V I R G I N I A:

At a recessed meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Monday, May 12, 2003, at 7:00 p.m., at the Abingdon High School Auditorium in Abingdon, Virginia, the following were present:

PRESENT:

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

Mark K. Reeter, County Administrator
Mark W. Seamon, Accounting Manager
Naoma A. Mullins, Recording Clerk

ABSENT:

Lucy E. Phillips, County Attorney

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1 Call to Order and Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Joe Derting, Chairman of the Board, who welcomed 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 and recommended County Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2003-2004. This hearing is being held pursuant to Section 15.2-2506 of the 1950 Code of Virginia as amended.

3 Public Hearing Opens

Mr. Derting opened the public hearing and invited comments on the proposed and recommended County Operating Budget for FY 2003-2004.

Mr. Pat Mannix addressed the Board expressing concerns about various expenditures.
The following persons addressed the Board of Supervisors requesting that they restore funding in the FY 2003-2004 County Operating Budget for the Washington County fire and rescue organizations:

Dr. Anne Kegley representing Washington County Emergency Medical Services and physician at Johnston Memorial Hospital;
Steve Rachel, Fire Chief, Goodson-Kinderhook Volunteer Fire Department.

The following persons addressed the Board of Supervisors in support of fully funding the proposed Washington County School Board FY 2003-2004 Budget:

Don Inazu, Washington County Education Association;
Pat Johnson Lewis, President-Elect, Washington County Education Association;
Jay Doucette, Washington County Education Association.

Other speakers addressing the Board of Supervisors were:

Dr. Ron Ely spoke to the Board concerning funding priorities of the County. Dr. Ely encouraged the Board to consider a property tax increase and to explore other resources to create additional revenue to fund agency/department requests. He asked the Board to consider paying the Town of Abingdon everything owed for fire and rescue services provided outside the corporate limits of the Town.

Mr. L. B. Atkins expressed concerns regarding the recommended and proposed 2003-2004 County Operating Budget.

4 Public Hearing Closes

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

5 Adjourn

On motion of Mr. McCall, second by Mr. Barker, 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