

**VIRGINIA:**

At a recessed meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Tuesday, February 27, 2001, at 5:00 p.m., at the County Administration Building in Abingdon, Virginia, the following were present:

**PRESENT:**

Joe W. Derting, Chairman  
John B. Roberts, Sr., Vice Chairman (Arrived 5:40 p.m.)  
Bobby D. Ingle  
Phillip B. McCall  
Anthony S. Rector  
Jack H. Barker  
Dulcie M. Mumpower

Mark K. Reeter, County Administrator  
Lucy E. Phillips Bright, County Attorney  
Mark W. Seamon, Accounting/Purchasing Manager  
Sandra M. Hatfield, CPS, Administrative Supervisor

Also in attendance was:

William W. King, Consulting Engineer/Architect, Thompson & Litton,  
Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Task Force  
David Rose, Davenport & Co., Co-Financial Advisor, Southwest  
Virginia Regional Jail Task Force

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1. **Call to Order**

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

Mr. Derting stated the purpose of the recessed meeting was to hear a presentation on the proposed Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Project.

County Administrator Mark K. Reeter introduced William W. King , Thompson & Litton, and Dave Rose, Davenport & Company stating they will present recommendations from the Southwest Virginia Regional Task Force to the Board of Supervisors.



2 **Presentation of Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Project (William King, Thompson & Litton)**

Mr. William King gave an overview on the development of the jail renovation commenting on the interest of localities in the region to join together forming a regional task force exploring a regional jail facility.

Mr. King explained Thompson & Litton assessed all existing jails to determine the scope and costs of expanding and upgrading each local jail. He stated the task force has agreed to pursue a three jail system, which is interdependent on each other. Mr. King stated the firms

of Davenport & Co and Ferris Baker Watts have been employed as Financial Advisors for the project. Mr. King commented on the rationale for building a three jail system, as well as the requirement to establish a regional jail authority and associated responsibilities. The three regional jails, Mr. King stated, are proposed for Central Washington County serving Washington, Smyth and Russell Counties with 365 beds total; Duffield serving Lee, Scott and Wise Counties and the City of Norton with 270 beds total; and Haysi serving Buchanan and Dickenson Counties with 145 beds total.

Mr. King reviewed compliance and financial considerations for establishing a regional jail authority.

Mr. King reviewed current problem areas identified in existing jails in the region are: Age; Overcrowding; Lack of adequate program space; limited cell space; lack of indoor/outdoor recreational space; handicap accessibility; non-compliance with current building codes; limited on-site parking; limited capacity to house females; and, site constraints for expansion. More specifically, Mr. King outlined specific problem areas in the Washington County jail.

Mr. David Rose presented financial information to be considered explaining the Commonwealth will provide up to 50% reimbursement for eligible construction costs for a regional jail project. He reported funds can be available to the regional jail authority at a lower interest rate, and illustrated the impact of capital funding on Washington County as part of an authority project versus a single locality cost. Mr. Rose provided information on the current costs and savings to the authority versus projected regional costs of the proposed project, encouraging the Supervisors to proceed with the project at the present time.

Mr. Rose presented the Supervisors with a timetable for the regional jail project that included establishing a regional jail authority, submission of documentation to the Virginia Department of Corrections and the Governor, design/construction work, and financial documentation.

Delegate Joseph Johnson was in the audience and offered his support for the regional jail project contingent upon the Board of Supervisors' support. During his comments, Delegate Johnson stated there is a great need to build a juvenile facility in Southwest Virginia. Chairman Derting conveyed Task Force agreement, and reported that a study of a juvenile facility is being undertaken.

Mr. King pointed out that according to the time schedule, Washington County, Virginia Board of Supervisors and other participating jurisdictions will need to adopt an ordinance establishing the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Authority, and consider appointing the membership of the authority which will consist of two representatives from each County. Mr. Reeter reported the Task Force is hopeful to employ a Superintendent who will oversee the building project.

Chairman Derting expressed appreciation to Washington County representation on the Task Force for their work and efforts.

***On motion of Mr. Ingle, second by Mr. Roberts, it was resolved to advertise for public hearing an ordinance to establish the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Authority as soon as such ordinance is drafted.***

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

<b><i>Mr. Derting</i></b>	<b><i>Aye</i></b>	<b><i>Mr. Roberts</i></b>	<b><i>Aye</i></b>	<b><i>Mr. McCall</i></b>	<b><i>Aye</i></b>
<b><i>Mr. Ingle</i></b>	<b><i>Aye</i></b>	<b><i>Mr. Rector</i></b>	<b><i>Aye</i></b>	<b><i>Mrs. Mumpower</i></b>	<b><i>Aye</i></b>
<b><i>Mr. Barker</i></b>	<b><i>Aye</i></b>				



3 **Adjournment**

**On motion of Mrs. Mumpower, second by Mr. McCall, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting.**

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

<i>Mr. Derting</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Mr. Roberts</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Ingle</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Mr. Rector</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Mrs. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Barker</i>	<i>Aye</i>				

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Joe W. Derting, Chairman