V I R G I N I A:

At a meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Thursday, March 26, 1998, at 7:00 p.m., at the County Administration Building in Abingdon, Virginia, the following were present:

PRESENT:

Bobby D. Ingle, Chairman
Dulcie M. Mumpower, Vice Chairman
Kenneth G. Mathews
James T. Osborne
John B. Roberts, Sr.
Jackson Barker

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

ABSENT:

Joe W. Derting

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1 **Call Recessed Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bobby D. Ingle, Chairman of the Board, who welcomed everyone in attendance.

2 **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance - Kenneth G. Mathews**

Mr. Kenneth G. Mathews gave the Invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3 **Approval of the Agenda**

By consensus agreement, the agenda was approved.

4 **Presentation of Revenue Projections for FY 1998-99 (Fred Parker, Melvin Ritchie, Mark W. Seamon)**

Fred Parker, Treasurer, and Melvin Ritchie, Commissioner of Revenue, and Mark Seamon, Accounting/Purchasing Manager, appeared before the Board of Supervisors to present the anticipated revenue projections for Washington County for FY 1998-99.

Mr. Mathews expressed concern that information relative to car tax refunds be adequately disseminated to the citizens.

Mr. Mathews inquired about raising the annual cap for tax relief for the elderly.

5 **Recommendation Concerning Layout of West-Central Washington County Sewer Project, Lee Highway Phase 1-A (Draper Aden Associates)**

Randall Hancock, Draper Aden Associates, addressed the Supervisors presenting two alternative layouts to consider for the West-Central Washington County Sewer Project, Lee Highway Phase 1-A. Present for the discussion was Dr. David Dawson, General Manager, Washington County Service Authority. With the aid of maps, Mr. Hancock detailed the alternative layouts and presented preliminary cost estimates. Mr. Hancock conveyed that the Sewer Committee=s recommendation that Option 1 should be considered.

On motion of Mr. Osborne, second by Mrs. Mumpower, it was resolved to accept the recommendation of the Sewer Committee to adopt Option 1 as the route for the West-Central Washington County Sewer Project, Lee Highway Phase 1-A as follows:

> ***Approximately 10,000 linear feet of combination 12"/10" gravity line running from Sugar Hollow Park to I-81, Exit 10, connecting to the City of Bristol, Virginia=s 24" line in Sugar Hollow Park, crossing to the south side of Lee Highway in the John S. Battle High School area, running to Old Dominion Road, from thence along the south side of Lee Highway in front of the Community Services Building converging further up Lee Highway and extending to the Exit 10 area.***

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

Mr. Ingle	**Aye**	**Mrs. Mumpower**	**Aye**	**Mr. Mathews**	**Aye**
Mr. Osborne	**Aye**	**Mr. Roberts**	**Aye**	**Mr. Barker**	**Aye**

Mr. Don Marickovich, Project Engineer, Draper Aden, conveyed the total number of currently available connections for Option 1 are estimated to be 30, and are as follows:

Community Services Building
John S. Battle High School
Campbell Chapel Church
4 - private homes
24 - small businesses

Additionally, he reported the total preliminary project costs for Option 1 is $677,400.

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

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

Mr. Ingle	**Aye**	**Mrs. Mumpower**	**Aye**	**Mr. Mathews**	**Aye**
Mr. Osborne	**Aye**	**Mr. Roberts**	**Aye**	**Mr. Barker**	**Aye**

6 **Presentation of Proposal for Construction of New Access Road Serving Bristol/Washington County Industrial Park**

a. **Project Overview (Reeter)**

Mr. Mark K. Reeter, County Administrator, gave an overview of the proposed construction of a new access road that will serve the Bristol/Washington County Industrial Park from I-81 at US Highway 11.

b. **Review of Preliminary Engineering Report (Anderson & Associates)**
c. Project Timetable and Budget (Anderson & Associates)

Mr. Reeter introduced Jeff Buchanan and Bobby Hall, Project Managers, Anderson & Associates. Mr. Buchanan gave an overview of the preliminary engineering report and alignment study, presented road routing alternatives to consider, and addressed the project timetable and budget beginning FY 1998-99.

Mr. Mathews inquired if before the final design is made there could be some tie-in to the Bristol Beltway.

Mr. Reeter commented that the route considered in Option 1 will be compatible for linking a western by-pass route from the Town of Abingdon at Route 19 going directly to I-81 at mile mark 11.

Mr. Ingle commented that the road considered in Option 1 will be designed as a limited access road in an industrial area with no residential development and will be to serve the Washington County-Bristol Industrial Park.

Mr. Buchanan outlined the proposed project schedule beginning the process in the Fall of 1998 and completing the project in 2002.

d. **FY 1998-99 VDOT Revenue Sharing Funds Request (Reeter)**

Mr. Reeter addressed the issue of financing the project by proposing the County consider applying for Revenue Sharing Funds in the amount of $250,000 for FY 1988-89 for funding of rural addition road and new road construction. He stated these funds require a 50/50 cost sharing arrangement with the locality. He proposed using revenue sharing funds for the first two years of the project=s implementation.

Mr. Reeter recommended the Supervisors request a total $250,000 from VDOT in revenue sharing funds for FY 1998-99 and FY 1999-2000, matching the funds with local monies. He stated the following two projects will be undertaken: relocation of existing SR 1717; and, rural addition roads. Additionally, Mr. Reeter recommended the Virginia Department of Transportation be the administrative agency for both projects.

On motion of Mr. Osborne, second by Mrs. Mumpower, it was resolved to participate in the Virginia Department of Transportation Revenue Sharing Program for FY 1998-99 with the County providing up to $250,000 and requesting the funds be matched by the Commonwealth on a dollar-for-dollar basis for the following designated projects:

$125,000 for relocation of existing SR 1717 from US 11 to SR1717;
$125,000 for rural addition roads;

further, it was resolved to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 98 - 7

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Washington County are aware of the long-standing inadequacies of State Route 1717 (Industrial Park Road) as the sole means of access to and from the Bristol/Washington County Industrial Park, and

WHEREAS, the Bristol/Washington County Industrial Park is presently home to seven industries employing over 3,700 persons, with many of these industries having expressed interest in a new access road in order to better facilitate their present and future operations, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has reviewed a preliminary engineering report entitled, ABristol-Washington County Industrial Park Access Road Alignment Study@ commissioned by the Washington County Industrial Development Authority and prepared by Anderson & Associates, Engineers of Blacksburg, Virginia dated December, 1997, and

WHEREAS, the report evaluated the design and possible routing alignments for a new access road, and recommends the construction of a modern, two-lane road beginning at a point northeast of the present intersection of State Route 1717 and U.S. Highway 11, extending thence in a northwesterly fashion to an intersecting terminus with State Route 1717 in the vicinity of the present intersection of State Routes 1717 and 1728, and

WHEREAS, the report recommends to construction of such a facility identified as AAlignment 2", this alignment being the most economic of all routing alignments evaluated, and

WHEREAS, the report estimates the total cost of Alignment 2 at approximately $3.3 million, with a total of four fiscal year years involved in design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Virginia, that it hereby authorizes and approves initiation of a project to construct a new access road into the Bristol/Washington County Industrial Park, said road to be designed and routed generally as described as Alignment 2 of herein referenced report.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that project activities commence beginning in Fiscal Year 1998-99, subject to receipt of Revenue Sharing Funds to be requested from the Virginia Department of Transportation, said Funds to be matched equally by County funds subject to and contingent upon appropriation by the Board of Supervisors in Fiscal Year 1998-99 and any subsequent County fiscal years in which County funds shall be required for this project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Virginia Department of Transportation be designated the administrative entity for this project as herein described.

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

Mr. Ingle	***Aye***	***Mrs. Mumpower***	***Aye***	***Mr. Mathews***	***Aye***
Mr. Osborne	***Aye***	***Mr. Roberts***	***Aye***	***Mr. Barker***	***Aye***

7 **Adjournment**

On motion of Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Roberts, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting.

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

Mr. Ingle	***Aye***	***Mrs. Mumpower***	***Aye***	***Mr. Mathews***	***Aye***
Mr. Osborne	***Aye***	***Mr. Roberts***	***Aye***	***Mr. Barker***	***Aye***

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Bobby D. Ingle, Chairman