

VIRGINIA:

At a regular meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Tuesday, March 28, 2006, at 7:00 p.m., at the County Administration Building in Abingdon, Virginia the following were present:

PRESENT:

Kenneth O. Reynolds, Chairman
Jack R. McCrady, Jr., Vice Chairman
Phillip B. McCall
Dulcie M. Mumpower
Odell Owens
Paul O. Price
Anthony S. Rector

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

1. Call to Order

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

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Paul Price 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: (7-0)

Mr. McCall Aye
Mr. McCrady Aye
Mrs. Mumpower Aye
Mr. Owens Aye
Mr. Price Aye
Mr. Rector Aye
Mr. Reynolds Aye

4. Approval of Minutes

March 14, 2006 Recessed Meeting

On motion of Mr. McCrady, second by Mr. Price, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2006, joint recessed meeting as presented.

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

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

March 14, 2006 Regular Meeting

On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Mr. Rector, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2006, regular meeting as presented.

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

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

5. Recognition of John Battle High School 2005 Floriculture Team

Supervisor Odell Owens addressed the Board explaining that it was a privilege to have the students and coach from the John Battle High School Floriculture Program in attendance. Mr. Owens explained that these students have distinguished themselves on both the state and national level. On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, Mr. Owens expressed appreciation for the hard work and dedication of the students and their coach. At this time, Chairman Kenneth Reynolds and Supervisor Odell Owens presented plaques to the following students and coach to recognize their accomplishments as first place winners in the State contest and placing seventh in the National contest:

- Jamie Browning
- Lauren Hall
- Blakleah Anne McCroskey
- Jennifer Moore
- Phillip McCroskey, Coach

Supervisor Dulcie Mumpower addressed the Board stating that it was an exciting time for the Board when they have the opportunity to recognize accomplishments of the students in Washington County. Mrs. Mumpower further stated that she is very proud of Coach Phillip McCroskey who is also her brother, for his leadership and dedication.

6. Public Hearings:

- a. Public Hearing and Consideration of Adoption of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 58, Sections 58-81, 58-83 and 58-85 of the Code of the County of Washington, Virginia to Update Financial Eligibility Criteria and to Conform Elements of Local Law for the Partial Exemption from Taxation of Qualifying Elderly and Handicapped Persons

County Attorney Lucy Phillips addressed the Board providing an overview of the proposed ordinance. Ms. Phillips explained that adoption of the proposed ordinance would amend eligibility criteria for persons at least sixty-five years of age and/or permanently and totally disabled for purposes of reduction in real property taxes under Virginia Code §58.1-3210 and Washington County Code §58.1-81, et. seq. She stated that the proposed ordinance increases the maximum allowed gross income from \$17,219 to \$20,665 and maximum gross net worth from \$51,690 to \$62,037 to qualify for a reduction in property taxes as well as adjusting the relative income levels and percentages reduction. Ms. Phillips further stated that the Commissioner of Revenue recommends adoption of the proposed ordinance.

Mr. Reynolds opened the public hearing to receive comments both in support of and in opposition to the proposed ordinance.

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

Discussion ensued among the Board. Responding to inquiries, Ms. Phillips explained the proposed ordinance is an option for the Board and not required. She reviewed eligibility requirements and provided examples of how the ordinance assists qualified individuals.

On motion of Mr. McCall, second by Mrs. Mumpower, it was resolved to adopt the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-05

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 58, SECTIONS 58-81, 58-83 AND 58-85 OF THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, VIRGINIA, TO UPDATE FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND TO CONFORM ELEMENTS OF LOCAL LAW TO STATE LAW FOR THE PARTIAL EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION OF QUALIFYING ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED PERSONS

WHEREAS, section 58.1-3210 of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended) allows the local governing body, by ordinance, to provide for exemption from taxation of real estate and manufactured homes in such amount as provided by the ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Code (2001, as amended) provides for such exemption, for which eligibility is determined based on specified financial criteria; and

WHEREAS, such financial criteria requires amendment from time to time to adjust for the changing economy; and

WHEREAS, amendment is also appropriate to conform language of the local ordinance to the provisions of state law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Virginia, after notice and public hearing, as required by law:

1. That Chapter 58, Subsections 58-81, 58-83, and 58-85, are amended, as set forth below; underline and italic indicates language to be added; strikethrough indicates language to be deleted:

Chapter 58 TAXATION

DIVISION 3. REAL PROPERTY

Subdivision I. In General

Subdivision II. Exemption from Taxation of Certain Elderly and Handicapped Persons

Sec. 58-81. Exemption authorized.

(a) Real estate and manufactured homes, as defined in Virginia Code § 36-85.3, owned by and occupied as the sole dwelling by ~~anyone~~ qualified property owners at least 65 years of age or by anyone qualified property owners found to be "permanently or totally disabled," as that term is defined by Code of Virginia, § 58.1-3217, shall be exempt from taxation subject to the conditions and restrictions provided in this subdivision. ~~The real estate tax exemption is adopted for qualified property owners claiming exemption who are not less than 65 years of age.~~

(b) Code of Virginia, § 58.1-3214, shall be applicable for determination of the sole dwelling of a person who is otherwise qualified for tax exemption.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subdivision, a real estate tax exemption in the minimum amount of \$100.00 is provided for qualified property owners claiming exemption who are members of the Disabled American Veterans or who are eligible for membership in the Disabled American Veterans and who are permanently or totally disabled.

(d) For purposes of this subdivision, any reference to real estate shall include manufactured homes as defined in Virginia Code § 36-85.3.

Sec. 58-83. Requirements for exemption.

Exemption under this subdivision shall be granted for real estate taxes on the qualifying dwelling and land, not exceeding one acre, subject to the following provisions:

(1) The title of the property for which exemption is claimed is held, or partially held, on January 1 of the taxable year by the person claiming exemption.

(2) The person occupying the dwelling and owning title or partial title thereto is 65 years of age or older or is permanently and totally disabled on December 31 of the year immediately preceding the taxable year. Such dwelling must be occupied as the sole dwelling of the person not less than 65 years of age or permanently and totally disabled.

- (3) The person qualifying for and claiming exemption shall have income no greater than \$20,655.00. The total combined gross income received from all sources during the preceding calendar year by owners of the dwelling who use it as their principal residence and owners' relatives who live in the dwelling shall not exceed ~~\$16,745.00~~ the county's median adjusted gross income of its married residents as determined by the most recent median adjusted gross income of individual income tax returns of the married residents of the county for a taxable year as published by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service of the University of Virginia; provided that the first ~~\$3,126.00~~ \$3,877.00 of income of each relative who is not the spouse of an owner living in the dwelling and who does not qualify for the exemption shall not be included in such total.—

- (4) The net combined financial worth, including equitable interests, as of December 31 of the preceding calendar year of the owners and of the spouse of any owner, excluding the value of the dwelling and the land, not exceeding one acre, upon which it is situated shall not exceed ~~\$50,267.00~~ \$62,037.00.

Sec. 58-85. Amount of exemption.

The person qualifying for and claiming exemption shall be relieved of that portion of the real estate tax levied on the qualifying dwelling and land, not exceeding one acre, in the amount calculated in accordance with the following schedule:

TABLE INSET:

<i>If income is:</i>	<i>and net worth is:</i>	<i>the percentage is:</i>
<i>\$0.00 to \$6,933.00</i>	<i>\$0.00 to \$17,219.00</i>	<i>80%</i>
	<i>\$17,220.00 to \$34,460.00</i>	<i>64%</i>
	<i>\$34,461.00 to \$51,690.00</i>	<i>56%</i>
<i>\$6,934.00 to \$10,287.00</i>	<i>\$0.00 to \$17,219.00</i>	<i>60%</i>
	<i>\$17,220.00 to \$34,460.00</i>	<i>48%</i>
	<i>\$34,461.00 to \$51,690.00</i>	<i>42%</i>
<i>\$10,288.00 to \$13,753.00</i>	<i>\$0.00 to \$17,219.00</i>	<i>40%</i>
	<i>\$17,220.00 to \$34,460.00</i>	<i>32%</i>
	<i>\$34,461.00 to \$51,690.00</i>	<i>28%</i>
<i>\$13,754.00 to \$17,219.00</i>	<i>\$0.00 to \$17,219.00</i>	<i>20%</i>
	<i>\$17,220.00 to \$34,460.00</i>	<i>16%</i>
	<i>\$34,461.00 to \$51,690.00</i>	<i>14%</i>

<u><i>If income is:</i></u>	<u><i>and net worth is:</i></u>	<u><i>the percentage is:</i></u>
<u><i>\$0.00 to \$8,321</i></u>	<u><i>\$0 to \$20,665</i></u>	<u><i>80%</i></u>
	<u><i>\$20,666 to \$41,357</i></u>	<u><i>64%</i></u>
	<u><i>\$41,358 to \$62,037</i></u>	<u><i>56%</i></u>
<u><i>\$8,322 to \$12,347</i></u>	<u><i>\$0.00 to \$20,665</i></u>	<u><i>60%</i></u>
	<u><i>\$20,666 to \$41,357</i></u>	<u><i>48%</i></u>
	<u><i>\$41,358 to \$62,037</i></u>	<u><i>42%</i></u>
<u><i>\$12,348 to \$16,506</i></u>	<u><i>\$0 to \$20,665</i></u>	<u><i>40%</i></u>
	<u><i>\$20,666 to \$41,357</i></u>	<u><i>32%</i></u>
	<u><i>\$41,358 to \$62,037</i></u>	<u><i>28%</i></u>
<u><i>\$16,507 to \$20,665</i></u>	<u><i>\$0 to \$20,665</i></u>	<u><i>20%</i></u>
	<u><i>\$20,666 to \$41,357</i></u>	<u><i>16%</i></u>
	<u><i>\$41,358 to \$62,037</i></u>	<u><i>14%</i></u>

2. *That should any section or provision of this ordinance be decided to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section or provision of this ordinance or the Washington County Code.*

3. *That this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its enactment.*

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

Mr. McCall Aye
Mr. McCrady Aye
Mrs. Mumpower Aye
Mr. Owens Aye
Mr. Price Aye
Mr. Rector Aye
Mr. Reynolds Aye

b. Public Hearing and Consideration of Adoption of An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 22, Section 22-23 of the Code to the County of Washington, Virginia, To Change the Polling Place for the South Abingdon Precinct of the C-2001 Election District from the Washington County Lifesaving Crew Hall on Park Street to the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center

County Attorney Lucy Phillips addressed the Board explaining that adoption of the proposed ordinance would relocate the polling place for the South Abingdon Precinct in the Madison Election District from the Washington County Lifesaving Crew Hall on Park Street to the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center. Ms. Phillips explained that the Washington County Electoral Board requests adoption of the proposed ordinance.

Mr. Reynolds opened the public hearing to receive comments both in support of and in opposition to the proposed ordinance.

Mr. John Lamie, member of the Washington County Electoral Board addressed the Board recommending adoption of the proposed ordinance. Mr. Lamie explained that the current polling place at the Washington County Lifesaving Crew Hall does not meeting ADA requirements and is cost prohibitive to renovate.

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

On motion of Mr. Price, second by Mr. Rector, it was resolved to adopt the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE 2006-06

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 22, SECTION 22-32 OF THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, VIRGINIA, TO CHANGE THE POLLING PLACE FOR THE SOUTH ABINGDON PRECINCT IN THE C-2001 ELECTION DISTRICT FROM THE WASHINGTON COUNTY LIFESAVING CREW HALL ON PARK STREET TO THE SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER

WHEREAS, section 24.2-310 of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended) requires that polling places be accessible to all qualified voters as required by the provisions of the Virginians with Disabilities Act (§ 51.5-1 et seq.), the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act (42 U.S.C. § 1973ee et seq.), and the Americans with Disabilities Act relating to public services (42 U.S.C. § 12131 et seq.) and in accordance with guidelines established by the State Board of Elections; and

WHEREAS, the Electoral Board for the County of Washington, Virginia, has determined that it is infeasible to remodel to meet such requirements the current polling place located in the Washington County Lifesaving Crew Hall on Park Street in Abingdon for the South Abingdon precinct of the C-2001 Election District; and

WHEREAS, the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center offers an alternative polling location that meets accessibility requirements as well as other requirements of state law for location of a polling place;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Virginia, after notice and public hearing, as required by law:

I. That Chapter 22, Subsection 22-32(d)(2)(b), is amended, as set forth below; strikethrough indicates text to be deleted, italics and underline indicates text to be added, and asterisks indicate text omitted for purposes of this presentation:

Sec. 22-32. Election district boundaries; polling places.

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(d) Election district C-2001, precincts and polling places.

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(2) Precincts and polling places. Election district C-2001 precincts and polling places shall be as follows:

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b. South Abingdon precinct is described as follows:

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The polling place for the South Abingdon precinct is the ~~Washington County Lifesaving Crew Hall Building on Park Street~~ Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center off of Jonesboro Road and VHCC Drive, Abingdon, Virginia.

2. That should any section or provision of this ordinance be decided to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section or provision of this ordinance or the Washington County Code.

3. That this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its enactment.

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

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

c. Public Hearing and Consideration of Approval of Issuance of Emergency Medical Service Permit to Brumley Gap Volunteer Fire Department Pursuant to Chapter 26 of County Code

Mr. Reynolds opened the public hearing to receive comments both in support of and in opposition to the request of Brumley Gap Volunteer Fire Department for an emergency medical service permit.

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

Supervisor Paul Price addressed the Board stating his appreciation to the Brumley Gap Volunteer Fire Department for taking on the responsibility of providing non-ambulatory emergency medical services. Mr. Price further stated this would be a valuable service to the rural areas of Brumley Gap and Clinch Mountain.

County Administrator Mark Reeter addressed the Board reviewing the general terms and conditions of the emergency medical services permit.

Discussion ensued among the Board. Responding to an inquiry, Mr. Price stated that eleven of the Brumley Gap Fire Department members would be certified emergency medical technicians.

On motion of Mr. Price, second by Mr. McCrady, the Board acted to issue an Emergency Medical Services Permit to the Brumley Gap Volunteer Fire Department.

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

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

Scrivener’s Note: The Permit referenced above is included as Minutes Exhibits Item 2006-03-28-A.

7. Consideration of Dog Damage Claim, Eddie Frye

On motion of Mr. Rector, second by Mr. Owens, the Board acted to approve payment to Eddie Frye in the amount of \$96.00 for a dog damage claim.

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

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

8. Presentation Concerning Sport Complex for Washington County

Mr. Jim Browning provided the Board with a presentation concerning a proposed Sports Complex in Washington County. Mr. Browning thanked the Board of Supervisors for the opportunity to make the presentation and explained that he represented a number of recreation groups within Washington County.

Highlights from the presentation are as follows:

- There are not enough fields available to support Youth sports programs.
- The Solution is to build a Multi Sports Complex
- A Multi Sports Complex would provide tournament opportunities that will bring visitors and revenue into the area
- Identify potential site for complex; place option on land

Mr. Brown mentioned the Countywide Recreation Needs Assessment that was completed by Washington County in 2000. The number one recommendation that came out of the study was the need to build a sports complex. He stated that it is proposed that the Board consider construction of a sports complex that would be centrally located in the County. It is proposed that the complex be constructed on at least a 40 acre tract of land to accommodate all types of sports activities and that would also allow for future growth. The proposed sports complex is being recommended as a three-phase project:

2006 – identify a site and place an option on the land
 2007 – Purchase land, design complex
 2008 – build and open sports complex

In closing, Mr. Brown asked for any questions the Board may have concerning the proposed sports complex.

Substantial discussion ensued among the Board.

Supervisor Dulcie Mumpower addressed the Board explaining that the lack of sports facilities is an on going problem for the County. Mrs. Mumpower stated that it is time the Supervisors take a serious look at the issue. It is very important to the children of Washington County to be able to participate in sports programs because they help the children to learn social skills as well as teach them to be disciplined. She proposed that the Board include funding for a sports complex as a line item in the FY 2006-07 budget.

Supervisor Jack McCrady proposed that the Board consider the concept of constructing three smaller sports complexes located in different locations within the County so that a complex would be within convenient driving distance to all the citizens of Washington County.

Supervisor Paul Price addressed the Board expressing his support for the project. Mr. Price stated that he discussed this issue during the joint budget meeting with the School Board, and further that he has asked the schools to identify land for the project. He further stated that he has spent time looking for a suitable 40 acre tract of land. Mr. Price recommended that the Board seriously take a look at this issue.

Supervisor Odell Owens stated that the project would involve the corporate sector as well as the Town of Abingdon and Washington County.

Supervisor Phillip McCall stated that during meetings held in conjunction with the development of the 2002 County Comprehensive Plan much discussion was devoted to the need for a sports complex. Mr. McCall further stated that many citizens commented they would like to have a sports complex in their communities; especially the elderly requested walking trails.

Further discussions ensued among the Board. The Board thanked the group for their work and efforts in this project.

9. Presentation of Smyth-Washington County Industrial Facilities Authority Annual Report

Mr. Russell Owens, Vice Chairman of the Smyth-Washington County Industrial Facilities Authority (SWIFA) presented SWIFA's Annual Report for CY 2005. The following are highlights of the Annual Report:

- Review of audited financial statements ending June 30, 2005.
- Review of SWIFA's activities in CY 2005
- Review of anticipated activities in CY 2006
- Summary of prospect activity

Discussion ensued among the Board. Board members thanked Mr. Owens for his hard work and dedication to SWIFA and to the Washington County Industrial Authority.

Scrivener's Note: The Annual Report referenced above is included as Minutes Exhibits Item 2006-03-28-B.

10. Consideration of Request by Barter Theater for Financial Assistance for Replacement of Scene Shop

Mr. Rick Rose, Producing Artistic Director for Barter Theatre, addressed the Board presenting a request for financial assistance in the amount of \$75,000.00 to help with the rebuilding of the Barter's Scene Shop that was devastated by a fire in February. Mr. Rose explained that after review many options for rebuilding the scene shop, it has been determined that the most cost effective and time efficient option is to rebuild the scene shop at the original site, utilizing the space of the refurbished portion of the building that could be salvaged from the fire and by adding another 9,600 square feet to replace the destroyed building. He further explained that the Barter would need to raise \$370,474.00 in in-kind and contributed supported to rebuild the scene shop. Mr. Rose stated that insurance covered the restoration of the 1996 scene shop and all of the contents of both buildings, but Barter must raise funds to cover the replacement of the older scene shop which was not able to be insured.

At this time the building plan and associated costs for the old portion of the shop and the new addition were reviewed. Mr. Rose explained that benefits of the new building plan include space that can be allocated for setting up portions of a set, giving the actors an opportunity to rehearse on the set before it is loaded into the Theatre.

Mr. Rose explained that financial assistance for this project would also be sought from the Town of Abingdon, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Virginia Tobacco Commission along with individual contributions to cover the entire \$370,474.00 needed to construct the facility. He stated that the Barter cannot operate into the future without this facility.

The Board devoted considerable discussion to this request. Chairman Kenneth Reynolds explained that the County's Reserve for Contingencies fund cannot support the funding request at this time. Mr. Reynolds stated that the Board could consider the request during the FY 2006-07 budget process. He requested that Barter officials work with the County's Accounting Manager on figures for the project to be considered during the upcoming budget process.

11. Consideration of Request for Supplemental Appropriation by Hayters Gap Community Center

County Administrator Mark Reeter addressed the Board explaining that the Hayters Gap Community Center is requesting a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$8,000.00 due to fuel costs and repair expenses.

Ms. Christine Eldreth, Treasurer for Hayters Gap Community Center, addressed the Board explaining that the Center's Board of Directors does not like to request additional money. However, due to increased fuel and heating costs it is necessary to request the additional financial assistance.

Discussion ensued among the Board.

Supervisor Paul Price inquired if the County General Services Department could repair the furnace at Hayters Gap Community Center. Mr. Price stated that the group takes good care of the building and that many community activities take place in the building.

On motion of Mr. Price, second by Mr. Rector, it was resolved to approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$8,000.00 from Reserve for Contingencies to Hayters Gap Community Center.

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

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

12. Recess

It was consensus of Board to take a ten-minute recess.

13. Consideration of County Personnel Committee Recommendation Regarding Twice-Monthly Pay Periods

Supervisor Tony Rector (Personnel Committee member) addressed the Board explaining that the results of the survey for twice-monthly pay periods came in very close. Mr. Rector stated that he has received calls in favor of changing payroll to twice per month.

Supervisor Dulcie Mumpower (Personnel Committee member) addressed the Board explaining that the results of the survey resulted in a split decision. Mrs. Mumpower further stated that the time and costs involved in changing to a twice-monthly pay period should be considered before the Board makes a decision.

Supervisor Paul Price addressed the Board explaining that it is his opinion that one of the best things the Board could do for employees would be to change to a twice-monthly pay period. Mr. Price explained that he has received many calls from employees in favor of the change.

Further discussions ensued among the Board. Primary issues discussed were the costs involved in implementing a twice-monthly pay period, the impact the change would have on interest earned by the County, the possibility that the school system may follow the County and decide to pay its employees twice-monthly and to determine if an additional employee would be needed in the County's Accounting Department.

After further discussions, the Board took the following action:

On motion of Mr. Price, second by Mr. Owens, the Board acted to implement a twice per month payroll for County employees with a July 2, 2006 effective date.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (4-3)

<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Nay</i>
<i>Mr. McCrady</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mrs. Mumpower</i>	<i>Nay</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Price</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Rector</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Reynolds</i>	<i>Nay</i>

At this time, further discussions ensued regarding implementation issues concerning the new twice a month pay plan.

It was noted that the Supervisors voting against implementing a twice-monthly payroll did so because they felt more information on costs involved with the change should be obtained and reviewed prior to the Board making a decision.

14. Consideration of County Emergency Services Committee Recommendations:

County Administrator Mark Reeter addressed the Board explaining that the County Emergency Services Committee has received and reviewed requests from the Damascus Volunteer Rescue Squad for \$12,905.00 to be used as matching grant funds for the purchase of two new cardiac monitors, and a request from Goodson-Kinderhook Fire Department that they be allowed to use their FY 2005-06 fiscal year allocation of \$50,000 in County ambulance purchase funds to retrofit one of the department's existing crash trucks with a new equipment-carrying body for use in emergency medical response. Mr. Reeter stated that the Emergency Services Committee recommends approve of both the requests.

On motion of Mr. Rector, second by Mr. McCrady, the Board acted to approve the following requests:

- a. *A supplemental appropriation from Reserve for Contingencies in the amount of \$12,905.00 in matching funds to the Damascus Volunteer Rescue Squad for the purchase of two new cardiac monitors.*
- b. *Authorize use of County ambulance purchase funds allocated to Goodson-Kinderhook Volunteer Fire Departments to retrofit one of the department's existing crash trucks with a new equipment-carrying body for use in emergency medical response.*

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

<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. McCrady</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mrs. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Price</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Rector</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Mr. Reynolds *Aye*

15. County Administrator Reports:

a. **Invitation for Board Tour of County Central Dispatch, April 11, 5:00 PM**

Mr. Reeter addressed the Board explaining that Sheriff Fred Newman has invited the Board to tour the County Central Dispatch beginning at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, April 11 (prior to the 7:00 PM regular Board meeting).

16. County Attorney Reports

County Attorney Lucy Phillips addressed Board advising them of correspondence she would be sending them in regards to a Notice of Void Plat for Worthington Place Subdivision located on Porterfield Highway. Ms. Phillips explained the Notice of Void of Plat was necessitated by County Subdivision Agent's erroneous certification of a plat that would have abandoned a street right-of-way that was shown on the original plat for Worthington Place. She further explained that the Subdivision Agent did not have the authority to abandon the right-of-way; therefore, the plat is void. The notice was filed in the land records of the County to alert any parties interested in the affected property of the void status of the invalid plat.

Mr. Reeter further explained that in his capacity as Subdivision Agent he signed the plat in question based on the developer's representation that the street right-of-way was dedicated but not accepted into the state secondary highway system and as such was a remnant lot owned by the subdivision's original developer, and that the developer desired the remnant lot to be incorporated into an adjoining building lot via a boundary line adjustment. However, legally the remnant lot is still part of the street right-of-way and as such is owned by the County in fee-simple.

17. Board Information

Mr. Reeter reviewed the following Board Information:

- VACo Capital Contacts Newsletter – March 15, 2006 and March 28, 2006
- Notice of VDOT Public Hearings on the I-81 Corridor Improvement Study
- Correspondence from the Town of Saltville concerning the Saltville rail line between Glade Spring and Saltville
- An invitation to the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission's annual Spring Dinner on Thursday, April 6, 2006.

18. Board Member Reports

Supervisor Dulcie Mumpower reported that she would like the issue concerning the abandoned mobile home park along Clear Creek Road resolved.

Mr. Reeter explained that County Special Projects and Recycling Manager Stephen Richardson has reported that property owner Mack Trammel hired a firm to conduct a study on costs for cleaning up the site on Clear Creek Road.

Supervisor Paul Price reported that due to the increased number of dog damage claims that he believes a program in which vicious dogs (i.e., pit bulls, etc) would have to be registered should be implemented. Mr. Price further stated that he would like to see the issuance of dog tags be handled in a different manner. He suggested that the County consider asking the veterinarians to sell the dog tags and that the County would split the revenue with the veterinarians.

Mr. Price inquired as to what actual authority the Board of Supervisors has in making decisions regarding the current issues at the Virginia Highlands Airport.

Mr. Price proposed that the County set aside funds for fire and rescue requests. He suggested that the County consider an alternative split from the revenue generated from speeding tickets issued by the Sheriff's Department. (i.e. 20% County, 40% fire and rescue, 40% Sheriff's Department).

Supervisor Tony Rector requested that should the generator from the old tower on Brumley Mountain be surplused that it be given to the Glade Community Center. Mr. Reeter stated that he would check into the matter and advise further.

Supervisor Phillip McCall reported that the Washington County Service Authority has voted on the requirements for the new General Manager. Mr. McCall stated that the requirements have been relaxed. The Service Authority will advertise the position in five or six different media. It will most likely be mid-April or May before interviews are conducted.

Supervisor Jack McCrady reported the Board should study the School Board's FY 2006-07 budget request in detail. Mr. McCrady further stated that the budget request is too generalized to understand. He stated that there is an increase in local funding of \$800,000 and an increase in state funds. Mr. McCrady stated that he is unsure if the increase in state funding is a one-time allocation. He further reported that he has requested more detailed information from the School Board concerning their budget request. Mr. McCrady stated his support for education and believes that every dollar contributed to the schools should have a better impact on the children's education.

Supervisor Paul Price proposed that due to the busy schedules of Board members that a budget committee be formed to review all budget requests. Mr. Price stated that he supports fair pay for the teachers and that the children of Washington County deserve a quality education.

Supervisor Dulcie Mumpower inquired if it would be possible to have an independent study conducted concerning the water runoff issues at the Virginia Highlands Airport. Mr. Reynolds stated that this study should be part of the Airport's Environmental Impact Study.

Supervisor Tony Rector proposed that the budget worksessions have an earlier start time.

19. Closed Meetings:

- a. **Request for Closed Meeting pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(5) for discussion concerning prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community; specifically prospective businesses proposed for location in The Highlands commercial development at Exit 7**

On motion of Mr. McCrady , second by Mr. Rector, the Board acted to convene in Closed Meeting pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(5) for discussion concerning prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community; specifically prospective businesses proposed for location in The Highlands commercial development at Exit 7. It was further resolved to include County Administrator Mark Reeter, County Attorney Lucy Phillips, Assistant County Administrator Christy Parker and Roland Kooch with Davenport and Company in the Closed Meeting.

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

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

After returning to the meeting, the Chairperson noted that upon motion of Mr. Owens, second by Mr. Rector, and favorable vote, the Board of Supervisors reconvened in open meeting. The Chairperson called for any participant in the closed meeting(s) who believed that there was a departure from the requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act during the closed meeting(s), to state the substance of the departure that they believed took place. No members of the Board responded to the Chairperson's call for statements.

On motion of Mr. McCrady, second by Mr. Rector, the members of the Board certified the closed meeting(s) in accordance with the requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. By vote in favor of this motion, each member certified that the closed meeting were conducted in conformity with Virginia law, and that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and identified in the motion by which the closed meeting were convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the closed meeting.

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

<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. McCrady</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mrs. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Price</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Rector</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Mr. Reynolds *Aye*

20. Adjourn

On motion of Mr. Rector, second by Mr. Owens, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting.

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

<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. McCrady</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mrs. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Price</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:

Kenneth O. Reynolds, Chairman