

**VIRGINIA:**

At a regular meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Tuesday, April 23, 2002, 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  
Jack H. Barker  
Bobby D. Ingle  
Phillip B. McCall  
Dulcie M. Mumpower  
Anthony S. Rector

Mark K. Reeter, County Administrator  
Lucy E. Phillips Bright, County Attorney  
Naoma A. Cook, Administrative Supervisor  
Mark W. Seamon, Accounting & Purchasing Manager

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**1 Call to Order**

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

**2 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Supervisor Joe W. Derting**

Mr. Joe W. Derting gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3 Approval of Agenda**

*On motion of Mr. Ingle, second by Mr. McCall, it was resolved to approve the Agenda with the following correction:*

**Item 6            Consideration of Dog Damage Claim, Glenn O. Thomas, Abingdon, VA**

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

*Mr. Derting            Aye*  
*Mr. Barker            Aye*  
*Mr. Ingle              Aye*  
*Mr. McCall            Aye*

*Mrs. Mumpower*        *Aye*  
*Mr. Rector*            *Aye*  
*Mr. Roberts*          *Aye*

**4        Approval of Minutes – March 21, 2002 Joint Board of Supervisors/School Board Meeting**

*On motion of Mr. Roberts, second by Mrs. Mumpower, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2002, Joint Board of Supervisors and School Board meeting as presented.*

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

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

**April 9, 2002 Meeting**

*On motion of Mr. Ingle, second by Mr. Roberts, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2002, regular meeting as presented:*

*The vote on this motion was as follows: (5-0-2)*

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

**5        Presentation of County Administrator's Proposed & Recommended FY 2002-2003 County Operating Budget**

County Administrator Mark K. Reeter presented the FY 2002-2003 proposed and recommended operating budget for Washington County. He highlighted the following points during his presentation:

- The Recommended total budget for FY 2002-2003 is \$82,765,410 and the current FY 2001-2002 budgeted adopted July 1, 2002 is \$89,288,819. Mr. Reeter explained that there is a difference of about \$7.5 million between the current Fiscal Year and FY 2002-2003. He stated that the decrease is primarily due to reductions in capital expenditures both in the County Capital Improvement Fund and School Board's School Construction Fund.
- The County Capital Improvement Fund's adopted budget for the current Fiscal Year is approximately \$1.6 million and for FY 2002-2003 is \$265,000 resulting in a decrease of \$1.4 million. For the current

Fiscal Year, the School Construction Fund adopted budget is about \$8.1 million and for FY 2002-2003, \$2.6 million resulting in a decrease of \$5.5 million.

- The recommended Budget is based on the County's current tax levies. If the County were to fund all Departmental/Agency requests, real estate taxes would need to be adjusted to \$0.69.
- One County fee increase is proposed in the FY 2002-3003 budget, a \$5.08 per ton increase on solid waste passing through the County Transfer Station. The increase would change the current rate per ton of \$26.92 to \$32.00 per ton. Since the Transfer Station opened in 1993, the County has set the cost-per-ton rate equal to the cost of transportation and disposal charged by the County's waste hauling and disposal services providers which was originally Waste Management and now the County is served by Browning Ferris, Inc. Mr. Reeter explained that the County essentially breaks even with respect to solid waste passing through the Transfer Station. He further explained the cost of operating the Solid Waste Department is borne wholly by the County General Fund, which means that County taxes pay for all departmental operations, including the disposal of all garbage collected at the County Convenience Stations and replacement of equipment. Mr. Reeter stated that given the need to look to various revenue sources other than taxes, the \$5.08 per ton is a reasonable increase and would generate approximately \$90,000 annually in new revenue. Mr. Reeter also stated that the increase would still keep the County below average as far as cost-per-ton for solid waste disposal in the region.
- The recommended Budget relies on about \$1.4 million in carry-over of current Fiscal Year funds to balance revenues with expenditures. Mr. Reeter stated that he does not recommend counting on more than \$1.5 million in carry-over of current Fiscal Year funds. The recommended Budget presently does not rely on carry-over funds derived from prior fiscal years.
- The School Board has requested \$1.1 million in new County funds for FY 2002-2003 from \$18,479,136 in local-only funds budgeted in the current Fiscal Year to a requested \$19,579,136 from the coming Fiscal Year. The recommended Budget provides \$300,000 in new County funds for a total of \$18,779,136 in local-only funds, a 1.62% increase in County dollars over the current Fiscal Year. Mr. Reeter stated that it is impossible to provide \$1.1 million in new County funds with the current revenue stream without drawing on County reserves and he does not recommend doing so.
- The recommended Budget on the revenue side shows a reduction of about \$350,000 in state aid, mainly reductions in State Compensation Board reimbursements to the Constitutional Officers and the elimination of the Office on Youth grant. The budget essentially holds the Constitutional Offices harmless from these reductions. Mr. Reeter stated that after final state aid figures are released about May 1, the net reduction in state funding may not be as bad as the recommended Budget projects. Mr. Reeter further stated that it's likely that actual reductions will be targeted at the Constitutional Officer's overhead reimbursement expenses and not at positions. Revised final figures will be provided to the Board by the time of the first budget work session on May 21.
- In order to balance the recommended Budget at the current County revenue stream, nearly all discretionary, non-county agency expenditures were level-funded with the current Fiscal Year. This includes fire and emergency medical services agencies, community centers and senior services, and athletic groups, recreation and cultural enrichment programs. Funding is provided for the final year of the three-year rotation on new fire trucks for three fire departments; however, no funding is provided for new emergency medical services vehicles.
- County agencies and departments such as the Washington County Sheriff's Office, General Registrar, Electoral Board, Commission of Revenue, Solid Waste and Geographical Information System Departments, as examples, see a decrease in the recommended Budget from the current Fiscal Years

adopted budget. State funding for the Office on Youth was eliminated. The recommended Budget maintains the Office on Youth for FY 2003 at 100% local funding in the hopes that state funding might be restored by the 2003 General Assembly. If no state funding is forthcoming the Board of Supervisors will need to decide whether to maintain the Office on Youth as a purely locally funded agency beginning in FY 2003-2004.

- The recommended Budget provides for a 3% across-the-board salary increase for all locally only positions, excluding purely locally funded positions within the Constitutional Offices, which are based upon the State Compensation Board pay scale.
- No locally funded salary increases were provided for State Compensation Board funded positions. Health insurance costs for all County employees increased by about \$550,000 in total, of which \$385,000 of the increase is for school system employees. The County did see a \$160,000 reduction in the cost of Virginia Retirement System (VRS) retirement benefits and a \$70,000 reduction in life insurance benefits due to a VRS "holiday," or suspension or reduction of premiums for Fiscal Year 2002-2003. The recommended Budget does factor in \$27,000 for the VRS Optional Health Credit for retired County employees discussed at the April 9, 2002 Board meeting.
- Only one new capital project, remodeling of the Washington County Courthouse, is funded in the recommended Budget within the Department of General Services. Funding is provided to partially match Virginia Department of Transportation funds for the State Route 1717 Relocation Project within the Road Improvement Fund. Election District-based funding for small water projects has been eliminated in the recommended Budget except for already approved projects. No funding is provided for new sewer projects. Previously appropriated funding for the Poor Valley Water project will be carried-over from the current Fiscal Year to FY 2002-2003. \$100,000 is set aside for miscellaneous capital projects.
- One new full-time position, Information Technology Technician, within the Information Technology Department and one new part-time position within the General Services Department are the only new locally funded positions in the recommended Budget for FY 2002-2003. New locally funded positions requested but not funded in the recommended Budget came from the Sheriff's Office and Washington County Library.
- Reorganization was made to E-911 expenditures in the recommended Budget. The E-911 Project Fund was eliminated, replaced by an E-911 Fund which merely reimburses the County General Fund for E-911 related expenditures. Mr. Reeter stated this was more of an accounting change but should be noted.
- Reserve for Contingencies is budgeted at the standard \$250,000, and uncommitted reserves at \$150,000. The Board may use the uncommitted reserves first to increase line items in the recommended Budget.

Mr. Reeter concluded his comments by stating that the County is fiscally stressed to meet its needs with its current revenue stream. He stated that he had concerns last year when the tax rate was adjusted to \$0.57 that under bad economic conditions at the state level the County could find itself in a difficult situation financially.

## **6 Consideration of Dog Damage Claim, Glenn O. Thomas, Abingdon, VA**

Mr. Glenn O Thomas was not present at the Board meeting to discuss the Dog Damage Claim. There was discussion by the Board but no action was taken.

**7 Consideration of Transferring Cable Television Franchise Agreement from Cooney Cable of Bastian, LP to J. Feeney Associates, Inc. d/b/a/, Chain Lakes Cable of Virginia**

Mr. Charles Himelrick, Vice President of Operations for J. Feeney and Associates, Inc., appeared before the Board. He explained that approximately 68 days ago Cooney Cable was sold at auction. Three separate companies purchased the cable system. J. Feeney and Associates bought the systems in Russell and Washington Counties, Haysi, Birchleaf and Speedwell. Mr. Himelrick further explained that J. Feeney and Associates had approximately 21 customers and three miles of plant in Washington County.

Mr. Himelrick told the Board that he was based in Crossville, Tennessee and would be spending time in Washington County overseeing repairs to the cable system. He stated that it is the goal of J. Feeney and Associates is to turn the cable system around and make it profitable.

Responding to a question, Mr. Himelrick told the Board that the customers in Washington County did not have interruption in their cable service.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2002-10**

*WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Supervisors, in a Franchise Agreement dated August 8, 2000, awarded Cooney Cable Associates of Bastian, L.P. (d/b/a Cooney Cable Associates) permission to construct, operate and maintain a cable television system within the jurisdictional limits of the County; and*

*WHEREAS, Cooney Cable Associates declared Chapter 11 Bankruptcy; and*

*WHEREAS, effective February 14, 2002, by order of United States Bankruptcy Court, District of Massachusetts, J. Feeney Associates, Inc. (d/b/a Chain Lakes Cable of Virginia) was assigned and has assumed certain executory contracts and leases from Cooney Cable Associates of Bastian, L.P. which included, but is not limited to, the Franchise Agreement between Cooney Cable Associates of Bastian, L.P. and County of Washington dated August 8, 2000; and*

*WHEREAS, Section 15 of said Franchise Agreement states that no assignment of the Franchise Agreement shall take place without approval by the Washington County Board of Supervisors;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Virginia, does hereby approve the transfer of the above-referenced cable television Franchise Agreement to J. Feeney Associates, Inc.; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Franchise Agreement shall expire on August 8, 2007, as written in said agreement; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mark K. Reeter, County Administrator is authorized to execute all necessary documents.*

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

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

*Mr. Roberts**Aye*

## **8 Presentation of Mendota Community Associations' Recommendations**

Mr. George Noll, representing the Mendota Community Association Recommendation Committee, appeared before the Board to present a list of recommendations to be proposed to the Mendota Community Association. The recommendations are intended to provide for increased community input by Mendota community residents. Mr. Noll expressed appreciation to the Board, Jack Barker, Lucy Bright, Vicky Henderson and other County staff for their work with the committee. Jim Mosier, Sylvan Bentley, and Jerry Hobbs were the other citizen members of the committee.

The following are highlights of the Committee recommendations, as presented by Mr. Noll:

- Suggested beginning registration in May 2002 in order to implement voting for the election of officers for the Mendota Community Association.
- Increase the Mendota Community Association Board of Directors to nine members to allow more members of the community an opportunity to get involved.
- Consider the possibility of increasing the number of members on the Steering Committee and on other committees.

Mr. Noll stated that he feels with the implementation of the new policies or recommendations that beginning July 1, 2002, the community will go forward and he anticipates great things for the citizens of Mendota. He added that the Community is fully self-contained should a disaster occur.

Mr. Barker complimented Mr. Noll and Mr. Mosier for their participation in the meetings and thanked them for their perseverance with this project.

Mrs. Mumpower asked Mr. Noll when the election of the Board of Directors and Officers would take place. Mr. Noll responded by stating that the Board of Directors of the Mendota Community Association would need to set the date. Mrs. Mumpower further asked how the residents in Mendota would be notified of the voter registration process. Mr. Noll said the process of notifying the Mendota residents needs to be worked out. Mrs. Mumpower stated that all Mendota residents should be fully informed about the registration process.

## **9 Consideration of Request for Resolution and Support Agreement from the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Authority for \$7.5 Million Phase II Interim Financing of Regional Jail Project**

County Administrator Mark Reeter addressed the Board explaining that Mr. David Rose of Davenport and Company is present and will provide a status on the activities of the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Authority. He told the Board that a copy of the presentation had been provided to them at their stations.

Mr. David Rose with Davenport and Company appeared before the Board to provide an update on the activities of the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Authority. Mr. Rose stated that the Regional Jail project is being undertaken through a three phase financing process. He explained that Phase I was the \$1.1 million interim financing which was approved by Authority member jurisdictions in the fall of 2001. Phase II is the \$7.5 million interim financing which is the request being presented tonight for approval by Washington County. Phase III is the permanent financing and is projected to be completed by the end of calendar year 2002.

Mr. Rose explained to the Board the interim financing process. He stated that the interim financing is secured by the moral obligation pledge, subject to annual appropriation, of each of the participating localities composing the Regional Jail Authority. The financing includes interest payments during construction; therefore no cash outlay by Authority member jurisdictions is required. Mr. Rose told the Board that approximately \$7.5 million of interim financing for Phase II is needed to enable the Authority to fund full-

scale design and building process for the regional jails until the permanent financing, Phase III, is complete. Mr. Rose stated that upon closing of the \$7.5 million Phase II interim financing, the Authority and its member jurisdictions are effectively fully committed to the construction of a regional jail system to serve Southwest Virginia.

In closing, Mr. Rose explained the impact of the Regional Jail system to Washington County. The annual savings will be approximately \$771,785. He further stated that the approximate annual savings on the per diem rate reimbursed by the State is \$22.70 per inmate based on 96 inmates at start-up and \$15.78 per inmate based on 138 inmates at capacity. Mr. Rose stated that the State would reimburse more dollars for jails operated on a regional basis.

Discussion ensued by the Board regarding this matter. The following action was taken:

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

**RESOLUTION 2002-11**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, VIRGINIA,**  
**A PARTICIPATING MEMBER OF THE SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA REGIONAL JAIL AUTHORITY**  
**APPROVING SUPPORT AGREEMENT**

*WHEREAS, the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Authority (the "Authority") was created by the Counties of Buchanan, Dickenson, Lee, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Washington and Wise and the City of Norton (together, the "Participating Members"), by each of its Board of Supervisors and City Council (the "Governing Bodies") pursuant to Section 53.1-95.2 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended (the "Act"), for the purpose of constructing and operating a regional jail facility or facilities (the "Jail Facilities");*

*WHEREAS, the Participating Members had requested the Authority to initiate the design, acquisition, construction and equipping of the Jail Facilities and finance the initiation of the same through the issuance of the Authority's revenue bond anticipation note or notes for a total amount of \$1,100,000 and the same were issued in November, 2001 (the "2001 Notes");*

*WHEREAS, the Participating Members have requested the Authority to continue the design, acquisition, construction and equipping of the Jail Facilities and provide for the interim financing of the same through the issuance of the Authority's revenue bond anticipation note or notes for a total amount of up to \$7,500,000 (the "2002 Notes");*

*WHEREAS, the Authority is willing to issue the 2002 Notes to provide for the interim financing of the design, acquisition, construction and equipping of the Jail Facilities and the Participating Members are each willing to enter into a Second Support Agreement (the "Second Support Agreement") with the Authority to provide sufficient monies for the Authority to pay the principal and interest on the 2002 Notes when due, each to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of each Participating Member; and*

*WHEREAS, the Authority proposes to use the proceeds of the 2002 Notes to pay a portion of the costs of the design, acquisition, construction and equipping of the Jail Facilities (including the issuance costs of the 2002 Notes) to be secured by the revenues payable under the Second Support Agreement between the Participating Members and the Authority and the pledge of proceeds from the issuance by the Authority of long-term revenue bonds for the Jail Facilities; and*

*WHEREAS, the 2002 Notes will be issued on parity basis with the 2001 Notes subject to approval by each of the Governing Bodies of the Participating Members; and*

*WHEREAS, there have been presented to this meeting drafts of the following documents (the "Documents") which the Authority and/or the Participating Members propose to execute to carry out the transactions described above, copies of which shall be filed with the records of the Participating Members:*

*(a) The Authority's Revenue Bond Anticipation Note or Notes in the form attached hereto, in an amount not to exceed \$7,500,000 with the terms and conditions, including but not limited to, the interest rate at a rate per annum not to exceed 4.05% to be determined by the Chairman of the Authority, with a maturity of one year from its date of issuance (expected to be issued in June, 2002), with interest payable monthly pursuant to the proposal from SunTrust Bank, and with principal due along with interest on the maturity date, with the option to prepay or redeem the 2002 Notes on or after six months following the issuance date; and*

*(b) The Second Support Agreement between the Authority and the Participating Members, whereby the Participating Members agree to make payments thereunder sufficient to pay principal and interest on the 2002 Notes when due.*

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, VIRGINIA:**

*1. The following plan for financing the initial costs of the Jail Facilities is approved by the Board of Supervisors (the "Governing Body") of the County of Washington, Virginia (the "Participating Member"). The Authority shall use the proceeds from the issuance of the 2002 Notes to provide for the interim financing of the design, acquisition, construction and equipping of the Jail Facilities. The obligation of the Authority to pay principal and interest on the 2002 Notes will be limited to payments received from the Participating Members under the Second Support Agreement and/or the proceeds from the sale of long term revenue bonds of the Authority for the Jail Facilities. The obligation of the Participating Members to make payments under the Second Support Agreement will be subject to the Governing Bodies making annual appropriations for such purpose. The 2002 Notes will be secured by the Second Support Agreement, a pledge by the Authority of any reimbursements to the Authority from the Commonwealth of Virginia and the pledge of the proceeds from the sale of long-term revenue bonds for the Jail Facilities. The 2002 Notes will be issued on a parity with the 2001 Notes subject to approval by each of the Governing Bodies of the Participating Members.*

*2. The Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Governing Body, or either of them, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Second Support Agreement and such other documents as are necessary to finance the initial costs of the Jail Facilities..*

*3. Any authorization herein to execute a document shall include authorization to deliver it to the other parties thereto and to record such document where appropriate.*

*4. All other acts of the officers of the Participating Member that are in conformity with the purposes and intent of this resolution and in furtherance of the issuance and sale of the 2002 Notes by the Authority, the execution and delivery of the Second Support Agreement by the Participating Members and the undertaking of the design, acquisition, construction and equipping of the Jail Facilities is hereby approved and ratified.*

*5. Nothing in this resolution or in the Second Support Agreement is or shall be deemed to be a lending of the credit of any Participating Member to the Authority or to any holder of any of the Notes or to any other person, and nothing herein contained is or shall be deemed to be a pledge of the faith and credit or the taxing power of the Participating Member. Nothing herein contained nor in the Second Support Agreement shall bind or obligate the Governing Body to appropriate funds to the Authority for the purposes described herein nor shall any provision of this resolution give the Authority or any holders of the 2002 Notes or any other person any legal right to enforce the terms hereof against the Governing Body or the Participating Member.*

**6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.**

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

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

**Scribner's Note:** The Second Support Agreement referenced herein is found in Minutes Exhibits Item 04-23-02-A.

**10 Consideration of Appointments to Virginia Highlands Community College Board**

**a. Expiring Term of J. Stephen McCall**

*On motion of Mr. Rector, second by Mr. Roberts, it was resolved to reappoint J. Stephen McCall to represent Washington County on the Virginia Highlands Community College Board for a four year term beginning July 1, 2002 and expiring on June 30, 2006.*

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

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

**b. Vacant position formerly held by Mark Graham**

*On motion of Mr. Roberts, second by Mr. Rector, it was resolved to appoint Laura Lee to fill the unexpired term of Mark Graham as Washington County's representative on the Virginia Highlands Community College Board. The term is to be effective immediately and will expire on June 30, 2002.*

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

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

**11 Consideration of Request from Town of Damascus for Surplus County Vehicle**

*On motion of Mr. Roberts, second by Mr. Rector, it was resolved to add the Town of Damascus to the list of agencies to receive surplus vehicles.*

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

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

**12 Recess**

It was consensus of the Board not to take a recess.

**13 Consideration of Appointment to the Southwest Virginia Stormwater Management Project Committee**

*On motion of Mr. Ingle, second by Mr. McCall, it was resolved to appoint Fred Crowell, County Planner, to represent Washington County on the Southwest Virginia Stormwater Management Project Committee.*

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

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

**14 Update on Status of County Comprehensive Plan Development**

County Planner Fred Crowell appeared before the Board to provide a status on the County Comprehensive Plan Development. Mr. Crowell reported that the Community Planning Meeting phase of the Comprehensive Plan update concluded on April 4, 2002. He said the community meeting phase is the second major portion of the collaborative planning process, the first being the citizen survey. Mr. Crowell reported that there were approximately 324 people at the 14 meetings for an average attendance of 23 people. The community input meetings began in January 2002.

Mr. Crowell told the Board that the principal needs expressed at the community meetings are also reflected in the citizen survey results; more jobs or industry, preserve and promote agriculture, roads and public water and sewer.

Mr. Crowell stated that the next step in the Comprehensive Plan development process will be to take the citizen information and combine it with existing data known about the County and formulate a draft plan for the next ten to twenty years for Washington County.

Mr. Ingle stated that students at Emory and Henry College conducted a survey of middle school students regarding what they felt the needs were for Washington County. The students' results mirrored the requests made from citizens during the community meeting process.

## **15 Quarterly County Budget Status Report**

Mr. Mark Seamon, Accounting and Purchasing Manager gave a brief County Budget Status Report. He said that most departments were well within their budgets with the exception of the Jail. Mr. Seamon commented that 12.76% of jail funds are available for the final three months of FY 2002-03. Mr. Seamon stated that he would be working with the Sheriff's Office on this problem.

## **16 County Administrator Reports**

### **a. Review of FY 2002-03 County Budget Calendar & Budget Public Hearing Location**

County Administrator Mark Reeter reviewed the FY 2002-03 County Budget calendar. Mr. Reeter told the Board that the public hearing on the FY 2002-03 County budget is scheduled for May 14, 2002, and the Board needs to approve a location. He stated in prior years the auditorium at Abingdon High School had been scheduled. The auditorium is booked by the Virginia Department of Education on May 14, 2002.

Discussion by the Board ensued on this matter and it was consensus of the Board to conduct the public hearing on May 14, 2002 from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room.

## **17 County Attorney Reports**

There were no County Attorney reports.

## **18 Consent Agenda**

*On motion of Mr. Ingle, second by Mr. McCall, it was resolved to approve the following agenda items:*

- a. Supplemental Appropriation, \$5,488.56, Forfeited Asset Sharing Fund, Sheriff's Department*
- b. Request for Refund, Building Permit No. 15718, \$50.00, John and Jennifer Townsend, 14348 Smith Creek Road, Bristol, VA 24202*

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

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

## **19 Board Member Reports**

Mr. Ingle reported to the Board that it has been determined that some localities may qualify to apply for funds to assist with cleanup from the recent flood. He stated that Frank Canter, General Services Manager, had visited the Tumbling Creek area to assess the situation. Mr. Ingle told the Board that a meeting is scheduled in the Tumbling Creek area for Friday, April 19, 2002, and representatives from the Army Corp of Engineers will be attending. Mr. Rector presented a letter to the Board from the Meadowview Fire Department requesting financial assistance in the amount of \$11,785.40 to purchase air bags. He told the Board that recently there was an accident in Meadowview where a person was trapped under their vehicle. A local industry had an air bag system and it was used to lift the vehicle, which saved the persons life.

***On motion of Mr. Rector, second by Mr. Barker, it was resolved to appropriate \$11,785.40 from Reserves for Contingencies to the Meadowview Fire Department for the purposes of purchasing air bags.***

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

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

Mr. Barker asked the Board to consider the appointment of Mr. Robbie Thacker to represent the F-01 "Tyler" Election District on the Recreation Advisory Board.

***On Motion of Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Rector it was resolved to appoint Robbie Thacker to represent the F-01 "Tyler" Election District on the Recreation Advisory Board for a term to be effective immediately and expire on December 31, 2006.***

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

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

Mr. McCall requested certificates for students from County High Schools that were part of the 4-H LifeSmarts team. These students represented Virginia in the National LifeSmarts contest in Washington, D.C. on April 12-16, 2002. The students won the State LifeSmarts championship and placed fourth in the national contest.

**20     Recess to May 2, 2002, 7:00 pm for Purpose of Conducting Workshop Meeting to Receive Departmental and Agency Reports Concerning the FY 2002-2003 County Operating Budget Requests**

***On motion of Mr. Ingle, second by Mr. Roberts, it was resolved to recess until May 2, 2002, 7:00 pm for Purpose of Conducting Workshop Meeting to Receive Departmental and Agency Reports Concerning the FY 2002-2003 County Operating Budget Requests.***

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

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

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**Prepared by:**

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Naoma A. Cook, Recording Clerk

**Approved by the Washington County Board of Supervisors:**

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Joe W. Derting, Chairman