V I R G I N I A:

At a meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Tuesday, March 27, 2001, at 7:00 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
Bobby D. Ingle
Phillip B. McCall
Anthony S. Rector
Dulcie M. Mumpower
Jackson H. Barker

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

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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.

2 **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Phillip B. McCall**

Supervisor Phillip McCall gave the Invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3 **Approval of Agenda**

On motion of Mr. Ingle, second by Mr. Barker, it was resolved to approve the Agenda with the following changes:

Add:
7.a **All America City Partnership Regional Planning Forum, "From Vision to Reality," April 6, 2001, Tusculum College, Greenville, TN (Gary Mabrey, Executive Director, Johnson City Chamber of Commerce)**
15.a ***Revised Budget Meeting Schedule***

Amend:
20 ***Adjournment***

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

Mr. Derting	***Aye***	***Mr. Roberts***	***Aye***	***Mr. McCall***	***Aye***
Mr. Ingle	***Aye***	***Mr. Rector***	***Aye***	***Mrs. Mumpower***	***Aye***
Mr. Barker	***Aye***				

4 **Approval of Minutes**:

The following action was taken on approval of minutes:

a. Regular Meeting of March 13, 2001

On motion of Mr. Ingle, second by Mr. McCall, it was resolved to approve the Minutes of March 13, 2001 with the following corrections:

Page 9980, Agenda Item 5.c, Citizen Comments (Continued), Paragraph 1:

Correct misspelling of Charlie Leab

Page 9986, Agenda Item 14, Board Member Comments (Continued), Paragraph 1:

Remove sentence, " … Mr. Barker and the Joint Budget Study Committee were encouraged to begin discussions and study of employee health insurance options."

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

Mr. Derting	***Aye***	***Mr. Roberts***	***Aye***	***Mr. McCall***	***Aye***
Mr. Ingle	***Aye***	***Mr. Rector***	***Aye***	***Mrs. Mumpower***	***Aye***
Mr. Barker	***Aye***				

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b. Recessed Meeting of March 22, 2001

The Minutes of March 22, 2001 were not ready for submission to the Board for approval.

At this time, Chairman Derting acknowledged the number of citizens present at the meeting to voice their concerns over the recent property assessments. He stated he was made aware that an advertisement appeared in the newspaper encouraging citizens to attend this meeting of the Board of Supervisors meeting concerning their property appraisals. He informed the audience that the matter is not scheduled on the Agenda for discussion, however, if there were people in attendance wishing to comment, he invited them to do so under Citizen Comments.

For the benefit of the audience, Chairman Derting explained the process for appealing property assessments. He reported that the Circuit Court Judge is in the process of appointing members to the Board of Equalization, and that appointments to meet with the Board of Equalization should be made through the Commissioner of Revenue's office. Further, he explained the appeals process allows for property owners who are not satisfied with the decision of the Board of Equalization to proceed to the next level in the process, and request a hearing before the Judge of Circuit Court.

Chairman Derting reiterated statements from the March 13, 2001 meeting that the Constitution of Virginia requires the Board of Supervisors to have properties appraised every four years, and that the appraisals occur under the jurisdiction and direction of the Commissioner of Revenue, not the Board of Supervisors. He stated professional appraisers are hired to evaluate and set a fair market

value on all properties, and the Board of Supervisors, when they adopt the County budget, establishes the tax rate.

Chairman Derting conveyed to the audience that the Board of Supervisors will not be in a position to consider possible adjustments to the property tax rate until such time as the General Assembly adopts the State budget, the revenues are known, and the County's FY 2001-02 recommended budget is submitted. At that time, he stated, the Board of Supervisors can consider possible adjustments in the tax rate. In his remarks, Chairman Derting cautioned citizens that the County's recommended budget for FY 2001-02 will be tight.

Mr. Derting assured the citizens that until such time as the County's budget is adopted and the Board of Supervisors sets the tax rate, there will be advertised public hearings scheduled to allow for citizen input. He stated a public hearing on the FY 2001-02 County Budget is tentatively set for Wednesday, May 21, 2001, at Abingdon High School Auditorium.

5 **Consideration of FY 2001-02 VDOT Revenue Sharing Funds Request (Ms. Christianne E. Parker, Assistant County Administrator)**

Ms. Christianne E. Parker, Assistant County Administrator appeared before the Board of Supervisors to present a request from the Town of Damascus for additional revenue sharing funds to cover increased costs for reconstruction of the Mock Hollow Project. Ms. Parker clarified there are no local matching monies involved, that the required local match will be provided through a grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development.

On motion of Mr. Roberts, second by Mr. Rector, it was resolved to approve the County's request to the Virginia Department of Transportation for Revenue Sharing Funds for FY 2001-02 and to include on behalf of the Town of Damascus additional revenue sharing funds in the amount of $50,000; and further, that the funds be set aside for the Mock Hollow Street Improvement Project with the anticipation of their need in the spring of 2002.

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

Mr. Derting	***Aye***	***Mr. Roberts***	***Aye***	***Mr. McCall***	***Aye***
Mr. Ingle	***Aye***	***Mr. Rector***	***Aye***	***Mrs. Mumpower***	***Aye***
Mr. Barker	***Aye***				

6 **Joint Courthouse Parking Committee - Final Recommendation**

The Board of Supervisors received a final report from the Joint Courthouse Parking Committee containing their recommendations for consideration by both the Board of Supervisors and the Town of Abingdon.

Discussion of the recommendations ensued.

On motion of Mr. Ingle, second by Mr. Roberts, it was resolved to approve the following recommendations of the Joint Courthouse Parking Committee:

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1. ***Pending more permanent parking arrangements, that the County lease from Mr. & Mrs. J.D. Morefield or other property owners motor vehicle parking spaces (30) located south of Troopers Allen and between Court and Pecan Streets;***
2. ***Additional spaces be designated for use by the public on the County owned parking lots and that reserved spaces be limited;***
3. ***Procedures be established to control and enforce the limits on the use of and access to the public parking spaces on the County owned parking lots;***
4. ***The Town of Abingdon increase the fine or fines for parking violations to discourage abuse of existing limits on parking on the public streets and the Town enforce the parking limits; and,***

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1. ***Governmental bodies pursue surface parking; and,***
2. ***If the governmental bodies decide to pursue additional parking facilities, the Town and the County consider purchase of the Virginia House Site extended (NE Corner Court & Park Street) as described in the Parking Facility Site Evaluation and Selection Study for the Washington County Courthouse Area, Abingdon, prepared by Thompson & Litton and Joseph P. McGee & Associates.***

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

Mr. Derting	***Aye***	***Mr. Roberts***	***Aye***	***Mr. McCall***	***Aye***
Mr. Ingle	***Aye***	***Mr. Rector***	***Aye***	***Mrs. Mumpower***	***Aye***
Mr. Barker	***Aye***				

7 **Consideration of Resolution Supporting Coal Miners Postal Stamp**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-06
REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO ISSUE A COAL MINERS' POSTAL STAMP

WHEREAS, Our entire Nation owes our coal miners a great deal more than we could ever repay them for the difficult and dangerous job that they performed so that we could have the fuel we need to operate our industries and to heat our homes; and

WHEREAS, It would be proper and fitting for our Nation to recognize our coal miners, both past and present, for their contributions to this Nation, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Washington County Board of Supervisors requests that the House of Representatives recognize the coal miners by asking the United States Postal Service to issue a postal stamp to memorialize and honor the coal miners of Virginia and be it further

RESOLVED, That the copies of this resolution be delivered to the United States Postal Service, to the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Virginia.

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

Mr. Derting	***Aye***	***Mr. Roberts***	***Aye***	***Mr. McCall***	***Aye***
Mr. Ingle	***Aye***	***Mr. Rector***	***Aye***	***Mrs. Mumpower***	***Aye***
Mr. Barker	***Aye***				

9 **Consideration of Tyler District Water Projects (Supervisor Jackson Barker)**

a. Gate City Highway
b. State Route 700

On motion of Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Rector, it was resolved to submit the following proposed projects to the Washington County Service Authority along with a request that the residents be provided with city water:

(1) Gate City Highway, from the end of existing Washington County Service Authority line at 3461 Gate City Highway to Scott County Line;
(2) Route 700 from Lime Hill Road to a point East of Abram's Falls Road for a distance of 1.1 miles, or 5,808 feet of line;

Further, it was resolved to appropriate $25,000 from Small Water Projects-Tyler District and $108,989 from Uncommitted Reserves to the Washington County Service Authority for the above two projects.

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

Mr. Derting	***Aye***	***Mr. Roberts***	***Aye***	***Mr. McCall***	***Aye***
Mr. Ingle	***Aye***	***Mr. Rector***	***Aye***	***Mrs. Mumpower***	***Aye***
Mr. Barker	***Aye***				

During deliberations of the motion, Supervisors Mumpower and Ingle expressed their preference to wait to commit funds to these water projects until budget discussions are held. Additionally, they requested the Service Authority provide information on the status of current water projects and a planning schedule for pending water projects.

Present in the audience was Jack Sorah who was introduced by Supervisor Barker.

10 **Consideration of Parade Permit Application, Greenfield Baptist Church, April 13, 2001**

On motion of Mr. Rector, second by Mr. Barker, it was resolved to approve Parade Permit Application for Greenfield Baptist Church to be held April 13, 2001, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. for the purpose of an Easter Celebration.

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

Mr. Derting	***Aye***	***Mr. Roberts***	***Aye***	***Mr. McCall***	***Aye***
Mr. Ingle	***Aye***	***Mr. Rector***	***Aye***	***Mrs. Mumpower***	***Aye***
Mr. Barker	***Aye***				

11 **Consideration of Workers' Compensation Insurance Coverage for FY 2002 (Mark W. Seamon, Accounting/Purchasing Manager)**

Mr. Mark Seamon, Accounting & Purchasing Manager, reported Virginia Association of Counties is now offering a Workers Compensation Program which covers cities, towns and counties. He presented information relative to their proposal and request for Washington County's participation.

On motion of Mr. Roberts, second by Mr. McCall, it was resolved to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign Application for Membership in the Virginia Association of Counties Group Self-Insurance Association; further, it was resolved to adopt and authorize the Chairman to sign the Virginia Association of Counties Group Self-Insurance Association Indemnity Agreement and Power of Attorney.

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

Mr. Derting	***Aye***	***Mr. Roberts***	***Aye***	***Mr. McCall***	***Aye***
Mr. Ingle	***Aye***	***Mr. Rector***	***Aye***	***Mrs. Mumpower***	***Aye***
Mr. Barker	***Aye***				

12 **Consideration of Contract for Subscription and Continued General Public Access to Real Property Appraisal Information Posted at www.vamanet.com by Mass Appraisal Systems, Inc.**

Received memorandum concerning Vamanet.com offering internet access to public information presently available in the local Commissioner of Revenue real estate records at a cost of $500 per year.

County Administrator Mark Reeter reported the staff is currently working to develop a County web site that will have the capability of providing real estate and other information through County-owned computer servers.

On motion of Mr. Rector, second by Mr. Barker, it was resolved that Washington County will not subscribe to Vamanet.com Internet Service.

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

Mr. Derting	***Aye***	***Mr. Roberts***	***Aye***	***Mr. McCall***	***Aye***
Mr. Ingle	***Aye***	***Mr. Rector***	***Aye***	***Mrs. Mumpower***	***Aye***
Mr. Barker	***Aye***				

7.a **All America City Partnership Regional Planning Forum, "From Vision to Reality," April 6, 2001, Tusculum College, Greenville, TN (Gary Mabrey, Executive Director, Johnson City Chamber of Commerce)**

Mr. Gary Mabrey, Executive Director, Johnson City Chamber of Commerce, appeared before the Board of Supervisors, extending an invitation to participate in the All America City Partnership Regional Planning Forum on Friday, April 6, 2001, at Tusculum College in Greenville, Tennessee.

Mr. Maybrey expressed appreciation to the Supervisors for their leadership and past support of the All America City Program.

8 **Recess**

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

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

Mr. Derting	***Aye***	***Mr. Roberts***	***Aye***	***Mr. McCall***	***Aye***
Mr. Ingle	***Aye***	***Mr. Rector***	***Aye***	***Mrs. Mumpower***	***Aye***
Mr. Barker	***Aye***				

13 **Proposals for Purchase and Installation of a Multi-Line Central Dispatch/E-911 Console System**

Mr. Mark Seamon presented a draft Request for Proposals for the purchase and installation of a multi-line Central Dispatch/E-911 Console System. Additionally, Mr. Seamon provided a procurement timetable for the Console and Switch System.

Discussion ensued relative to the cost of replacing the present radio equipment and the estimated calendar for having the new system operational.

In other discussions, the County Administrator reported on efforts to relocate Central Dispatch to the Valley Street Building, and the cost to operate the 911 system.

On motion of Mr. Rector, second by Mr. Barker, it was resolved to authorize advertisement of Request for Proposals for the purchase of a multi-line Dispatch/E-911 Console System.

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

Mr. Derting	***Aye***	***Mr. Roberts***	***Aye***	***Mr. McCall***	***Aye***
Mr. Ingle	***Aye***	***Mr. Rector***	***Aye***	***Mrs. Mumpower***	***Aye***
Mr. Barker	***Aye***				

14 **Consideration of Resolutions Requesting Virginia Department of Transportation to Conduct Speed Studies**:

a. Old Clinchburg Road, Shirley Bailey (Supervisor Bobby D. Ingle)
b. Dishner Valley Road, Arthur Bond (Supervisor Jackson Barker)

On motion of Mr. Ingle, second by Mr. Barker, it was resolved to request the Virginia Department of Transportation to conduct speed studies on Old Clinchburg Road and Dishner Valley Road to determine if speed limits could be lowered.

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

Mr. Derting	***Aye***	***Mr. Roberts***	***Aye***	***Mr. McCall***	***Aye***
Mr. Ingle	***Aye***	***Mr. Rector***	***Aye***	***Mrs. Mumpower***	***Aye***
Mr. Barker	***Aye***				

15 **County Administrator Comments**

a. **Revised Budget Meeting Schedule**

A preliminary revised calendar for budget meetings was distributed to the Board of Supervisors. The County Administrator reported presentation of revenue projections is tentatively scheduled on April 24, 2001, and the County's Recommended Budget will be presented May 8, 2001.

There was a brief discussion about scheduling a public hearing on reassessments sometime after May 23, 2001.

16 **County Attorney Comments**

Ms. Lucy Bright presented a brief progress report on the status of the Redistricting Committee meeting. She stated the Committee is requesting a public hearing be scheduled on Tuesday, April 24, 2001 to hear comments on the proposed revised election district ordinance.

Mr. Rector inquired about the Registrar's policy of notifying voters of election district changes prior to the election.

On motion of Mr. Ingle, second by Mr. Rector, it was resolved to advertise a public hearing scheduled for April 24, 2001, or as soon thereafter that is possible, on the proposed revised election district ordinance.

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

Mr. Derting	***Aye***	***Mr. Roberts***	***Aye***	***Mr. McCall***	***Aye***
Mr. Ingle	***Aye***	***Mr. Rector***	***Aye***	***Mrs. Mumpower***	***Aye***
Mr. Barker	***Aye***				

17 **Consent Agenda**

On motion of Mr. Rector, second by Mrs. Mumpower, it was resolved to approve the following consent agenda items:

a. Supplemental Appropriation, General Services, $233.00, Line Item 43200/3310-04

b. Line Item Transfer of Funds, Circuit Court, $450.00 as follows:
:: 21100/5530, $200.00
:: 21100/5540, $200.00
:: 21100/5890, $ 50.00

c. Request for Revenue Refund, Solid Waste Disposal Fee Overpayments, Southern States, $141.78

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

Mr. Derting	***Aye***	***Mr. Roberts***	***Aye***	***Mr. McCall***	***Aye***
Mr. Ingle	***Aye***	***Mr. Rector***	***Aye***	***Mrs. Mumpower***	***Aye***
Mr. Barker	***Aye***				

Ms. Bright invited the Board of Supervisors to a public forum on Standards of Learning, scheduled April 5, 2001, in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, stating it is sponsored by Leadership Washington County.

18 **Board Member Report**

Mr. Rector reported he continues to work with Mount Rogers and the residents of Hangar Lane concerning their need for water.

19. **Citizen Comments**

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

The following individuals addressed the Board of Supervisors:

Patrick Mannix
David Henderson
Stewart McCracken
Erik McCracken
Randall Brooks
Thomas Whittaker
Shirley Bailey
Charles Brooks
Lacy Love
Dayton Owens

20 **Adjournment**

On motion of Mr. Rector, second by Mr. McCall, it was resolved to adjourn.

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

Mr. Derting	***Aye***	***Mr. Roberts***	***Aye***	***Mr. McCall***	***Aye***
Mr. Ingle	***Aye***	***Mr. Rector***	***Aye***	***Mrs. Mumpower***	***Aye***
Mr. Barker	***Aye***				

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Joe W. Derting, Chairman