V I R G I N I A:

At a recessed meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Thursday, October 14, 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.
Sandra M. Hatfield, CPS

ABSENT

Cecil K. Simcox

Cliff Walsh, County Attorney
Mark W. Seamon, Director of Accounting

In attendance were the following members of the Bristol, Virginia City Council:

Mayor Jerry Allen Wolfe
Vice Mayor Paul W. Hurley
C. Farnham Jarrard, Jr.
Larry B. Kirksey
James F. Rector

Paul Spangler, City Manager

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1. Call to Order - Board of Supervisors (Derting)
Call to Order - City Council (Wolfe)

The recessed meeting was called to order by Mr. Joe W. Derting, Chairman of the Washington County, Virginia Board of Supervisors who stated the purpose of the recessed meeting is to meet jointly with Bristol, Virginia City Council to discuss matters of mutual interest and concern.

Mayor Jerry Wolfe called the Bristol, Virginia City Council meeting to order noting all members were present and that this is a "called" meeting of the Council.

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2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance - Maurice H. Parris

Mr. Parris called upon Supervisor Jackson Barker to give the Invocation and lead in the pledge of allegiance.

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3. Introduction of Supervisors (Derting) and Councilmen (Wolfe)

Chairman Joe Derting introduced members of the Board of Supervisors and staff. Mr. Derting stated that Supervisor Cecil Simcox of the Wilson District was absent due to illness. Mayor Jerry Wolfe introduced members of the City Council and staff.

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4. Approval of Agenda

The following action was taken on approval of agenda:

(a) Board of Supervisors

On motion of Mr. Mathews, second by Mr. Osborne, it was resolved to approve the Agenda.

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

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

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(b) City Council

There was consensus agreement by Mayor Wolfe and members of the Bristol, Virginia City Council to dispense with Approval of Agenda, and proceed with Agenda items.

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5. Topics for discussion:

The following topics were discussed by members of both governmental jurisdictions:

(a) Solid Waste - Short and long range plans. Short presentation by City and County

City Manager Paul Spangler reviewed the status of the quarry site and their current plans for expanding the present landfill. He stated Bristol will extend the life of their landfill by digging it up, compacting the waste, and refilling it.

County Administrator Bruce Bentley summarized the history of Washington County's efforts to locate another site for a landfill and the County's five year plan for disposal of solid waste at the Transfer Station. He

reported that the Landfill was officially closed on Saturday, October 9, 1993 and the Transfer Station was opened on Monday, October 11, 1993. He explained the County has a five-year contract with Waste Management of Tri-Cities, Inc. to transport solid waste from the Transfer Station to an EPA approved landfill site.

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(b) Amtrak - General discussion

Mayor Wolfe reported on the delegation's trip to Washington, D.C. to meet with congressional leaders and elaborated on the City Council's efforts to obtain routing for Amtrak passenger service through Bristol, Virginia. He stated their meetings resulted in learning of potential funding to study Amtrak routes, interest and ridership. He commented the State of Virginia and Amtrak officials will work together on this project. Mayor Wolfe reported the Amtrak project remains at No. 13 on the congressional priority list for Amtrak service.

Mr. Derting expressed his hope that both jurisdictions will work together to accomplish bringing passenger rail service through the two communities.

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(c) E-911 - City and County presently together

Mr. Paul Spangler proposed that both the City Council and Board of Supervisors consider exploring a plan to divide E-911 funds proportionally, in an effort to make each jurisdiction fiscally accountable for the monies. He pointed out the administration of E-911 services should remain unchanged. Discussion ensued. Washington County Board of Supervisors expressed similar views relative to separating the funding.

Mr. Bentley pointed out that the E-911 Commission to review and oversee the operation of the system was never appointed and suggested this be done.

On motion of Mr. Osborne, second by Mr. Mathews, it was resolved to appoint Chairman Joe Derting and Mayor Jerry Wolfe to establish an E-911 Commission appointing equal membership (three each) from the Washington County, Virginia and Bristol, Virginia City, and further it was resolved to take necessary action relative to dividing E-911 funds as it affects Washington County, Virginia and the City of Bristol, Virginia.

Discussion of membership ensued. Mr. Osborne expressed his view that the general citizenry should be involved.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Rector, second by Mr. Hurley, it was resolved to appoint Mayor Jerry Wolfe and Chairman Joe Derting to establish an E-911 Commission appointing equal membership from Bristol, Virginia City and Washington County, Virginia; further it was resolved to take the necessary action relative to dividing E-911 funds as it affects the City of Bristol and Washington County, and further still, it was resolved that the Commission make a report to both the City Council and the Board of Supervisors in 30 days.

The vote on this motion was as follows (5-0):

Mr. Wolfe	Aye	Mr. Hurley	Aye	Mr. Jarrard	Aye
Mr. Kirksey	Aye	Mr. Rector	Aye		

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(d) Cooperative Areas - general discussion:

1. Sharing of services

Discussion ensued relative to sharing services between jurisdictions, with all agreeing on the advantages to the taxpayers by eliminating duplication of services.

On motion of Mr. Kirksey, second by Mr. Hurley, it was resolved to appoint a 5 member committee composed of two members from Bristol, Virginia City Council, two members from Washington County, Virginia Board of Supervisors and a fifth member selected at large and approved by both Bristol, Virginia City Council and Washington County, Virginia Board of Supervisors, to meet at regular intervals to consider options of sharing services and get input, and report their recommendations to each jurisdiction for consideration; further it was resolved that the joint committee will hold public hearings in both jurisdictions prior to forwarding their recommendations to the City Council and the Board of Supervisors.

The vote on this motion was as follows (5-0):

Mr. Wolfe	Aye	Mr. Hurley	Aye	Mr. Jarrard	Aye
Mr. Kirksey	Aye	Mr. Rector	Aye		

During discussions there was consensus agreement that water and sewer service should be a priority project to consider. Mr. Osborne expressed his view on the importance of including citizens on the committee. Mr. Barker expressed his preference to select Supervisors/Councilmen as members

On motion of Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Parris, it was resolved to establish a 5 member committee composed of two members from Washington County, Virginia Board of Supervisors, two members from Bristol, Virginia City Council, and a fifth member selected at large by Washington County, Virginia Board of Supervisors and Bristol, Virginia City Council to meet at regular intervals to consider options of sharing services and get input,

and report their recommendations to each jurisdiction for consideration; further it was resolved that the joint committee will hold public hearings in both jurisdictions prior to forwarding their recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and the City Council.

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

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

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2. Potential development areas

3. Needed infrastructures

Mr. Bentley gave an overview of the properties that Washington County owns or has options on for development. Mr. Wolfe commented there are several areas in Bristol where property is vacant and is ready for development.

General discussion ensued on areas for potential development in Washington County and Bristol, Virginia and the need to have infrastructure in place. There was agreement on the need to explore sharing revenues in the areas that are adjacent to City and County.

Mr. Kirksey suggested that the County Attorney and the City Attorney explore the concept of creating an economic development zone to share revenue and services.

On motion of Mr. Kirksey, second by Mr. Hurley, it was resolved to direct the City Attorney to meet with the County Attorney to explore an economic development zone structure and report the results of their study to the City Council and Board of Supervisors.

The vote on this motion was as follows (5-0):

Mr. Wolfe	Aye	Mr. Hurley	Aye	Mr. Jarrard	Aye
Mr. Kirksey	Aye	Mr. Rector	Aye		

On motion of Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Mathews, it was resolved to direct the County Attorney to meet with the Bristol Virginia City Attorney to investigate the legalities involved in developing a cooperative economic zone.

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

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

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4. Economic Development

General discussion ensued relative to the Commonwealth providing the incentives that will make Virginia more competitive for economic development. In the audience was Representative Joseph P. Johnson, Jr. Mr. Derting conveyed the Supervisors concern and expressed his hope that the State can do more to attract industry.

Mayor Wolfe extended an invitation to Washington County, Virginia to participate in a joint economic venture with Bristol Virginia-Tennessee and Sullivan County, Tennessee for a professional industrial recruitor.

Mr. Osborne proposed that the joint committee study the concept of a creating a Washington County-Bristol Regional Economic Development Authority. Mr. Osborne elaborated on the concept.

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(e) Transportation Needs - Bristol Metropolitan Planning Organization's latest report including "Beltway"

Mayor Wolfe presented Bristol Virginia City Council's recommendations on the Beltway proposed routing. Mr. Wolfe described three proposed routes using an enlarged map. He suggested that when the Board of Supervisors has an opportunity to study the recommendations and a decision on the Beltway is reached, that a joint recommendation from Bristol, Virginia and Washington County could be presented to the City of Bristol, Tennessee.

A brief discussion ensued relative to the importance of four laning US 11 from Bristol to Abingdon.

Upon receiving Bristol Virginia's recommendation, the Board of Supervisors announced to the audience that there will be public hearings scheduled on

the Beltway recommendations and citizens will be allowed to give their input at that time.

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6. Establish Agenda Items for next meeting and who will be reporting

7. Establish next meeting date

There was agreement to place the following items on the next meeting agenda:

Joint Committee
E-911

It was determined that the meeting date in January will be selected by the City Manager and the County Administrator.

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8. Adjournment

On motion of Mr. Parris, second by Mr. Osborne, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting.

The vote on this motion was as follows (4-2):

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

Mayor Wolfe declared the meeting of the Bristol, Virginia City Council adjourned.

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Joe W. Derting, Chairman