V I R G I N I A:

At a meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Wednesday, May 30, 2001, at 5:30 p.m., at E. B. Stanley Middle School Auditorium, 297 Stanley Drive, 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 and Welcome**

Mr. Derting called the meeting to order, welcoming everyone in attendance.

2. **Statement Concerning Purpose of Public Hearing**:

Mr. Derting explained the purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comment on the proposed tax increase to be effective beginning in County Fiscal Year 2001-02 as a result of the general reassessment of real property undertaken in calendar year 2001. This hearing is being held pursuant to Section 58.1-3321 of the 1950 Code of Virginia as amended.

3. **Public Hearing Opens**

Mr. Derting opened the public hearing and invited comments on the proposed tax increase to be effective beginning in County Fiscal Year 2001-02.

The following persons addressed the Board of Supervisors in support of lowering the proposed tax rate from $.66 per hundred expressing concern about the recent increase in the assessed valuation of their property; posed questions regarding the hiring of Blue Ridge Appraisal, their reasons for assessing utilities, and difficulties obtaining the appraiser's working papers; economic development and concern about attracting and keeping a workforce in Washington County; and, consideration of the senior citizens who are on fixed incomes:

Pat Mannix
Tom Whittaker

Shirley Ann Bailey
Clyde Rasnake
Melvin Lambert
Pansy Tolliver
Fred Kaurish
Gerald Cole
Paul F. Phipps
Lacy Love
Hunter Lamb

Speaking in support of maintaining the current tax rate of $.66 per hundred to fully fund the school board budget was:

Micelle Ferrier

4. **Public Hearing Closes**

There being no further comments, Mr. Derting declared the public hearing closed.

5. **Adjourn to 7:00 p.m. Recessed Meeting**

On motion of Mr. McCall, second by Mr. Roberts, it was resolved to recess to 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of holding a public hearing on the Proposed and Recommended County Operating Budget for FY 2001-02.

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

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

Joe W. Derting, Chairman