V I R G I N I A:

At a regular meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Tuesday, September 12, 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

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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 Dulcie Mumpower gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda

On motion of Mrs. Mumpower, 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

On motion of Mr. McCall, second by Mr. McCrady, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the following meetings with corrections as noted:

August 22, 2006 Recessed Meeting

Page 14482, Item 7.a., change vote as follows:

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

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

August 22, 2006 Regular Meeting

Approved as presented.

September 6, 2006 Recessed Meeting

Page 14490, Item 3, correct vote as follows:

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

Mr. McCall	***Aye***
Mr. McCrady	***Aye***
Mrs. Mumpower	***Aye***
Mr. Owens	***Aye***
Mr. Reynolds	***Aye***

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***

5. <u>Public Hearings</u>:

a. <u>Requests for Rezoning of Property</u>:

(1). Kenneth O. Reynolds, Property Tax Map #082-A-54: Request to rezone approximately 5.83 acres of property located on the southwest side of State Route 19 near the intersection of State Route 19/State Route 1511 from R-2 (Residential, General) of A-2 (Agricultural, General), Harrison Magisterial District, B-01 Election District

(2). Kenneth Todd Reynolds, Property Tax Map #082-A-54A: Request to rezone approximately 2.91 acres of property located on the southwest side of State Route 19 near the intersection of State Route 19/State Route 1511 from R-2 (Residential, General), to A-2 (Agricultural, General), Harrison Magisterial District, B-01 Election District

At this time, Mr. Reynolds yielded the chairmanship to Jack McCrady.

Mr. McCrady opened the public hearing and invited comments both in support of and in opposition to the requests to rezone property.

Mr. Jim Osborne addressed the Board explaining he was an adjoining property owner and that he requests the rezoning request be denied. Mr. Osborne expressed concerns that if the property were rezoned the property owners would be able to do whatever they wished with the property.

Mr. Kenneth Todd Reynolds addressed the Board explaining that he was one of the property owners and had recently acquired the property in question as part of his grandfather's estate. Mr. Reynolds explained that the property has been used for agricultural purposes and it was just recently discovered that the property was zoned residential. He further explained that the land would be used for farming purposes such as cutting hay and raising lambs. Mr. Reynolds stated that being able to us the property to cut hay is an integral part of their farming operation located down the road from the property in question. He asked that the Board approve their request to have the property rezoned to A-2 (Agricultural, General), and stated that the property would be used only for the purposes that are allowed in an A-2 zoning designation.

Discussion ensued among the Board.

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

Supervisor Paul Price addressed the Board regarding spot zoning issues that were expressed at the Planning Commission meeting. Mr. Price proposed that the County review spot zoning and become more consistent.

County Zoning and Subdivision Official Cathie Freeman addressed the Board explaining that Druid Drive is a private road; therefore it is not considered a to be a divider. Also, because the property is contiguous with an agricultural zoned area it would not be considered a spot zoning.

Further discussions ensued.

On motion of Mr. Price, second by Mrs. Mumpower, the Board acted to follow the recommendation of the Washington County Planning Commission and approve the request of Kenneth O. Reynolds to

rezone approximately 5.83 acres of property located on the southwest side of State Route 19 near the intersection of State Route 19/State Route 1511 from R-2 (Residential, General) of A-2 (Agricultural, General), Harrison Magisterial District, B-01 Election District and the request of Kenneth Todd Reynolds, to rezone approximately 2.91 acres of property located on the southwest side of State Route 19 near the intersection of State Route 19/State Route 1511 from R-2 (Residential, General), to A-2 (Agricultural, General), Harrison Magisterial District, B-01 Election District.

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

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

b. Requests for Special Exception Permit

(3). Allen Campbell on behalf of Valerie Evans, Property Tax Map #141A-A-7C, 8: Request for a Special Exception Permit to construct and operate a small business in general, more specifically, a bakery with catering services on property located on the north side of State Route 645 near the intersection of State Route 645/State Route 625 in an A-2 (Agricultural, General) zone, Wilson Magisterial District

Mr. Reynolds opened the public hearing and invited comments both in support of and in opposition to the request for a Special Exception Permit.

Ms. Valerie Evans addressed the Board explaining that her father owns the property in question and has granted her permission to obtain a Special Exception Permit to construct a building that would be used for the operation of a small catering service.

Discussion ensued among the Board.

Responding to an inquiry, Ms. Evans explained that the building would be small. She further explained that there would be a commercial kitchen in the building and that she would be the only employee.

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

On motion of Mrs. Mumpower, second by Mr. Price, the Board acted to follow the recommendation of the Washington County Planning Commission and approve the request of Allen Campbell on behalf of Valerie Evans for a Special Exception Permit to construct and operate a small business in general, more specifically, a bakery with catering services on property located on the north side of State Route 645 near the intersection of State Route 645/State Route 625 in an A-2 (Agricultural, General) zone, Wilson Magisterial District.

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). Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Authority on behalf of Southwest Law Enforcement Academy, *Property Tax Map #85-A-77A*: Request for a Special Exception Permit to construct and operate a law enforcement facility, more specifically, a canine training facility to include a kennel for boarding on property located on the south side of State Route 609 or more specifically, 15205 Joe Derting Drive in an A-2 (Agricultural, General) zone, Harrison Magisterial District

Mr. Reynolds opened the public hearing and invited comments both in support of and in opposition to the request for a Special Exception Permit.

Mr. Doug Cooley, Director of the Southwest Law Enforcement Academy, addressed the Board to answer any questions concerning the request for a special exception permit.

Discussion ensued among the Board.

Responding to inquiries from the Board, Mr. Cooley explained that the kennel would be constructed behind the Abingdon Regional Jail and that the closest neighbor to the kennel would be Interstate 81. He further explained that most dogs would be housed during the day of training only. There will occasions that the dogs would be boarded overnight. Mr. Cooley further explained that keeping the facility in the area is critical. Otherwise the 57 agencies that are served by the Southwest Law Enforcement Academy would be required to send their dogs to Richmond one week per month for training. This would mean that the dogs would be taken out of the area and unavailable to respond to calls.

Further discussions ensued among the Board.

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

On motion of Mr. McCall, second by Mr. McCrady, the Board acted to follow the recommendation of the Washington County Planning Commission and approve the request of the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Authority on behalf of Southwest Law Enforcement Academy for a Special Exception Permit to construct and operate a law enforcement facility, more specifically, a canine training facility to include a kennel for boarding on property located on the south side of State Route 609 or more specifically, 15205 Joe Derting Drive in an A-2 (Agricultural, General) zone, Harrison Magisterial District.

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

(5). Tranom, LLC on behalf of PetsMart, Inc., Property Tax Map #142-3-1: Request for a Special Exception Permit to construct and operate a veterinary care facility on property located on the south side of US Highway Route 11 adjacent to the Corporate Limits of the City of Bristol in a B-2 (Business, General) zone, Wilson Magisterial District

Mr. Reynolds opened the public hearing and invited comments both in support of and in opposition to the request for a Special Exception Permit.

Kent Wall, NOM 3841 Green Hills Village Drive, Suite 400, Nashville, TN. Take a moment to thank member of Board for cooperation and help for helping to develop Highlands Project. Have mobilized on site and will break ground on Monday September 18. Pleased with cooperation and efforts made by Board. Looking forward to great partnership.

Mr. Kent Wall with Newton Oldacre McDonald addressed the Board explaining that the PetSmart store proposes to provide veterinarian services to the citizens of Washington County. Mr. Wall explained that PetSmart representatives were in attendance to answer questions.

Responding to an inquiry from the Board, Mr. Wall explained that PetSmart would over full veterinarian services including immunizations and surgery. H further explained that dogs would be boarded overnight on a very limited basis.

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

On motion of Mr. Price, second by Mr. McCrady, the Board acted to follow the recommendation of the Washington County Planning Commission and approve the request of Tranom, LLC on behalf of PetsMart, Inc., for a Special Exception Permit to construct and operate a veterinary care facility on property located on the south side of State Route 11 adjacent to the Corporate Limits of the City of Bristol in a B-2 (Business, General) zone, Wilson Magisterial District

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

Supervisor Dulcie Mumpower addressed the Board explaining PetSmart is a good business and will do well in the community. Mrs. Mumpower stated that she is pleased that the Highlands Project is moving forward.

c. Public Hearing and Consideration of Adoption of an Ordinance to Vacate "Lafitte Way" located between Lots 23 and 24 from "Final Plat, Phase I, Chateau Lesueur" (Plat Book 36, Page 68) affecting property located in the Tyler Magisterial District of the County of Washington, Virginia

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

County Attorney Lucy Phillips addressed the Board explaining that Mr. Jack Hagy submitted a request to the County to vacate Lafitte Way from "Final Plat, Phase I, Chateau Lesueur." Ms. Phillips explained that Mr. Hagy was present to make a presentation concerning his request. She distributed a plat to the Board showing how the land would look if the proposed ordinance is adopted.

Mr. Jack Hagy addressed the Board explaining that the right-of-way was recorded approximately six or seven years ago when the property was to be developed as Chateau Lesueur Subdivision. However, the property was not developed. Mr. Hagy explained that the new development plans would not need to utilize the right-of-way; therefore, he is requesting that it be vacated.

Discussion ensued among the Board.

Responding to an inquiry from the Board, Mr. Hagy explained that if the right-of-way is vacated the additional property would be divided between him and the owner of lot 24. He further explained that the main entrance to the development would be off of Reedy Creek Road.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2006 - 10
AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AN UNDEVELOPED PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY LABELED AS "LAFITTE WAY," LOCATED BETWEEN LOTS 23 AND 24 FROM "FINAL PLAT, PHASE I, CHATEAU LESUEUR" (PLAT BOOK 36, PAGE 68), OF PROPERTY IN THE TYLER MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, a subdivision of property located in the Tyler Magisterial District was titled, "Phase 1, Chateau Lesueur," and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Circuit Court of the County of Washington, Virginia, in Plat Book 36, Page 68; and

WHEREAS, by its certification of approval of the plat, the County accepted public dedication of a fifty (50) foot by two hundred (200) foot section of land lying between Lot 23 and Lot 24 that was designated as "Lafitte Way;" and

WHEREAS, Lafitte Way has not been developed for purposes of maintenance by the Virginia Department of Transportation as a state secondary road nor has Lafitte Way been developed for any other use as a street; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Code § 15.2-2272(2) provides that a portion of a plat may be vacated by ordinance adopted by the governing body after public notice and public hearing; and

WHEREAS Virginia Code § 15.2-2006 provides that a public right of way may be vacated by ordinance adopted by the governing body after public notice and public hearing; and

WHEREAS, Jack K. Hagy and Delores J. Hagy, owners of Lot 23, have requested that Lafitte Way be vacated from the Final Plat for Phase I of Chateau Lesueur and that it be vacated from public dedication and that the land be divided evenly for consolidation with adjoining parcels 23 and 24; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Washington, Virginia, after public notice and public hearing, as required by law, does hereby find that vacation of the public right of way identified as "Lafitte Way," and vacation of the corresponding section of said plat would not harm the public interest or public safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Washington, Virginia, that the Board does hereby adopt the following ordinance pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 15.2-2006 and 15.2-2272(2):

1. The two hundred (200) foot by fifty (50) foot section of land lying between Lots 23 and 24, labeled "Lafitte Way," on the plat for "Final Plat, Phase I, Chateau Lesueur" recorded in Plat Book 36, Page 68 in the land records of the Clerk of Circuit Court of the County of Washington, Virginia, is hereby vacated as a public right of way and the resulting remnant of land shall be divided evenly and added by consolidation to increase the size of Lots 23 and 24 to add to each lot an additional two hundred (200) feet by twenty-five (25) feet into the area formerly designated as Lafitte Way plus additional footage at the intersection of Lafitte Way and Musick Drive, as necessary, to square the corners of the two lots; and

2. Pursuant to Virginia Code § 15.2-2276 and 15.2-2272(2), the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County of Washington, Virginia, is directed to mark Lafitte Way as "Vacated" on the subdivision plat recorded at Plat Book 36, Page 68, and record a certified copy of this ordinance in the land records of said Clerk's office indexed to Plat Book 36, Page 68; and

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

4. That this ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its adoption pursuant to Virginia Code § 15.2-2272 unless an appeal is filed within the appropriate time period, in which case, this ordinance shall become effective as directed by a court of competent jurisdiction. Virginia Code § 15.2-2006 allows sixty (60) days for appeal.

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***

6. Consideration of Appointments to Various Boards, Authorities and Commissions

Washington County Board of Building Code of Appeals

On motion of Mr. Rector, second by Mr. McCrady, it was resolved to reappoint Prince Coleman to represent the D-01 "Monroe" Election District on the Washington County Board of Building Code of Appeals for a four year term beginning October 1, 2006 and expiring September 30, 2010.

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***

Washington County Board of Zoning Appeals

County Attorney Lucy Phillips addressed the Board explaining that previously the Board of Supervisors made a decision to recommend the appointment of two attorneys to the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). Ms. Phillips explained that Attorney Bob Vinyard has resigned from the BZA. She further explained that it is recommended the practice continue because BZA hearings are infrequent and it is often difficult to schedule meetings at a time all members could attend. The presence of an attorney member at all BZA hearings is helpful in the event that legal issues may arise. Having two attorneys provides a better possibility that at least one attorney member will be available at all hearings before the BZA.

Discussion ensued among the Board. Supervisor Dulcie Mumpower asked that Attorney Brian Martin be contacted to ask about his interest in serving on the BZA.

Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator Board of Directors

On motion of Mr. Rector, second by Mr. Owens, it was resolved to reappoint the following members to represent Washington County on the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator Board of Directors for a one year term effective September 1, 2006 and expiring August 31, 2007:

- ***Mary Gentry Bundy***
- ***Rachel D. Fowlkes***
- ***Tim McVey***
- ***Jack Phelps***

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***

7. Consideration of Possible Legislative Issues for 2007 Virginia General Assembly Session

County Administrator Mark Reeter addressed the Board explaining that they should begin considering if they wished to have any special legislation considered during the 2007 session of the General Assembly. The deadline for legislators to pre-file bills is January 10, 2007. However, the legislators like to be made aware of any possible legislative issues during the Fall Mr. Reeter explained that Board members might wish to discuss the possibility of another effort to obtain meals tax authority during the upcoming session.

Discussion ensued among the Board.

Supervisor Jack McCrady explained that funding for the Virginia Department of Transportation's Six Year Plan is set to expire in 2010. Mr. McCrady stated that an effort should be made to keep funding for the six-year plan. He further explained that currently under the Rural Rustic Road Program a road must have at least 500 cars per day to qualify for the program. Mr. McCrady suggested that a request be made to reduce the number of cars to 50 per day.

Further discussions ensued concerning a proposed meals tax.

8. Consideration of Approval of Proposed Personnel Policy Section 11-17 Concerning Retiree Health Insurance Benefits

County Administrator Mark Reeter addressed the Board explaining that the County Personnel Committee is recommending Board consideration of a new Personnel Policy Section 11-17 establishing a County contribution toward the cost of retiree health insurance benefits purchase through the County. The proposed policy provides for a contribution by the County of 50% of the current Virginia Retirement System (VRS) monthly retiree health insurance benefit (presently $45.00 per month X 50% = $22.50 per month County contribution) beginning January 1, 2007 for all retired non-school County employees with at least five (5) years of employment with the County and vested with VRS prior to January 1, 1998, and at least five (5) years of enrollment in the County's health insurance benefits program prior to retirement. Mr. Reeter explained that Accounting Manager Mark Seamon has prepared a Program Cost Analysis projecting the likely number of eligible retires through 2005 based on the proposed $22.50 per month County contribution and the total estimated outlay over the time period.

Mr. Reeter explained that funds for this program are already available to the County. As a result of the sale of Trigon stock (formerly Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Virginia by the County in 1997, the County used the bulk of the stock sale proceeds (about $2.1 million) to offset increasing health insurance benefits costs for employees annually through FY 2003-2004. Approximately $247,000.00 remains of the original proceeds, which legally must be used for employee health benefits. These remaining proceeds are set-aside in a fiduciary fund of the County not part of the regular County Operating Budget. He further explained that the employees who retired from the County prior to January 1, 1998 never benefited from the stock sale proceeds since they retired prior to the sale of the stock. Since those employees' health insurance premiums paid during their working years with the County contributed toward the Trigon stock

the County received in 1997, it would be fair to allow them to benefit from the stock sale by setting-aside the remaining proceeds for use in a modest retiree health insurance contribution program.

Mr. Reeter explained that under the proposed policy, the Board is not obligated to continue this program if adopted and has reserved the right to discontinue at any time. The County contribution is only made if the retiree enrolls in a retirement health insurance program offered by the County itself. The County would not contribute to an outside health benefits provider selected by the retiree.

Mr. Seamon provided a report on likely retirees over the next 20 years.

Discussion ensued among the Board.

On motion of Mr. Price, second by Mrs. Mumpower, the Board acted to adopt a new Section 11-17 of the Board's Personnel Policies as presented effective January 1, 2007.

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***

9. <u>Recess</u>

No recess was taken.

10 <u>County Administrator Reports</u>:

County Administrator Mark Reeter addressed the Board explaining that a ground breaking ceremony for The Highlands Commercial Development is scheduled for Monday, September 18 at 11:00 AM on the property where the development is to be located. A list of the retailers to locate in the development will be announced during the ceremony. Light refreshments will be served. An invitation to the event has been mailed to each Board member. Mr. Reeter explained that in the event of rain, the ceremony would be moved to the Holiday Inn at Exit 7 in Ballroom B.

11. <u>County Attorney Reports</u>:

County Attorney Lucy Phillips addressed the Board requesting preauthorization to schedule a public hearing on a possible Rural Additions Project. Ms. Phillips explained that there is a strong possibility that landowners in Laurelwood Estates will make a request to participate in the Rural Additions Program to have their road upgraded. The Virginia Department of Transportation would like to get the project completed during this construction year.

Supervisor Odell Owens reported that Laurelwood Estates is located in his district. Mr. Owens explained that the landowners are interested in the program and that he believes the County will be able to obtain the 75 signatures that are required for participation.

It was consensus of the Board to grant preauthorization for the County Attorney to proceed with advertisement and scheduling of a public hearing on the Laurelwood Estates Rural Additions Project if the 75 signatures required are obtained.

12. Board Information

Mr. Reeter reviewed the following Board information:

- Resolution adopted by the Town of Damascus regarding their interest in a sports complex in Damascus

Supervisor Jack McCrady addressed the Board explaining that the Damascus Town Council has made eight acres of the old Bayer Property available for a sports complex.

- Memorandum from District III Governmental Cooperative concerning their search for new office space

County Administrator Mark Reeter addressed the Board explaining that the Commonwealth Attorney has asked that his office be expanded to space in the Elliott Building that is currently occupied by District III. The space is needed by the Commonwealth Attorney to house additional staff. Mr. Reeter explained that no other County facilities have space to accommodate the request of the Commonwealth Attorney.

- Announcement by the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Authority concerning State reimbursement of half the construction costs for the Regional Jail Project.

- Reminder of the Washington County Fair Parade scheduled for September 16.

13. Consent Agenda

Discussion ensued concerning the Consent Agenda specifically the payment of bills.

Supervisor Paul Price inquired about his proposal to bring a certain part-time employee to full time. Accounting Manager Mark Seamon explained that information received from Library Director Charlotte Parson calculated the costs to bring the part time position to full time would be approximately $22,000.00.

Further discussions ensued.

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

a. Payment of Bills – August 2006

b. Revenue Refunds – Animal Sterilization Fee and Adoption Fee
c. Authorization to Dispose of Surplus Generator
d. Revenue Refund – Building Permit Fee
e. Budget Status Reports for August of 2006

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***

14. <u>Board Member Reports</u>

Supervisor Paul Price discussed the County's ordinance that deals with removal of inoperable vehicles.

Mr. Price reported that he would like to see the Board of Supervisors conduct an annual public meeting for the purpose of allowing constituents a chance to evaluate the Board. He proposed that a meeting be scheduled for Saturday, September 30 beginning at 10:00 AM at the County Administration Building.

Discussion ensued among the Board. Most Board members felt that their constituents called them if they had issues or problems to discuss.

Chairman Kenneth Reynolds shared with the Board a card from the family of Sandi Hatfield.

Mr. Reynolds reported that the Washington County Fair had gotten off to a good start and encouraged the Board to attend. He also encouraged the Board to in the Fair Parade scheduled for Saturday, September 16.

Supervisor Jack McCrady inquired about the status of the Southwest Virginia Artisan Center. Mr. McCrady expressed concern that if project is not started soon that the General Assembly will take away the funding for the project.

County Administrator Mark Reeter reported that the last information he received on the project was that the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) was attempting to decide how they would regionalize the Board of Directors for the Artisan Center.

Mr. McCrady recommended that a letter be sent to the Governor asking him to urge DHCD to move forward with the project before the General Assembly decides to use the funds for another project.

It was consensus of the Board to direct the County Administrator to send a letter to the Governor.

15. <u>Adjourn</u>

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

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***

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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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Kenneth O. Reynolds, Chairman