V I R G I N I A:

At a recessed meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Tuesday, March 25, 2003, at 6:00 p.m., at the County Administration Building in Abingdon, Virginia, the following were present:

PRESENT:

Joe W. Derting, Chairman
Phillip B., McCall, Vice Chairman
Jack H. Barker
Bobby D. Ingle
Anthony S. Rector
Dulcie M. Mumpower
John B. Roberts, Sr.

Mark K. Reeter, County Administrator
Lucy E. Phillips, County Attorney
Mark W. Seamon, Accounting Manager
Naoma A. Mullins, Administrative Supervisor

In Attendance were:

Fred Parker, Treasurer
Melvin Ritchie, Commissioner of the Revenue

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1 Call Recessed Meeting to Order

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

2 Presentation of Revenue Projections for Fiscal Year 2003-2004 *(Fred Parker, Treasurer of Washington County, Melvin Ritchie, Washington County Commissioner of the Revenue & Mark Seamon, County Accounting & Purchasing Manager)*

Messrs. Fred Parker, Treasurer and Melvin Ritchie, Commissioner of the Revenue, appeared before the Board presenting preliminary local revenue projections for FY 2003-04.

Messrs. Parker and Ritchie provided a review of the projected revenue for Fiscal Year 2003 for each revenue line item and the proposed figures for Fiscal Year 2004. The total projected revenue figure for FY 2003 is $34,427,517 and the proposed revenue projection for FY 2004 is $34,554,375. The net increase from FY 2003 adopted to FY 2004 proposed is $460,175.

Mr. Parker advised the Board that the delinquent tax collection rate for Washington County is 97.5%, which is above the state and regional average.

Mr. Mark Seamon, Accounting and Purchasing Manager, addressed the Board regarding the decline in building permit fees. Mr. Seamon explained the decrease was contributed to the declining trend in residential real estate development.
Supervisor Jack Barker inquired about a proposed ordinance that would provide a reduction in real estate tax payments for qualifying taxpayers by allowing them to deduct medical expenses from their income.

Commissioner of the Revenue Melvin Ritchie explained that medical expenses were deducted from total assets and not income. Mr. Ritchie stated that this proposal would not have a significant impact on revenue.

Mr. Mark Reeter, County Administrator, stated that he and Mr. Seamon would be preparing the County Operating Budget in early April with delivery of the Proposed & Recommended County Operating Budget for FY 2003-04 scheduled for Board of Supervisors regular meeting on April 22.

3 Adjourn

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

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***

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Prepared by:

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Naoma A. Mullins Recording Clerk

Approved by the Washington County Board of Supervisors:

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Joe W. Derting, Chairman