

VIRGINIA:

At a regular meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Tuesday, March 22, 2005, at 7:00 p.m., at the County Administration Building in Abingdon, Virginia the following were present:

PRESENT:

Phillip B. McCall, Vice Chairman
Bobby D. Ingle
Dulcie M. Mumpower
Odell Owens
Anthony S. Rector
Kenneth O. Reynolds

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

ABSENT:

John B. Roberts, Sr. Chairman

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Phillip McCall, Vice Chairman of the Board, who welcomed everyone in attendance. Mr. McCall noted that Chairman John Roberts had a medical procedure performed earlier in the day and would not be attending the meeting.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Bobby Ingle gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda

On motion of Mr. Rector, second by Mr. Owens, it was resolved to approve the agenda as presented.

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

Mr. Ingle Aye
Mr. McCall Aye
Mrs. Mumpower Aye
Mr. Owens Aye
Mr. Rector Aye
Mr. Reynolds Aye

4. Approval of Minutes

On motion of Mr. Reynolds, second by Mr. Owens, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2005, regular meeting as presented.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (5-0-1)

<i>Mr. Ingle</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mrs. Mumpower</i>	<i>Abstained</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Rector</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Reynolds</i>	<i>Aye</i>

5. Presentation of Library Facilities Plan

Mrs. Charlotte Parsons, Director of the Washington County Public Library, appeared before the Board to present a review of the Master Library Facilities Report and to request the Board of Supervisors accept the Master Facilities Report and to endorse the efforts of the Library Board the Library Planning Committee to move forward with the plans to implement the recommendations made in the report. Additionally, Mrs. Parsons stated she is requesting the Board commit a minimum of \$5,000 toward the cost of the study.

Mrs. Parson explained the purpose of the facilities study and provided a brief history of the project. She stated the report identifies major areas of concern. The Washington County Public Library is ranked below average in regard to local funding, books per capita and turnover rate. The five areas of concern were identified. The report points out that one facility is unacceptable and four were rated poor. None of the library buildings meet current building codes for safety and accessibility. None of the library buildings meet the minimum standards recommended by the Library of Virginia. The report says for a County of the size of Washington, the number of service outlets is above average.

Mrs. Parson reviewed the recommendations made in the report. It is recommended that the Damascus branch relocate to a stand-alone facility with a minimum of 3,600 square feet and adequate parking. The County should retain ownership of the site rather than rent. The former Minute-Ette business was recommended as a desirable site. It was recommended that the Glade Spring branch be closed and two alternatives were identified. This branch could be relocated to a location that is more centrally located to the communities of Emory, Meadowview and Glade Spring or look at making arrangements with Emory & Henry College for their library to serve the County residents in this area. The report recommends expansion of the existing Hayters Gap facility. In Mendota, it is recommended that the library be located to the front part of the existing school building and expand two existing former classrooms so that space for the library is increased. For the main branch in Abingdon, it is recommended that the current building be replaced with a facility that has a minimum of 32,000 square feet and space for 100 parking spaces. An estimated 5+ acres is needed for a one-story building that will allow for future expansion. Mrs. Parsons explained that several recommendations were outlined in the report regarding services to the patrons. In conclusion, Mrs. Parsons stated that the report includes a schedule for the recommended improvements and suggests that the Hayters Gap and Mendota branches receive top priority.

Discussion ensued among the board relative to the Library Master Facilities Study.

Supervisor Phillip McCall commended the Library Board and Planning Committee for their work with the study.

Mrs. Parsons commented that the Library has reached a crossroad and time has come to get serious with improvements. However, the Library Board is not comfortable moving forward without the endorsement of the Board of Supervisors.

In response to an inquiry from the Board regarding cost estimates for the recommended improvements to the Washington County Public Library System, Mrs. Parsons explained that for new construction the study used the figure of \$200 sq. ft. which means a new library would cost approximately \$6,000,000. She stated that Library staff is in the initial stages of developing a publicity campaign to educate people about library services and space needs and to assess the potential to raise funds for the projects. In addition, some planning has been done for making the recommended improvements to Hayters Gap and Mendota. Grant applications, requesting funds for 80% of the construction costs needed to make improvements for Hayters Gap and Mendota, have been submitted to the Virginia Tobacco Commission. Mrs. Parsons commented that the improvements to Hayters Gap and Mendota were contingent upon receiving the grant funds.

Responding to an inquiry from the Board, County Administrator Mark Reeter stated that the Library's proposed budget for FY 2005-06 does not include money for capital improvements.

Mr. Reeter addressed the Board explaining that there were a number of issues with regards to the Hayters Gap and Mendota facilities. The recommended improvements as outlined in the Master Facilities Report would be the first significant upgrades to the two buildings. He stated that in the near future decisions would need to be made concerning boilers for both facilities and possibly be retrofitted with an HVAC system. There are also concerns with windows, plumbing, electrical and other issues in the buildings due to their age. Mr. Reeter commented that serious investments are needed in order to keep the buildings in operation. The most substantial investment in the buildings since the School Board turned them over to the County was about six years ago when new roofs were installed.

Supervisor Tony Rector inquired about applying for Community Development Block Grant funds to assist with renovation costs.

Mr. Reeter commented that it is difficult to obtain a Community Development Block Grant for community centers.

The primary concern of the Board relative to endorsement of the Master Facilities Study was the uncertainty of the costs associated with the recommended improvements. In the discussions it was consensus of the Board that the Master Facilities Study is very detailed and that it is a good working document. However, their primary concern relative to endorsement of the report is the uncertainty of the costs associated with the recommended improvements.

Mrs. Parsons commented that the Library Board is not really looking for a financial commitment from the Board of Supervisors, just an endorsement on the report and to authorize the Library to go forth with the planning stage understanding that there is not financial commitment by the Board.

On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Mr. Rector, it was resolved to endorse the Library Facilities Plan as presented with the understanding that there is no financial commitment on the part of the Board of Supervisors for the recommendations contained within the report.

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

<i>Mr. Ingle</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mrs. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Rector</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Reynolds</i>	<i>Aye</i>

The Board considered the request made by the Library Board for \$5,000.00 to assist with the costs of the Library Master Facilities Study. Subsequently, the following action was taken:

On motion of Mrs. Mumpower, second by Mr. Reynolds, it was resolved to approve a supplemental appropriation of \$5,000.000 from Reserves for Contingencies to the Library to assist with costs of the Library Master Facilities Study.

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

<i>Mr. Ingle</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mrs. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Rector</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Reynolds</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Scrivener’s Note: The above referenced Master Facilities Study may be found in Minutes Exhibit 2005-03-22A.

6. Consideration of Application for Parade Permit, Greenfield Baptist Church

On motion of Mr. Rector, second by Mr. Ingle, it was resolved to grant a parade permit to Greenfield Baptist Church to conduct a Good Friday Cross Walk on March 25.

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

<i>Mr. Ingle</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mrs. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Rector</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Reynolds</i>	<i>Aye</i>

7. Consideration of Supplemental Appropriation to Abingdon Senior Services

Mrs. Polly Wirt, Executive Director of Abingdon Senior Services appeared before the Board of Supervisors seeking financial support to complete the Senior Services facility. Mrs. Wirt apologized to the Board for missing the March 8 Board meeting explaining that she was sick. She provided the Board

with a history of the construction project for the Senior Services facility and reviewed the various activities that take place at the facility. Mrs. Wirt explained that the kitchen and large meeting room remain unfinished and that it would take approximately \$110,997.55 to complete the building project. She requested any financial support that the Board of Supervisors could provide to the project and stated that the annual contribution appropriated to Senior Services by the County is used to pay insurance and personnel salaries.

Discussion ensued among the Board. The sentiment of the Board was that they could commit to funding of the construction project at this point, but might be able to consider funding during the FY 2005-06 budget process.

The Board of Supervisors did not take action on the supplemental appropriation request of Abingdon Senior Services.

8. Consideration of Dog Damage Claim, Clarence Robinson

Animal Control Officer Darrell Thacker appeared before the Board reporting that he responded to the call of Mr. Clarence Robinson on February 23 concerning a dog that had been in his lambs. Mr. Thacker stated that Mr. Robinson reported he witnessed a dog eating the lamb that had been killed so he shot and killed the dog.

On motion of Mr. Ingle, second by Mr. Mumpower, it was resolved to authorize payment to Clarence Robinson in the amount of \$66.00 for damages to livestock by unidentified dogs.

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

<i>Mr. Ingle</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mrs. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Rector</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Reynolds</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Mr. Rector thanked Officer Thacker for attending the meeting.

9. Consideration of Appointment to Mount Rogers Disability Services Board

On motion of Mr. Reynolds, second by Mr. Owens, it was resolved to appoint Supervisor Tony Rector to represent Washington County on the Mount Rogers Disability Services Board to fill the remainder of the unexpired term of Mr. Ray Shingler.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (5-0-1)

<i>Mr. Ingle</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mrs. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Mr. Rector *Abstained*
Mr. Reynolds *Aye*

10. Consideration of Authorization to Apply for Grant Funds, Washington County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Fred Newman appeared before the Board requesting authorization to apply for federal grant funds up to \$100,000.00 that would enable the Sheriff's Department to purchase laptops to be installed in the cruisers. This would allow the integration of crime data with the County's GIS mapping system. Mr. Newman advised the Board that the grant does require a 25% local match.

On motion of Mr. Ingle, second by Mr. Rector, it was resolved to authorize the Sheriff's Office to apply for federal grant funding up to \$100,000.00 for computer technology.

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

Mr. Ingle *Aye*
Mr. McCall *Aye*
Mrs. Mumpower *Aye*
Mr. Owens *Aye*
Mr. Rector *Aye*
Mr. Reynolds *Aye*
Mr. Roberts *Aye*

11. Consideration of Resolution Supporting Continuation of the Community Development Block Grant

The Board received correspondence from Brian Martin with the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission that the United States Senate had rejected the portion of President Bush's budget proposal that would have cut funding to the Community Development Block Grant Program.

12. Recess

The Board of Supervisors did not take a recess.

13. County Administrator Reports

No report.

14. County Attorney Reports

a. Consideration of Request to Abandon northernmost 0.3 mile segment of Lorimer Lane (State Route 815) in the Alvarado Community

Ms. Phillips reported that a request has been made by Mr. Robert Vance to abandon a portion of Lorimer Lane due to the following facts:

- No Homes are located on this last portion of road.
- Provides service only to Mr. Vance.
- Has already been gated by Mr. Vance
- The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) does not gravel this section of the road.
- State Highway Department provides no snow removal.
- Is in a state of disrepair and provides a location for questionable activities.

Ms. Phillips stated that a VDOT representative has reviewed the request and recommends abandonment of the northernmost 0.30-mile section of Lorimer Lane (Route 815).

She asked the Board consensus to go forward and schedule a public hearing to receive comments regarding a proposed ordinance to abandon the portion of Lorimer Lane.

It was consensus among the Board members to authorize the County Attorney to proceed with preparations to advertise for a public hearing and prepare a proposed ordinance to abandon that portion of Lorimer Lane as requested.

b. Request for Authorization to Dispose of Certain Records of the Office of County Attorney.

On motion of Mr. Ingle, second by Mr. Rector, it was resolved to approve disposal of certain records of the Office of County Attorney.

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

<i>Mr. Ingle</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mrs. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Rector</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Reynolds</i>	<i>Aye</i>

15. Board Information

Mr. Reeter reminded the Board of the March 30 Ribboncutting for the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Authority – Abingdon Regional Jail Facility beginning at 9:30 AM at the Abingdon Regional Jail Facility. Mr. Reeter reviewed other information contained in the Board Information section of the Agenda. Particularly, a memorandum from Nadine Culberson with an attached digital marketing piece created IBM on Washington County’s WebSphere Portal, a reminder of the Alpha Natural Resources announcement scheduled for March 24 at 3:15 PM. Governor Mark Warner will attend.

Mr. Reeter reminded the Board of the recessed joint meeting with the Washington County School Board scheduled for March 31 at 6:00 PM and a meeting of the Joint County School Budget Committee meeting on March 24 at 5:30 PM. He advised the Board that attached to their agenda was a calendar of upcoming budget meetings. The calendar will be attached to the agenda through adoption of the FY 2005-06 Budget. The next relative budget meeting will be held on April 26 wherein the recommended County Administrator’s budget will be presented.

16. Consent Agenda

Accounting Manager Mark Seamon addressed the Board explaining that Item B of the Consent Agenda should read Revenue Refund- Recreation Program Fee and not Building Permit Fee.

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

- a. Revenue Refund – Building Permit Fee*
- b. Revenue Refund - Building Permit Fee*
- c. Supplemental Appropriations – Department of Information Systems – Part-time Compensation.*

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

<i>Mr. Ingle</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mrs. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Rector</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Reynolds</i>	<i>Aye</i>

17. Board Member Reports

Mrs. Mumpower reported that she had viewed the IBM video on the County’s WebSphere Portal and it was an excellent piece on the Information Systems Department. She commended the Department for the excellent job they do for the County and for their day-to-day efforts of working to improve the system. Mrs. Mumpower commented that Washington County is fortunate to have this department.

In another matter, Mrs. Mumpower stated that she received a call from a constituent concerning the property reappraisal and during the conversation the citizen expressed concerns about the Treasurer and Commissioner of the Revenue Offices not being handicapped accessible. She asked that matter be reviewed.

Mr. Reeter commented that he believes the problem expressed to Mrs. Mumpower by a constituent is being addressed.

Mr. Ingle reported that the County has a 1983 Chevrolet Truck that he would like the Board to consider donating to the Hidden Valley Lake Associates. This organization does volunteer work at Hidden Valley Lake to keep the grass mowed, the weeds cut and gravel on the road around the lake. He stated that a

member of the Hidden Valley Lake Associates contacted him asking the County donate a truck to use pull a tractor and bush hog.

On motion of Mr. Ingle, second by Mr. Reynolds, the Board acted to surplus a 1983 Chevrolet truck to the Hidden Valley Lake Associates.

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

<i>Mr. Ingle</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mrs. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Rector</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Reynolds</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Mr. Owens asked that the Virginia Department of Transportation be requested to conduct a speed and traffic study on Wolf Run Road.

18. Recess to 6:00 PM Thursday, March 31, 2005 for Joint Worksession Meeting with Washington County School Board, School Board Meeting Room, School Board Offices, 812 Thompson Drive, Abingdon.

On motion of Mr. Rector, second by Mr. Ingle, it was resolved to recess to 6:00 PM Thursday, March 31, 2005 for Joint Worksession Meeting with Washington County School Board, School Board Meeting Room, School Board Offices, 812 Thompson Drive, Abingdon.

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

<i>Mr. Ingle</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mrs. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Rector</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Reynolds</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Prepared by:

Naoma A. Mullins, Recording Clerk

Approved by the Washington County Board of Supervisors:

Phillip B. McCall, Vice Chairman