V I R G I N I A:

At a meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Tuesday, November 25, 1997, at 7:00 p.m., at the County Administration Building in Abingdon, Virginia, the following were present:

PRESENT:

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

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

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1 **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. James T. Osborne, Chairman of the Board, who welcomed everyone in attendance.

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

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

3 **Approval of the Agenda**

On motion of Mrs. Mumpower, second by Mr. Derting, it was resolved to approve the agenda with the following additions:

10.a Update Concerning Washington County Sheriff's Office Grant Application (Captain Fred Newman)
15.f Invitation to SWVA Higher Education Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Monday, December 1, 1997, 10:00 a.m.

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***				

4 **Approval of Minutes of November 11, 1997**

On motion of Mr. Ingle, second by Mr. Parris, it was resolved to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of November 11, 1997 as written.

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*			

5 **Dog Damage Claims**

The following action was taken on Dog Damage Claims:

a. **Kenneth O. Reynolds, $180.00**

Mr. Kenneth O. Reynolds was present to request payment for four sheep killed by dogs on his farm. He responded to questions from the Board.

On motion of Mr. Ingle, second by Mr. Barker, it was resolved to authorize payment to Kenneth O. Reynolds in the amount of $380.00 for sheep killed on his farm by dogs.

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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b. **Odell Owens, $50.00**

Mr. Odell Owens was present to request payment for two goats killed by dogs on his farm. He responded to questions from the Board.

On motion of Mr. Barker, second by Mrs. Mumpower, it was resolved to authorize payment to Odell Owens in the amount of $100.00 for goats killed on his farm by dogs.

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*				

6 **Consideration of Resolution and U. S. Forest Service Presentation of White Top Railroad Project (Bob McKinney, USFS; John Sauers, Vice President, Friends of Whitetop Station)**

John Sauers, Vice President; Peggy Baldwin, President, Friends of the Whitetop Community; and Bob McKinney, Interpretive Specialist, United States Forest Service, Whitetop Station Park, were present to address the Supervisors concerning a proposal to create Whitetop Station Park at the site of the Whitetop Railroad Depot located on the Virginia Creeper Trail, Mount Rogers National Recreation Area (George Washington-Jefferson National Forests). Messrs. Sauers and McKinney requested the Board of Supervisors endorsement of the proposed Park, and adoption of a resolution in support

of the project which will be included with a formal proposal for ISTEA funds. Mr. McKinney stated the County will bear no financial responsibility in the project. He explained Whitetop Station Park will be built on 5 acres of public land in the National Forest and will be maintained by the local citizens and the United States Forest Service.

Mr. McKinney presented an indepth written proposal for the Supervisors to review. He explained the Park will be developed in stages. He stated Friends of Whitetop Station and the Mount Rogers National Recreation Area will be primarily responsible for planning/construction of the Park. Mr. McKinney presented an artist=s rendering of the proposed facility improvements showing a replica of the Whitetop Train Depot, picnic shelters, drinking fountains, walkways, grassy and parking areas, a public telephone, restroom facilities, an amphitheatre and small memorial for the area=s military persons, a wetland for nature study, and bicycle racks/hitching posts. He stated the completion date is anticipated for 2000.

On motion of Mr. Parris, second by Mr. Ingle, it was resolved to adopt the following Resolution No. 97-25 requesting the Commonwealth Transportation Board to establish a project for improvements to the old train station and other related facilities in what will be called Whitetop Station Park; further it was resolved to endorse the establishment of a project for the improvement of Whitetop Station Park:

RESOLUTION NO. 97-25

WHEREAS, in accordance with Commonwealth Transportation Board construction allocation procedures, it is necessary that a request by resolution be received from the local government or state agency in order for the Virginia Department of Transportation to authorize an enhancement project in Washington County, Virginia.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Washington County, Virginia Board of Supervisors does hereby request the Commonwealth Transportation Board to establish a project for the necessary improvements to the old train station and other related facilities in what will be called Whitetop Station Park.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington County, Virginia Board of Supervisors does hereby express to the Commonwealth Transportation Board strong support for the establishment of a project for the improvement of Whitetop Station Park.

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***				

7 **Request for Funding for Low-Income Dental Care Program through People, Inc. (Dr. Ann Johnson, DDS)**

Dr. Ann Johnson, representing People Incorporated, Department of Social Services, Washington County Health Department, and local area dentists, appeared before the Board of Supervisors. She informed them there is a recognized need for a dental clinic in Washington County which could provide affordable emergency services to low income adults. She reported area dentists have agreed to donate their professional services, the Health Department has donated a mobile dental clinic, People, Incorporated has agreed to provide space for the dental clinic facility, and the Department of Social Services has agreed to take applications and screen patients for income eligibility. In her presentation, Dr. Johnson reported that each of the agencies have made a financial contribution to prepare the clinic and purchase needed supplies. She requested the Supervisors consideration in making a contribution of $8,000 for the purchase of necessary dental instruments and clinic supplies.

Discussion ensued with questions being raised on how the need for service was determined, who would screen clients for eligibility. Mr. Mathews expressed concern about clients traveling to the clinic in the evening hours.

On motion of Mrs. Mumpower, second by Mr. Ingle, it was resolved to appropriate funds in the amount of $8,000 from reserves for contingencies to People Incorporated for the purpose of establishing an evening dental clinic for low income residents of Washington County who will be seen on a critical/emergency service basis.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (6-0-1)

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

8 **Recommendations Concerning County Six-Year Plan for Secondary Roads**

Robert Hurt, Assistant Resident Engineer, Virginia Department of Transportation, Abingdon Residency, appeared before the Supervisors to present additions to the 1998-99 Six Year Secondary Road Plan. He requested the Supervisors approve the recommended additions which were prepared by the Washington County Transportation Planning Committee.

Mr. Hurt responded to questions from the Board relative to pending road projects.

Mr. Henry Green, Chairman, Washington County Transportation Planning Committee, addressed the Supervisors expressing appreciation for the support the Committee has received from the Virginia Department of Transportation staff.

On motion of Mr. Parris, second by Mr. Ingle, it was resolved by a 7-0 vote to adopt the following Resolution:

Resolution No. 97-24

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, the Washington County, Virginia Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the FY 1998-99 to 2003-04 Virginia Department of Transportation Secondary System Six Year Plan for Washington County, Virginia; and further, approves the first year of the plan titled Details of the Washington County, Virginia Secondary Construction Budget for July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999.

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***				

9 **Request for Support of People, Inc. Application for ARC Funding (B. Boone, People, Inc.)**

Buckey Boone, Director of Development, People Incorporated, appeared before the Board of Supervisors requesting the Supervisors endorsement of a program to assist persons moving from welfare to work. He advised he is submitting an ARC grant application for funds to purchase and repair used cars which will be sold on a no-interest loan purchase to

TANF clients who have found employment but need transportation.

Discussion ensued with Supervisors raising concern about the ability of welfare clients being able to afford to purchase a vehicle.

Mr. Barker made a motion to approve a resolution supporting People Incorporated=s application to Appalachian Regional Commission, stating there would be no local funds involved.

There being no second, Mr. Barker=s motion failed.

Mr. Barker left the Board table to meet briefly with representatives from Virginia Department of Transportation.

10 **Consideration of Waste Hauling Permit, Southwest Disposal Co., Inc.**

On motion of Mr. Ingle, second by Mr. Mathews, it was resolved to approve waste hauling permit for Southwest Disposal, Inc. to provide solid waste pick-up service in Washington County effective immediately to August 31, 1998.

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

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

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a. **Update Concerning Washington County Sheriff=s Office Grant Application (Captain Fred Newman)**

Captain Fred Newman advised the Board of Supervisors that the Washington County Sheriff=s Office has made application for a Department of Transportation, Department Motor Vehicle grant in the amount of $1,500 for DUI and Seat Belt enforcement. He requested consideration in the Board of Supervisors appropriating $1,500 pending grant approval, and stated the money will be reimbursed to the County when the grant funds arrive.

On motion of Mr. Parris, second by Mrs. Mumpower, it was resolved to appropriate $1,500 from reserves for contingency to the Washington County Sheriff=s Office pending approval of Department of Transportation-Department of Motor Vehicle grant funds for DUI and Seat Belt enforcement, and further it was resolved that these funds will be reimbursed to the County when grant funds are received by the Sheriff=s Office.

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

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

Mr. Barker returned to the table.

12 **Consideration of Resolution 97-23, Addition of 0.50 Miles of Sterling Drive to Secondary System of State Highways, Sterling Manor Subdivision**

On motion of Mr. Derting, second by Mr. Ingle, it was resolved to approve the following resolution requesting the Virginia Department of Transportation to take Sterling Manor Subdivision into the secondary system:

RESOLUTION 97-23

ADDITION OF 0.50 MILES OF STERLING DRIVE TO SECONDARY SYSTEM OF STATE HIGHWAYS STERLING MANOR SUBDIVISION

WHEREAS, the street(s) described on the attached Additions Form SR-5A, fully incorporated herein by reference, are shown on the plats recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Washington County, and

WHEREAS, the Resident Engineer for the Virginia Department of Transportation has advised this Board the street(s) meet the requirements established by the Subdivision Street Requirements of the Virginia Department of Transportation;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED this Board requests the Virginia Department of Transportation to add the street(s) described on the attached Additions Form SR-5A to the secondary system of state highways, pursuant to Section 33.1-229, Code of Virginia, and the Department's Subdivision Street Requirements, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this Board guarantees a clear and unrestricted right-of-way, as described, and any necessary easement for cuts, fills and drainage, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Resident Engineer for the Virginia Department of Transportation.

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***				

13 **Consideration of Surplus Vehicle Pending Requests**

Received correspondence from Frank Canter, General Services Manager, relative to a listing of requested surplus vehicles.

On motion of Mr. Parris, second by Mr. Barker, it was resolved to release the following surplus vehicles:

1987 Ford Crown Victoria, VIN # 2FABP72G1HX195228, to Virginia Highlands Community College, Security Department;

1990 Chevrolet Cavalier, VIN # 1G1JC54G5l7141344, to Washington County School Board.

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***				

11 **Recess**

On motion of Mr. Mathews, second by Mr. Parris, 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***				

14 **Citizen Comments**

At this time, Mr. Osborne asked Mr. Ingle to read the rules for citizen comments, and invited comments from citizens on items that do not appear on the Agenda.

Jennifer Ilowicki expressed her appreciation to the Board of Supervisors for funding the dental clinic program for low income adults in Washington County. She expressed her hope that the Supervisors will reconsider their position relative to the People Incorporated application for ARC funding to provide transportation assistance to TANF clients as they move from welfare to work, citing a personal experience whereby this program would have provided a client with an opportunity to purchase a vehicle for transportation to and from his employment.

Tom Ilowicki addressed the Supervisors stating he has been encouraged not to resign from the Washington County Transportation Planning Committee. He commented on Montgomery Road which is in the VDOT Six Year Plan stating it doesn=t belong on the priority list, that it is better than any other gravel road in the Mendota District. He expressed his dismay about the dangerous gravel roads in the Tyler District, and presented a mixed sample of gravel being placed on roads.

Bobby Ingle left the board table.

Patrick Mannix addressed the Supervisors on topics related to roads; sewer; outhouse permit; road blocks; jury trial; election challenge.

Mr. Ingle returned to the board table.

Dr. F. David Wilkin, President, Virginia Highlands Community College, appeared before the Board of Supervisors to present the VHCC Annual Report for 1996-97. He reported the College creditation has been reaffirmed, the Technology Center is moving ahead in a satisfactory manner, and the SWVA Higher Education Center is expected to open in January. He expressed his appreciation to the Board of Supervisors for their continuing support of the College.

15 **County Administrator Comments**

a. **Request, Participation on VACo Steering/Operational Committees**

Received communication from Virginia Association of Counties inviting participation on the association=s steering committees or operational committees.

There was no action taken.

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b. **Damascus Volunteer Fire Department Request for Exemption of County Audit Requirement, Section 7.8, Article 7, County Ordinance**

Received communication from Chief Jim Bishop, Damascus Volunteer Fire Department, requesting an exemption from the County Audit Requirement explaining the Department did not keep separate track of their funds received from July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997.

Discussion of the Board policy ensued.

Mr. Mathews made a motion to table the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department request for exemption, and authorize the County Administrator to personally contact fire chiefs and rescue squad captains to get their response on accountability of County funds.

There was no second to Mr. Mathews motion, therefore it failed.

Further discussion ensued relative to concern about disclosure of funds. Supervisors expressed their position about the importance of applying the policy uniformly to all qualifying organizations receiving County funds.

On motion of Mr. Ingle, second by Mrs. Mumpower, it was resolved to deny an exemption to the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department from the County audit requirements for FY 1996-97 pursuant to Article 7 of the Board's General Policies.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (5-1-1)

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

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c. **Consideration of Legislative Proposals for 1998 Virginia General Assembly**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 97-26

WHEREAS, the 1998 Session of the Virginia General Assembly will consider and act upon many matters of importance to the citizens of the Commonwealth and its localities, and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Supervisors desires to set out certain proposals for legislation for consideration by the 1998 Virginia General Assembly, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors believes these proposals to be of benefit to Washington County, the localities of the Commonwealth and its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Virginia that it hereby recommends the following proposals for legislative consideration:

1. ***Provision of state funding to localities to offset the cost of conducting general election primaries, and***

2. ***Provision of additional state funding to VDOT for unpaved roads.***

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to all Southwest Virginia legislators prior to the commencement of the 1998 Virginia General Assembly.

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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d. **Consideration of Draft Response to United States Forest Service Request for Scoping of Improvements to U S Highway 58**

Received draft response to United States Forest Service Request for Scoping of Improvements to US Highway 58 prepared by the County Administrator.

Discussion ensued with Supervisors addressing their concern about safety improvements of US Highway 58 that will facilitate a safer road for school busses during inclement weather.

On motion of Mr. Derting, second by Mrs. Mumpower, it was resolved to approve response to United States Forest Service prepared by the County Administrator relative to improvements to US Highway 58.

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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e. **Washington County Fire Study**

Mr. Reeter presented a brief report on the status of the Washington County Fire Study conducted by the Department of Fire Programs/Virginia Fire Services Board.

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f. **Invitation to SWVA Higher Education Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Monday, December 1, 1997, 10:00 a.m**

Received invitation to attend the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony scheduled for Monday, December 1, 1997, 10:00 a.m.

16 **County Attorney Reports**

There were no reports

17 **Consent Agenda**

On motion of Mr. Mathews, second by Mr. Ingle, it was resolved to approve the following Consent Agenda Item:

a. ***Request for Supplemental Appropriations, Sheriff's Office:***
   :: Jail Budget, Line Item 33100/5840, $377.00
   :: DARE Budget, Line Item 31700/6013, $500.00

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***				

18 **Board Member Reports**

Mr. Derting requested a list of sewer and water project priorities. Discussion ensued relative to the sewer study. It was conveyed the study is due back in December. Mr. Ingle expressed interest in recommending the CIP Committee reconvene. Mr. Reeter commented when the study is finalized and received by the County, there will be a schedule of hearing dates established and the study will be presented to the CIP Committee.

Mrs. Mumpower requested a letter of congratulations be sent to the Horticulture Team and Instructor of the John S. Battle High School for their outstanding performance in competition and their ranking 1st in the Commonwealth, and 13th in the United States.

Mr. Osborne requested the Supervisors present a plaque to the Patrick Henry High School Football team for outstanding athletic competition and their ranking of Hogoheegee District Champions.

19 **Adjournment**

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

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***				

James T. Osborne, Chairman