodring suggested the Supervisors consider amending the proposed ordinance to include a Grandfather clause for existing landowners explaining that when the property changes ownership, hook-up to the sewer line would be required. Also stated that Service Authority is not incurring debt and should not charge a non-user fee.

In response to Messrs. Woodring, Mr. Mathews explained a provision in the proposed ordinance that exempts persons having a domestic supply or source of potable water stating they shall not be required to discontinue the use of same. He concluded that a user fee would be applied to those persons who do not hook-up to the sewer line.

Discussion ensued.

In his comments, Mr. Don Woodring expressed his view that the base rate charge of \$26.50 was too high.

John Moran, resident of Hayter's Gap, expressed support for including a Grandfather clause in the proposed ordinance, and stated the Service Authority should separate sewer and waterline services.

Ross Bish, expressed his view that the Board of Supervisors should have more control over the Washington County Service Authority. He stated his objections to government regulating hook-up to water and sewer lines. He expressed his view that persons hooking on to the sewer line should only be asked to pay an interest fee for the prevailing time of use.

Bob Wilson, resident of Damascus, disagreed with mandatory hook-up ordinance stating he does not understand why people who have made substantial investments in water and septic systems that were approved by the Health

Department should subsidize those others who are not willing or unable to make that investment. He expressed his view that the fees associated with the mandatory hook-up ordinance are considered a revenue source when the services are not being utilized. He stated he opposes government forcing capital projects on residents. He urged the Supervisors to repudiate this form of financing capital expenditures, having people pay for services they are not getting.

Patrick Mannix, resident of the Highpoint community, stated he is not opposed to the sewer line project but objects to mandatory hook-up. He stated this ordinance is associated with the Virginian sewer project, that the Service Authority is currently appraising properties who have not signed easement agreements, and will make an offer which if it is not accepted, the Service Authority will initiate condemnation proceedings. He expressed his opposition to government regulations mandating capital projects whether the service is used or not.

At the invitation of Mr. Mathews, Mr. Bert Mullins, General Manager, Washington County Service Authority, responded to comments made by speakers. He explained the purpose of having the ordinance is to give the Service Authority the right to impose mandatory water and sewer hook-ups. He stated the proposed ordinance was adopted by the Service Authority in the 1950's and concurred with by the Board of Supervisors. He stated he would not recommend the Authority use mandatory hookup for water. In commenting on the language of the ordinance, Mr. Mullins stated the text is taken from the State Code.

Mr. Mullins pointed out that the State has required a copy of the ordinance as part of the CDBG Emory/Meadowview Sewer Project. Sewer rates for the Emory/Meadowview project were set at \$26.50 and will be adjusted in 1995.

With regard to statements that only one side of the road was being required to hook-up to the sewer line, Mr. Mullins responded if the sewer line is on one side of road, the Authority may install lateral lines to extend across the roadway and all property owners will be required to hook-up. He stated an availability fee of \$11.93 cannot be charged until the Authority incurs debt which he estimated will be sometime in 1994.

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

On motion of Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Litton, it was resolved to adopt the following ordinance:

BEING IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA THE FOLLOWING MANDATORY SEWER AND WATER HOOKUP ORDINANCE

Upon the acquisition or construction of any water system or sewer system or extension thereto by the Washington County Service Authority, the owner, tenant, or occupant, of each lot or parcel of land which abuts upon a street or other public way containing a water main or a water system, a sanitary sewer which is a part of or which is served or may be served by such sewer system and upon which lot or parcel a building shall have been constructed for residential, commercial or industrial use, shall as

required by the applicable rules, regulations and resolutions of the Washington County Service Authority, connect such building with such water main or sanitary sewer, and shall cease to use any other source of water supply for domestic use or any other method for the disposal of sewage, sewage waste or other polluting matter. All such connections shall be made in accordance with the rules and regulations which shall be adopted from time to time by the Washington County Service Authority, which rules and regulations may provide for a charge for making any such connection in such reasonable amount as the Washington County Service Authority may fix and establish.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this ordinance, those persons having a domestic supply or source of potable water shall not be required to discontinue the use of same. However, persons not served by a water supply system as defined in Section 15.1-341 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, producing potable water meeting the standards established by the Virginia Department of Health may be required to pay a connection fee, a front footage fee, and a monthly non user service charge, which charge shall not be more than that proportion of the minimum monthly user charge, imposed by the Washington County Service Authority, as debt service bears of the total operating and debt service costs, or any combination of such fees and charges.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this ordinance, those persons having a private septic or domestic sewage system meeting applicable standards established by the Virginia Department of Health shall not be required under this ordinance to discontinue the use of same. However, such persons may be required to pay a connection fee, a front footage fee, and a monthly non-use service charge, which charge shall not be more than that proportion of the minimum monthly user charge imposed by the Washington County Service Authority, as debt service bears to the total operating and debt service costs, or any combination of such fees and charges. This ordinance shall in no way invalidate the previous resolutions of the Washington County Service Authority or the Board of Supervisors of Washington County dealing with mandatory hookups. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this ordinance, this ordinance shall not be applicable to water projects which existed on or before December 31, 1991 or which were commissioned by the Board of Supervisors on or before December 31, 1991, specifically Mendota, Hayter's Gap, Sugar Hollow, Denton's Valley, and Dishner's Valley waterline projects.

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

Mr. Mathews	Nay	Mr. Litton	Aye	Mr. Derting	Nay
Mr. Osborne	Nay	Mr. Parris	Aye	Mr. Barker	Aye
Mr. Simcox	Aye				

7. Consideration of Resolution Declaring a State of Emergency in Washington County Due to Severe Drought Conditions (Phil Blevins, Extension Agent)

Received communication from Extension Agent Phil Blevins requesting that the Board of Supervisors declare Washington County has experienced significant losses to agricultural crops due to drought conditions. He explained the resolution would help to make federal farm emergency programs available to those who need them in Washington County.

On motion of Mr. Parris, second by Mr. Osborne, it was resolved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Washington County has suffered from severe drought, and

WHEREAS, This condition has caused major damage to corn, hay, pasture, and tobacco crops, and

WHEREAS, Estimated losses to Washington County farmers may exceed \$8,688,573.00, and

WHEREAS, There is a critical need to assist the farmers as a result of the extreme weather conditions:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Washington County, Virginia Board of Supervisors declared a state of emergency in Washington County on August 24, 1993, and the Honorable Lawrence Douglas Wilder, Governor of Commonwealth, is petitioned by the Board of Supervisors to declare that an emergency exists in Washington County and the Governor is further petitioned to request the President of the United States or the Secretary of Agriculture to recognize the county emergency situation and make the federal farm emergency programs available to those who need them in Washington County.

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

Mr. Mathews	Aye	Mr. Litton	Aye	Mr. Derting	Aye
Mr. Osborne	Aye	Mr. Parris	Aye	Mr. Barker	Aye
Mr. Simcox	Aye				

8. Discussion of Virginia Highlands Cable Communication Concerning Changes in Their Service (Ken Mathews)

Mr. Ken Mathews informed the Board that he polled subscribers of cable service and reported the results revealed consumers are dissatisfied by being caught in the middle of a struggle between the cable companies that serve their community and the broadcasting stations which offer network NBC, ABC and CBS coverage.

On motion of Mr. Mathews, second by Mr. Parris, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator and staff to write a letter to the commercial broadcasting stations and cable companies serving Washington County re-

questing a compromise be reached in their deliberations that will ensure subscribers that the same service being offered now will be continued.

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

Mr. Mathews	Aye	Mr. Litton	Aye	Mr. Derting	Aye
Mr. Osborne	Nay	Mr. Parris	Aye	Mr. Barker	Aye
Mr. Simcox	Aye				

No action was taken on resolution "Authorization to Initiate Rate Regulation Pursuant to the Cable Television Consumer Protection Act of 1992."

9. Update on Family Court System To Become Effective January 1, 1995 (F. Canter)

Mr. Canter gave an abridged report of the subcommittee meeting to study implementation plans for Family Court on January 1, 1995, and the joint recommendation of Washington County, Smyth County and the City of Bristol assessing the needs for personnel, facility and equipment.

Mr. Canter was asked to keep the Supervisors informed on the progress for implementing the new Family Court.

10. Recess

On motion of Mr. Parris, second by Mr. Mathews, it was resolved to take a brief recess.

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

Mr. Mathews	Aye	Mr. Litton	Aye	Mr. Derting	Aye
Mr. Osborne	Aye	Mr. Parris	Aye	Mr. Barker	Aye
Mr. Simcox	Aye				

11. Discussion of Requesting Abrams Falls be Designated as a State Park Site

Mr. Barker asked to postpone indefinitely the discussion concerning a proposal to designate Abrams Falls as a State Park site.

12. Mount Rogers Planning District Commission Request for Comments:

The following action was taken on Mount Rogers Planning District Commission requests:

a. Health and Human Services Building

On motion of Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Osborne, it was resolved to give a favorable review of People Incorporated's application to Farmers Home Administration for federal community facilities funds for the construction of a 30,000 sq. ft. building in Abingdon, VA to house Washington County Health and Human Services.

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

Mr. Mathews	Aye	Mr. Litton	Nay	Mr. Derting	Aye
Mr. Osborne	Aye	Mr. Parris	Aye	Mr. Barker	Aye
Mr. Simcox	Aye				

It was noted that the Health and Human Services Building will be owned by People Incorporated and rented to Washington County for its Health and Social Services Departments.

b. Rex Building for People, Inc.

On motion of Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Osborne, it was resolved to give a favorable review of People Incorporated's application to Farmers Home Administration for federal funds to use in the purchase and renovation of the REX Office Building located on Lee Highway in Washington County.

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

Mr. Mathews	Nay	Mr. Litton	Aye	Mr. Derting	Aye
Mr. Osborne	Aye	Mr. Parris	Aye	Mr. Barker	Aye
Mr. Simcox	Aye				

It was noted that People Incorporated will relocate their business operations to the REX Building if the loan is approved.

13. a. Convenience Station Equipment

On motion of Mr. Osborne, second by Mr. Mathews, it was resolved to accept the bid of Thomas Engineering Associates, Ltd. for solid waste equipment at the convenience stations located throughout Washington County in the amount of \$240,792, and further, it was resolved to appropriate \$150,000 from the Capital Improvement Budget and transfer \$41,000 from the Solid Waste Budget and \$50,000 from Reserves for Contingencies and place these funds in Department 94520, Account No. 8227 of the Capital Improvement fund to pay for the equipment.

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

Mr. Mathews	Aye	Mr. Litton	Aye	Mr. Derting	Aye
Mr. Osborne	Aye	Mr. Parris	Aye	Mr. Barker	Aye
Mr. Simcox	Aye				

b. Contract Award - Construction of Two Convenience Stations

On motion of Mr. Parris, second by Mr. Osborne, it was resolved to award a contract to the vendor who submits the lowest bid on August 27, 1993 for the development of two solid waste convenience stations to be

located in the Konnarock area of Washington County, Virginia, and at the County Landfill.

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

Mr. Mathews	Aye	Mr. Litton	Aye	Mr. Derting	Aye
Mr. Osborne	Aye	Mr. Parris	Aye	Mr. Barker	Aye
Mr. Simcox	Aye				

14. Gas Vents and Gas Detection Probe Wells at Landfill

On motion of Mr. Osborne, second by Mr. Mathews, it was resolved to approve W & L Construction & Paving, Inc. to install 15 - 12" gas detection probe wells and 4 - 36" wells at the Washington County Landfill in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.

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

Mr. Mathews	Aye	Mr. Litton	Aye	Mr. Derting	Aye
Mr. Osborne	Aye	Mr. Parris	Aye	Mr. Barker	Aye
Mr. Simcox	Aye				

15. County Administrator Comments:

The following action was taken on County Administrator comments:

- a. Schedule a Date for "Public Hearing, Secondary Roads Six Year Plan"

Received request from Ken Brittle, Senior Resident Engineer, Virginia Department of Transportation, to schedule a public hearing on the Secondary Roads Six-Year Plan.

There was consensus agreement among the Supervisors to schedule a public hearing Monday, September 20, 1993, 7:00 p.m., in the County Administration Building, to consider the Virginia Department of Transportation's revision to Washington County's Secondary Roads Six Year Plan.

b. Topping of Elm Trees at Courthouse

There was consensus agreement to authorize the County Administrator to issue a purchase order to Associated Tree Service, Abingdon, VA, in the amount of \$750.00 for topping and disposal of debris from two elm trees located at the Courthouse.

c. Position Reclassification, Secretary to the County Administrator to Executive Secretary

Mr. Bentley presented a request to consider a position reclassification of Sandra M. Hatfield to Executive Secretary, Grade 9, along with a class specification for that position.

On motion of Mr. Osborne, second by Mr. Mathews, it was resolved to approve the position reclassification of Sandra M. Hatfield to Executive Secretary at the salary level of Grade 9, and further to adopt a class specification for that position.

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

Mr. Mathews	Aye	Mr. Litton	Aye	Mr. Derting	Aye
Mr. Osborne	Aye	Mr. Parris	Aye	Mr. Barker	Aye
Mr. Simcox	Aye				

It was noted that the position reclassification does not involve a wage increase because the Board of Supervisors provided a 5% increase effective July 1, 1993.

d. Request For Adoption of the Oil and Hazardous Materials Response Plan (Sara Title III)

Mr. Bentley distributed information on the Oil and Hazardous Materials Response Plan, SARA Title III. In a communication from Mrs. Fraysier, she stated the Local Emergency Planning Committee has developed Washington County's emergency response plan for hazardous materials and has received approval by the State. Mrs. Fraysier

notified the Supervisors that this plan requires the endorsement of the governing body.

There was no action taken on the emergency response plan for hazardous materials until all Supervisors have had the opportunity to review the plan being circulated.

e. Damage to County Van on May 21, 1993

Mr. Bentley presented information relative to damage to the County van on May 21, 1993 in which a car pulled out of a parking space in front of the Abingdon Virginian Newspaper office and struck the rear bumper of the passenger side of the Maintenance Department van causing some damage. Mr. Bentley explained that an accident report was not filed as the damage was less than \$1,000. The individual that hit the van has refused responsibility for accident.

Discussion ensued. On motion of Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Osborne, it was resolved to authorize the County Attorney to investigate the accident and pursue recovery of damages, and further, to institute legal proceedings if necessary.

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

Mr. Mathews	Aye	Mr. Litton	Aye	Mr. Derting	Aye
Mr. Osborne	Aye	Mr. Parris	Aye	Mr. Barker	Aye
Mr. Simcox	Aye				

f. Virginia Agricultural Economic Summit

Mr. Bentley distributed information on the Virginia Agricultural Economic Summit to be held Wednesday, October 6, 1993 in Richmond, Virginia. Mr. Bentley inquired about the Supervisor's interest in attending.

During discussion, Mr. Barker suggested the Supervisors offer members of the Community Goal Setting Agriculture Task Force an opportunity to attend the Summit.

There was consensus agreement to inform members of the Community Goal Setting Agriculture Task Force about the Virginia Agricultural Economic Summit offering them an opportunity to attend at the County's expense with the stipulation that they use their own vehicle.

g. Communications

The following communications were received:

Inter-Office Communications:

- :: County Administrator to J. Larry Burris, Waste Management of Tri-Cities, Inc. concerning Washington County Transfer Station;
- :: Building Official to Crown American Corporation concerning release of Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit;
- :: Washington County Public Schools concerning audit documentation in reporting federal assistance, USDA commodities

Federal, State and Local Representatives:

- :: Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, concerning presence of jurisdictional wetlands at the site of the proposed Washington County Solid Waste Transfer Station located in the Bristol/Washington County Industrial Park dated August 10, 1993;
Mr. Bentley announced he received a second identical letter dated August 16, 1993 delivered by U. S. Mail service on August 23, 1993;
- :: Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission Notice of Hearing for Robert Allen Burrow to be held September 8, 1993 at 1:00 p.m.;
- :: Department of Housing and Community Development concerning Community Improvement Grant #93-23, Meadowview/Emory Sewer Improvement Project;
- :: To Department of Waste Management from Bruce E. Bentley concerning spill of compound at Camac Corporation on August 12, 1993; Waste Management of Tri Cities, Inc. response to County Administrator on spill;

General Correspondence:

- :: Patrick Mannix concerning access to County records dated August 11, 1993 and August 12, 1993, and response from County Attorney dated August 17, 1993 and August 23, 1993;

h. Reminders of meetings were given.

i. Request to Use Courthouse - Christian Coalition

On motion of Mr. Parris, second by Mr. Barker, it was resolved to allow the Christian Coalition to use the Washington County Circuit Court Room on Monday, September 20, 1993, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of holding an organizational meeting.

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

Mr. Mathews	Nay	Mr. Litton	Aye	Mr. Derting	Aye
Mr. Osborne	Aye	Mr. Parris	Aye	Mr. Barker	Aye
Mr. Simcox	Aye				

16. County Attorney's Reports

Mr. Cliff Walsh presented Roll-It Inc.'s application for a permit to operate in Washington County, and suggested it be placed on the Agenda for a meeting in September.

17. Consent Agenda:

On motion of Mr. Parris, second by Mr. Osborne, it was resolved to approve the following consent agenda item:

- a. Refund to Elinor Mason of \$20.80 per Request of Melvin Ritchie

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

Mr. Mathews	Aye	Mr. Litton	Aye	Mr. Derting	Aye
Mr. Osborne	Aye	Mr. Parris	Aye	Mr. Barker	Aye
Mr. Simcox	Aye				

18. Board Member Reports

The following Board Member Reports were made:

Jackson Barker reported discussions between he and Bristol City Council Member, Larry Kirksey, in an effort to bring the two jurisdictions together for a joint working session, open to the public, to exchange ideas and discuss matters of mutual concern.

On motion of Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Osborne, it was resolved to authorize the County Administrator to contact the Bristol, Virginia City Manager to schedule potential dates for a joint meeting of the governing bodies, and to jointly draft a meeting agenda for the Board of Supervisors to review.

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

Mr. Mathews	Aye	Mr. Litton	Aye	Mr. Derting	Aye
Mr. Osborne	Aye	Mr. Parris	Aye	Mr. Barker	Aye
Mr. Simcox	Aye				

Mr. Barker briefly commented on his support of the position reclassification for Mrs. Hatfield, expressing appreciation for her service to the Board.

Maurice Parris spoke in support of the Supervisors meeting jointly with the Bristol, Virginia City Council and suggested that the Supervisors meet with neighboring County governments.

On motion of Mr. Parris, second by Mr. Osborne, it was resolved to have joint meetings with the Towns of Abingdon, Glade Spring and Damascus, as well as adjoining counties.

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

Mr. Mathews	Aye	Mr. Litton	Aye	Mr. Derting	Aye
Mr. Osborne	Aye	Mr. Parris	Aye	Mr. Barker	Aye
Mr. Simcox	Aye				

Joe Derting asked the Board's consideration in requesting the Highway Department to take Webb Drive into the state Secondary system.

On motion of Mr. Osborne, second by Mr. Barker, it was resolved to request the Virginia Department of Transportation to prepare a cost estimate to upgrade Webb Drive (near Aven's Bridge) so it can be taken into the secondary road system.

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

Mr. Mathews	Aye	Mr. Litton	Aye	Mr. Derting	Aye
Mr. Osborne	Aye	Mr. Parris	Aye	Mr. Barker	Aye
Mr. Simcox	Aye				

19. Citizen Comments:

At this time, Mr. Derting invited comments from citizens in the audience on items that do not appear on the agenda.

Delegate Joe Johnson appeared before the Board of Supervisors to convey his reason for opposing legislation to implement a Family Court. He explained the measure imposed a mandate on local governments without providing funds to establish and support the Court.

Mr. Johnson reviewed the state of finances in Virginia cautioning the County that the Commonwealth is experiencing a shortfall of funds because of prison costs, Medicaid and education. He stated the Governor has begun looking into areas to cut back on costs. Mr. Johnson reported that in 1996 the Commonwealth will begin experiencing cutbacks due to the military bases closing in northern Virginia.

Mr. Johnson assured the Supervisors that he will continue to work in the best interests of Washington County.

Tom Whittaker reported he telephoned the County Office on Tuesday, August 17, 1993, and no one answered the telephone.

Mr. Whittaker commented on the wetlands at the transfer station and pursued getting "free" access to public records. He stated he wanted a letter from the County Administrator that explains his reason for denying him access.

Mr. Litton asked the County Administrator to respond in writing to Mr. Whittaker. Mr. Derting suggested that the County Administrator send the same letter that was sent to Mr. Mannix relative to his request for access to public records.

Pat Mannix addressed the Supervisors expressing disagreement over the letter the County Administrator will send to Mr. Whittaker. Mr. Mannix briefly commented on the hazardous spill at the Washington County Landfill.

Bill Bish, Jr. asked Mr. Parris if he had a response to his concern about the Telephone Company having free access to 911 addresses pointing out that the addresses are considered to be confidential information. Mr. Walsh stated he sent a letter to United Telephone and has not received their response.

Ross Bish commented on his opposition to mandates to counties, and he expressed his objection to the manner in which the Supervisors conducted the public hearing. He stated the only persons speaking during the public hearing were ones who had objections to the mandatory hookup ordinance and the ordinance was still adopted. He raised the question of the Supervisors purpose for having a public hearing.

20. Adjournment

On motion of Mr. Mathews, second by Mr. Simcox, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting.

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

Mr. Mathews	Aye	Mr. Litton	Aye	Mr. Derting	Aye
Mr. Osborne	Aye	Mr. Parris	Aye	Mr. Barker	Aye
Mr. Simcox	Aye				

Joe W. Derting, Chairman