V I R G I N I A:

At a recessed meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Thursday, May 2, 1996, at 7:00 p.m., at the County Administration Building in Abingdon, Virginia, the following were present:

PRESENT:

Joe W. Derting, Chairman
Bobby D. Ingle, Vice Chairman
Kenneth G. Mathews
James T. Osborne
Maurice H. Parris
Jackson Barker
Dulcie M. Mumpower

Mark K. Reeter, County Administrator
Mark W. Seamon, Accounting/Purchasing Manager
Sandra M. Hatfield, CPS, Administrative Assistant

ABSENT:

Joseph B. Lyle, County Attorney

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1. Call to Order

The recessed meeting was called to order by Mr. Joe W. Derting, Chairman of the Board who welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance - Joe W. Derting**

Mr. Derting gave the Invocation and led in the pledge of allegiance.

3. **Budget Work Session - Departments and Agencies Concerning FY 1996-97 Budget Requests**

Mr. Derting reconvened the budget work session by inviting representatives from Departments and Agencies to speak concerning their FY 1996-97 Budget Requests.

The following persons addressed the Board of Supervisors commenting on various on-going departmental/agency projects:

Jim Hutton, Washington County Park Authority;

Steve Richardson, Washington County Recycling/Special Projects Manager;

Ray Millsap, Recreation Director, Town of Abingdon;

Jean McReynolds, Highlands Community Services Board;

Mike Guy, District III Governmental Cooperative;

George Van Hoy, Magistrate;

Howard Bateman, Chief, Washington County Volunteer Fire Department/Rescue Squad, gave a status report of the fire/rescue operations and expressed their appreciation for the support they receive from the County. Mr. Bateman asked the Board of Supervisors to encourage Emergency Volunteers Association to develop a recruiting program for Advanced Life Support volunteers.

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. Derting	**Aye**	**Mr. Ingle**	**Aye**	**Mr. Mathews**	**Aye**
Mr. Osborne	**Aye**	**Mrs. Mumpower**	**Aye**	**Mr. Parris**	**Aye**
Mr. Barker	**Aye**				

The Board of Supervisors reconvened the budget work session, hearing from representatives of Departments/Agencies.

Howard Orfield, Bristol Life Saving Crew;

Polly Wirt, Senior Services, Inc.;

Mr. Randy Blevins, Probation Manager, Sr., Department of Youth & Family Services, addressed the Supervisors relative to securing teleconferencing equipment to be used for juvenile detention/arraignment hearings. Mr. Blevins provided supporting documentation from Judges Lohman and Greer who conveyed interactive remote video hearings will reduce potential security risks, save on personnel expenditures for transporting juveniles to and from hearings, and obviate the need for expanding holding cell capacity.

Discussion ensued relative to purchase versus leasing the teleconferencing equipment. Subsequently, there was general consensus to request the Data Processing Manager to provide the Board of Supervisors with an overview of system requirements and her recommendation.

Rob Goldsmith, Executive Director, People, Incorporated;

Dixie McVey, Airport Director, Virginia Highlands Airport Commission;

Richard Rose, Director, Barter Theatre;

Bob Copeland, Highlands Soccer Club.

Mr. Mathews raised a question on the procedure for discussing and taking tentative action on FY 1996-97 budget line items. He proposed the Board consider taking action on each section of the budget as a whole rather than voting on individual departmental budgets. The matter will be considered at the first budget adjustment work session on Wednesday, May 15, 1996.

4. **Recess to Wednesday, May 8, 1996, 7:00 p.m., Abingdon High School Auditorium to hold public hearing on FY 1996-97 County Budget**

On motion of Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Parris, it was resolved to recess to Wednesday, May 8, 1996, 7:00 p.m., Abingdon High School Auditorium to hold public hearing on FY 1996-97 County Budget.

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

Mr. Derting	**Aye**	**Mr. Ingle**	**Aye**	**Mr. Mathews**	**Aye**
Mr. Osborne	**Aye**	**Mrs. Mumpower**	**Aye**	**Mr. Parris**	**Aye**
Mr. Barker	**Aye**				

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Joe W. Derting, Chairman