

VIRGINIA:

At a regular meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Tuesday, March 27, 2007, at 7:00 p.m., at the County Administration Building in Abingdon, Virginia the following were present:

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Kenneth O. Reynolds, Chairman

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Jack McCrady, Vice Chairman of the Board, who welcomed everyone in attendance.

Mr. McCrady noted that Chairman Kenneth Reynolds was attending a meeting tonight with the Washington County Industrial Development Authority and other industrial development leaders in Southwest Virginia.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Jack McCrady gave the Invocation. Boy Scout Troop 117 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. McCrady on behalf of the Board of Supervisors presented Boy Scout Troop 117 with a County flag.

3. Approval of Agenda

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

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

<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>

4. Approval of Minutes

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

March 13, 2007 Regular Meeting:

Page 14697, Last Paragraph, Correct Motion to read:

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 application of Gary Lee Kelley for a Special Exception Permit to construct a 8' X 16' building and storage bays for mulch, gravel and sawdust in order to operate a small business in general, more specifically a landscaping business to include fencing products on property located on the west side of State Route 19 near the intersection of State Route 19/State Route 802 in a CR (Conservation Recreation) zone, Jefferson Magisterial District with the stipulation recommended by the Planning Commission that approval be granted for a pre-fab building, not exceeding 8' X 16', and if a permanent building is proposed to be built in the future, the applicant is to re-submit their application and appear before the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors prior to construction.

March 16, 17, 18, 2007 Board Retreat:

Page 14714, Correct Minutes to show that Supervisor Anthony Rector was not present at the Board Retreat.

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

<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. Rector abstained from voting on minutes of the March 16-18, 2007 Board Retreat)

5. Public Hearings:

- a. Public Hearing and Consideration of Adoption of an Ordinance to vacate Lot 6 from the recorded subdivision plat (Plat Book 49, Pages 29 & 30 – Dixon Lands Plat) to allow it to be divided into parcels of smaller acreage in the Tyler Magisterial District in Washington County, Virginia

Ms. Phillips provided introductory remarks.

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

Mr. Harold Walsh addressed the Board explaining that he purchased this property (43 acres) last year at an auction and would like to vacate the property in question from the recorded subdivision plat. Mr. Walsh explained that he has a prospective buyer for five acres of the property, but cannot sell unless the property is removed from the subdivision plat.

Discussion ensued among the Board.

Mr. Owens inquired if the Health Department has completed perk tests on the property. Mr. Walsh explained that a perk test was conducted by Tony Bible with Southwest Environmental Consulting when all the properties were sold at auction. He further explained that the property he purchased (Lot 6) had a perk test completed only on one spot of the property. Mr. Walsh stated that he spoke with Mr. Bible this week and that since the logging road located on this property has been re-opened and gravel put down on this road, that the top portion of the property was perked. There is alternate type septic systems that can be installed on the bottom part of the property.

Mr. Price inquired if the property had already been divided and then had the divisions taken out.

Ms. Phillips explained that two plats were included in the Agenda materials. The plat that shows several lots is the original plat that recorded the large piece of property, which is the plat Mr. Walsh wants to vacate. There have been no previous divisions. She explained that the plat which shows lines in green reflects possible divisions of the property by Mr. Walsh.

Discussion ensued about the original plat.

Mrs. Mumpower asked for clarification on the plat. She stated that the information she received was that the property was originally divided into 13 tracts. The day before the auction the divisions of the property changed because of the reason that only one lot would perk.

Ms. Phillips provided some clarification to Board concerns. She explained that Mr. Walsh has not decided on a way to divide Lot 6, which is what he wishes to vacate from the recorded plat. Before a subdivision plat would be approved for Lot 6, if it were vacated, then Mr. Walsh would have the ability to go forward and come up with a way to subdivide the property. Before the subdivision plat could be approved or recorded for the purpose of conveyance of any of the subdivided parcels, it would have to be approved by the Health Department for the purposes of perk, or if an alternate septic system is required then a notation would have to be put on the plat to that affect.

Carol McCroskey addressed the Board speaking in opposition to the proposed ordinance. Ms. McCroskey explained that this property is in a flood zone and was filled in approximately 50-60 years

ago by the Job Corp. The property is farmland and located in a rural area. She stated that she wants to see this area remain as farmland and not subdivided for housing.

Patrick Mannix addressed the Board questioning the legality of the advertisements for this public hearing.

Mr. Walsh addressed the Board explaining that he appreciates the issues concerning farmland. He stated that a house would be built across the street from the river and not built in the flood plain.

Mr. Owens inquired to Mr. Walsh if he knew the front part of the property was located in flood plain area. Mr. Walsh explained that he is aware of the flood plain area on his property and reiterated that a house would not be built in the flood plain.

Discussions ensued among the Board concerning the septic system issues and the proposed subdivision of the property.

Mr. Owens commented that in Virginia all perk tests are to be completed by the Health Department. He stated that the Health Department has said that all the lots on the property would perk for an alternate septic system and that only one lot would perk for a regular septic system.

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

Mrs. Mumpower stated that during the revision of the County Subdivision Ordinance focus was centered around preserving agricultural land from being turned into subdivisions, especially when there is poor infrastructure. If the property were vacated from the subdivision plat and subdivided it would put a burden on the property owners in regards to septic system and flood issues.

Mr. Owens stated that he has received numerous calls concerning this property. The primary concern is that the property is in a flood zone. At times the river covers the road in front of this property and the people who live up the river cannot get down the road. There are concerns that people who would build on top of this property could not get out if there were a flood. There are also concerns about septic systems. Mr. Owens explained that the Health Department has stated that it is possible that engineering services may be required to address septic system issues on this property.

Mr. Price stated that prospective buyers of the property would know about the septic system and flooding issues. He further stated that he likes to see farmland, but to force conservation and farming on a property owner does not seem right, especially when the land is most likely not suitable for farming.

Further discussions ensued.

On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Mrs. Mumpower, the Board acted to deny the proposed ordinance.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (4-2)

<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>Nay</i>
<i>Mr. Rector</i>	<i>Nay</i>

6. Presentation of 2006 Annual Report of Smyth – Washington Regional Industrial Facilities Authority

Mr. Russell Owens, Chairman of the Smyth-Washington County Industrial Facilities Authority (SWIFA) presented SWIFA's Annual Report for CY 2006. The following are highlights of the Annual Report:

- Review of audited financial statements ending June 30, 2006.
- Review of SWIFA's activities in CY 2006
- Review of anticipated activities in CY 2007
- 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 2007-03-27-a.

7. Consideration of Resolution Regarding Development of Regional Water Supply Plan

Mr. Reeter explained that the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission (MRPDC) is at the request of their member jurisdictions working to develop a regional water supply plan for the MRPDC service area. Each member jurisdiction is required to adopt a Resolution that essentially commits each jurisdiction to the development of the regional water supply plan. The Resolution states that Washington County will be a participating jurisdiction. The Resolution does not commit the County to providing any funding for the development of the regional water supply plan, but rather staff support via "in-kind" contributions of information and assistance. The information will be supplied by the Washington County Service Authority.

On motion of Mr. McCall, second by Mr. Owens, it was resolved to adopt the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION 2007-12
REGARDING REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY PLANNING AND APPLICATION
FOR A FY08 WATER SUPPLY PLANNING GRANT**

WHEREAS the Virginia General Assembly has mandated the development of local and regional water supply plans throughout the Commonwealth and the State Water Control Board has developed regulations to implement this planning process; and

WHEREAS, based upon these regulations, Washington County is required to complete a water supply plan that fulfills the regulations by deadlines based on population, specifically:

*November 2, 2008 for local governments with populations in excess of 35,000
November 2, 2009 for local governments with populations between 15,001 and 35,000
November 2, 2010 for local governments with populations 15,000 or less: and*

WHEREAS, local governments may elect to join one or more other local governments to develop a regional water supply plan for which a deadline of November 2, 2011 has been established; and

WHEREAS, the following elements must be included in all local or regional water supply programs:

- A description of existing water sources in accordance with 9 VAC 25-780-70;*
- A description of existing water use in accordance with the requirements of 9 VAC 25-780-80;*
- A description of existing water resource conditions in accordance with the requirements of 9 VAC 25-780-90;*
- An assessment of projected water demand in accordance with the requirements of 9 VAC 25-780-100;*
- A description of water management actions in accordance with the requirements of 9 VAC 25-780-110 and 9 VAC 780-120;*
- A statement of need in accordance with the requirements of 9 VAC 25-780-130;*
- An alternatives analysis that identifies potential alternatives to address projected deficits in water supplies in accordance with the requirements of 9 VAC 25-780-130;*
- A map or maps identifying important elements of the program that may include existing environmental resources, existing water sources, significant existing water uses, and proposed new sources;*
- A copy of the adopted program documents including any local plans or ordinances or amendments that incorporate the local program elements required by this chapter;*
- A resolution approving the plan from each local government that is party to the plan; and*
- A record of the local public hearing, a copy of all written comments and the submitter's response to all written comments received; and*

WHEREAS, it is reasonable and prudent for the following local governments to coordinate and collaborate in the development of a regional water supply plan:

*Bristol City
497 Cumberland Street III E.
Bristol, VA 24201*

*Galax City
Grayson Street
Galax, VA 24333*

*Bland County
PO Box 510
Bland, VA 24315*

*Carroll County
605-1 Pine Street
Hillsville, VA 24343*

*Grayson County
PO Box 217
Independence, VA 24348*

*Washington County
205 Academy Drive
Abingdon, VA 24210*

*Wythe County
340 South 6th Street
Wytheville, VA 24382*

*Smyth County
121 Bagley Cir. Suite 100
Marion, VA 24354*

*Abingdon
PO Box 789
Abingdon, VA 24212*

*Chilhowie
PO Box 5012
Chilhowie, VA 24319*

*Damascus
PO Box 576
Damascus, VA 24236*

*Fries
PO Box 452
Fries, VA 24330*

*Glade Spring
PO Box 98
Glade Spring, VA 24340*

*Hillsville
PO Box 545
Hillsville, VA 24343*

*Independence
PO Box 99
Independence, VA 24348*

*Marion
PO Box 545
Marion, VA 24354*

*Rural Retreat
PO Box 130
Rural Retreat, VA 24368*

*Saltville
PO Box 730
Saltville, VA 24370
and;*

*Troutdale
PO Box 16
Troutdale, VA 24378*

*Wytheville
PO Drawer 533
Wytheville, VA*

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality has announced the availability of grant funds to assist localities offset some of the costs related to the development of these plans and are encouraging localities to submit applications for grant funds using regional water supply plans; and

WHEREAS, regional water supply planning is a sensible approach to developing a water supply plan since watershed boundaries do not follow political boundaries and since there will likely be cost savings to all jurisdictions participating; and

WHEREAS, for purposes of this DEQ water supply grant fund program, Washington County will participate within a water supply region consisting of the localities of the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission (MRPDC); and

WHEREAS, the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission has previously managed the development of successful regional water supply plans and other regional plans and is a logical entity to organize and manage a regional water supply planning process; and

WHEREAS, the MRPDC has previously written, received, and managed DEQ water supply grants and is the logical entity to apply for, on behalf of the communities participating in the regional water supply plan; and

WHEREAS, the MRPDC desires to manage and develop a regional water supply plan for the region, and participating localities in the region agree with this approach, and

WHEREAS, the region, through the MRPDC wishes to apply for and secure DEQ grant funds to help offset the cost of the plan development.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Virginia that Washington County agrees to participate with the localities listed above in the development of a regional water supply plan and authorizes the MRPDC to manage and develop said regional water supply plan that will comply with mandated regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MRPDC is authorized to develop an application for water supply planning grant funds to offset to the extent feasible the cost of developing said regional water supply plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that David Barrett, Executive Director of the MRPDC is authorized to sign the DEQ grant contract and other appropriate documents related to the source water planning grant and the regional source water supply plan, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Washington County intends to provide in-kind contribution for the project for work performed within the organization to meet the requirements of the regional water supply planning effort, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the State Water Control Board and the Department of Environmental Quality should consider this resolution from each of the participating localities their Letters of Intent to participate in a regional water supply plan with a completion due date of November 2, 2011, in accordance with 9 VAC 25-780-50.B.4.

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

<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>

8. Consideration of Dog Damage Claim, Kenneth Rowe

Ms. Phillips explained that Kenneth Rowe has submitted a dog damage claim in the amount of \$350 for livestock killed by dogs.

Sergeant Alexandar with the Washington County Animal Control explained that he investigated the claim made by Kenneth Rowe. The investigation concluded that the bites on the calf were consistent to the damage normally inflicted by domesticated dogs. He explained that these types of attacks are becoming more of a problem, and the Animal Control Department is working on trapping methods that may cut down on the problem.

On motion of Mr. Rector, second by Mr. Price, the authorized payment in the amount of \$350 to Kenneth Rowe for a dog damage claim.

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

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

9. Consideration of Resolution Adopting Vision Statement from Board of Supervisors Retreat, March 16-18

Mr. Reeter explained that the Board conducted its first-ever Retreat on March 16-18, 1007, resulting in a proposed Vision Statement setting out the desired future for the County as envisioned by Board members participating in the Retreat. The Vision Statement has been incorporated into a proposed Resolution for consideration of adoption by the Board. The Retreat Facilitator has provided a Sessions Report concerning the Retreat which also sets out a number of next steps for the Board and others to take in further development and pursuit of the Vision Statement.

The Board members attending the Retreat shared their thoughts about the Retreat.

Mr. Reeter stated that the Board needs to discuss how they wish to have the Vision Statement communicated to the public through existing or new methods (website, annual report, brochure, mailing, etc). He explained that it is proposed that the Board conduct a one-day mini-retreat in Abingdon possibly after the budget process. During the mini-retreat the Board would begin working from the Vision Statement and set priorities as to how to move forward with the Vision Statement. It is also suggested that after the Board has set the priorities that an event be held with staff to look at the priorities and determine what staff needs to do to further the priorities of the Board.

Discussion ensued among the Board.

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

**RESOLUTION 2007-13
ADOPTING VISION STATEMENT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Virginia (the Board) desires to publicly state its vision for the future of the County, and

WHEREAS, the following Vision Statement entitled, "A Rich Past, A Promising Future" is intended as a collective expression of the Board's hopes and aspirations for the future of the County and as a guide for the decisions of the Board, as well as to inform other organizations of the County government to work toward and achieve the future state of the County as set out therein, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Virginia that it hereby sets out and adopts the following Vision Statement for the County:

**WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
VISION STATEMENT**

A Rich Past, A Promising Future

Washington County distinguishes itself as the fastest growing, most progressive County in Southwest Virginia. While always looking to the future, we value the preservation of our heritage and character and foster and support all the things that make special as a people. We want newcomers and natives alike to value and appreciate what makes us unique in character and to actively work to preserve our traditions and customs. We have varied opportunities for past-time pursuits, employment, outdoor recreation, and choices in residential living. We maintain and promote an effective mix of vocations to provide diversity in our employment base. Of paramount importance is the protection of our natural beauty – our farmlands and mountains, breathtaking and serene rural landscapes and moderate seasonal climate. We place special emphasis on culture and education, and work diligently to distinguish the County as a regional destination for recreation, cultural heritage, shopping, and as a hub of governmental activity and professional services. We take great pride in our reputation as a role model for all counties in Southwest Virginia and throughout the Commonwealth.

For the purpose of keeping our citizens informed, involved, and believing in what we are doing, the Board of Supervisors has articulated this Vision for Washington County which will be achieved through a focus on the following outcomes:

Land Use

Rural, residential, retail, and industrial endeavors prosper throughout Washington County in a mutually respectful and non-invasive fashion.

Washington County is a preserve of heritage and historical beauty. A drive through the County provides opportunity for relaxation and enjoyment of natural environments including flowing rivers, mountains, lakes, creeks, hills, and pastures. Historic landmarks are lovingly preserved and farmland and rural ambience are protected and productive. Residential neighborhoods are attractive, orderly, and serene with children playing safely in their yards. Commercial and industrial developments prosper without interrupting the peace and quiet in residential and rural areas. Visitors are delighted by the cleanliness of the County. Nestled within the hills and valleys of the County, distinct rural communities add unique character to the County's personality and create opportunity for socializing, entertainment, and grassroots involvement and education among local residents.

Recreation

Washington County is a premier leisure and adventure destination.

Washington County is the center of recreational diversity in Southwest Virginia. Many hiking and biking trails crisscross our beautiful County, including the Appalachian Trail, Virginia Creeper Trail, Transcontinental Bike Trail, and Daniel Boone Memorial Trail. The County offers many outdoor activities including camping, hiking, hunting, and fishing in the Jefferson National Forest, Clinch Mountain

Wildlife Management Area, and nearby Mount Rogers National Recreation Area. Our high mountain streams and South Holston Lake offer excellent canoeing, kayaking, pleasure boating, and trout and bass fishing. The County is also the home of the Virginian Golf Course, a world-class golfing and gated residential community, along with many attractive public and private golf courses. Close proximity to the Bristol Motor Speedway offers the best of NASCAR – the ultimate venue in motor sports racing. Our regional sports complex accommodates all levels of field sport competition. Visitors to Washington County enjoy a variety of options for accommodations and dining ranging from charming bed and breakfast inns to internationally recognized four-star hotels.

Arts, Culture, and History

Washington County is the champion of cultural heritage preservation and awareness.

Washington County has a rich history of preserving and supporting its art, culture, and historical sites. The historic Barter Theatre, the state theater of Virginia, along with the William King Regional Arts Center and the Abingdon Arts Depot and many fairs and festivals attract visitors from all 50 states and many foreign countries. The Crooked Road, Virginia's Heritage Music Trail, runs through Washington County and Bristol, Virginia. Round the Mountain is a Southwest Virginia organization that promotes local crafts, which are featured in the Southwest Virginia Regional Artisan Center. Unique historic sites, colonial era architecture and a wealth of genealogical information attract many visitors to Washington County. Art galleries, cultural events, and historic sites are visited by groups representing many ages and points of origin, including public school students, senior citizens, and tour groups.

Economic Development

Washington County is the industrial, commercial, medical, and government service center for all of Southwest Virginia.

Washington County has a robust and diverse economic base that provides employment for its citizens and Southwest Virginia as a whole. The County's long-standing commitment to creating wealth and employment opportunities is evident in the strategic investments that local and state government has made in industrial park development, high tech infrastructure, and training programs for new, expanding, and small businesses. These investments have enabled the County to leverage significant levels of state and federal grant funds to improve local economic resources. Easy access to interstate, rail, air service, and advanced telecommunications infrastructure allow citizens and businesses in Washington County to interact seamlessly in a global marketplace. A wide variety of employment opportunities are available in the areas of manufacturing, agriculture, government, professional services, tourism, education, and health care. Commercial development offers a variety of nationally franchised and locally owned and operated restaurants and retail stores that attract shoppers from Southwest Virginia and Northeast Tennessee. Johnston Memorial Hospital provides excellent medical care and well-trained health care professionals and operates a state of the art regional cancer center and outpatient surgery center. Over 50 state and federal agencies, along with a federal courthouse, have regional offices in Washington County, making it a thriving center for legal, medical and professional specialties.

Infrastructure/Facilities

Washington County citizens enjoy superior public water and sewer service, roads, and government facilities that create an enviable quality of life.

Washington County has made wise investments in public infrastructure to promote orderly growth and development. Centralization of County offices has proven beneficial and efficient in delivery of government services. The County has successfully extended public water services to make it available to all areas of the County and works diligently to match this success with its provision of sewer service. The County government has carefully developed a Capital Improvement Plan that provides an excellent framework for decision-making. The County's Service Authority maintains the best in water quality technology which results in national recognition of the purity of its product.

Education

A diverse spectrum of educational resources complements our cultural and historic setting and creates a strong foundation for lifelong learning in Washington County.

Washington County has long been a leader in providing high quality and innovative educational programs for all ages. Our educators are dedicated to providing our children with academic and life skills to enhance their lives far beyond the classroom. Cultural and historical assets of the County enrich the educational experience. Our school system is careful to foster in our youth an appreciation of our region's unique cultural heritage. A broad range of higher educational opportunities complement basic educational foundations. These resources include Emory and Henry College, Virginia Highlands Community College, Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center and its College for Older Adults, County Adult Skills Center, and Neff Technical School. The county's dedication to its library system is evidenced by its catalog of titles and electronic resources, as well as its branch locations throughout the County

Regional Cooperation

Cooperation is the key to success, finding power in numbers through regional cooperation and standing together with our sister towns, cities, and counties.

Washington County is an active partner in regional cooperation and planning. This effort has resulted in greater efficiencies among local governments including the Small Business Incubator, Regional Jail, Southwest Virginia Regional Artisan Center, and the Smith Washington Regional Industrial Facility Authority. Our County continues to take a leading role with the surrounding counties and cities to team together to speak in a strong and effective voice to our state legislators. These regional efforts have brought transportation and telecommunication systems for Southwest Virginia to a level of quality that compares with the best in the country. Southwest Virginia's regional cooperation provides a model that communities throughout the Commonwealth aspire to achieve. Additionally, the mutually supportive intergovernmental relations among the County and the Towns of Abingdon, Glade Spring, Saltville, and Damascus consistently benefit the citizens.

Government

Information, professionalism, accessibility and involvement ensure that we have efficient, effective, and fair governance.

Washington County is a progressive and friendly County. Our citizens are well informed and can access information through a wide variety of sources including our website, GIS, and annual report. We provide easy access to government offices through our County Complex facility, which provides “one-stop” services and assures citizens of efficient government. We encourage and support our community centers and associations and promote the involvement of our citizens in their communities through volunteerism. We take pride in our ability to provide our citizens with state-of-the-art police and fire protection, rescue, and jail facilities. Our staff members are highly professional, friendly, competent, and willing to work with citizens for the overall County good. We are very proud of the image of the County that we project to Southwest Virginia and the rest of the Commonwealth.

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

<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. Reeter stated that he could make the Vision Statement available on the County’s website. Also, the Vision Statement can be sent with cover letter to all the County’s Boards, Authorities and Commissions.

Discussion ensued concerning the idea of the Board doing an annual report which is envisioned to be a general treatment of the activities of the County. Mr. Reeter stated that he would obtain annual reports from other localities for the Board to review.

Scrivener’s Note: The Board of Supervisors Retreat Sessions Report referenced above is included as Minutes Exhibits Item 2007-03-27-B.

10. Consideration of Request for Appropriation to Boy Scout Troop 119 for World Jamboree Travel Expenses

Mr. Tom Widener representing Boy Scout Troop 117 presented the Board with a request for financial assistance to help with the World Jamboree Travel expenses. Mr. Widener explained that a total of 18 individuals from Troop 117 will be departing on July 21 for England and will be returning on August 7. The total per person for the trip is \$2,500. He further explained that Troop 117 has been raising funds for about three years in anticipation of attending the World Jamboree. Mr. Widener reviewed the itinerary for the World Jamboree. He stated that the group would be doing two very special things while on the trip; visiting the cemeteries for World War I and World War II.

Mr. Widener provided the Board with a history of the Boy Scout Organization, and spoke about the life skills that are taught to the young men of the Boy Scouts.

On motion of Mr. Rector, second by Mr. McCall, the Board acted to approve an appropriation in the amount of \$1,500.00 from Reserve for Contingencies to Boy Scout Troop 117.

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>

11. Consideration of Joint County Land-Use Ordinances Committee Recommendation Regarding Consulting Services for County Zoning Code Revisions

Mr. Reeter presented the Board with a recommendation from the Joint County Land-Use Ordinances Committee to contract with former County Planner Fred Crowell through his firm FMC Consulting to revise the M-1 (Industrial, Limited) and M-2 (Industrial, General) zoning regulations. He explained that Wally Horton completed the redraft of the B-1 (Business, Limited) and B-2 (Business, General) zoning regulations before he left to accept a position in another locality. Mr. Reeter further explained that since the County is not filling the County Planner’s position that the Joint County Land-Use Ordinances Committee felt the revisions to the County Zoning Code should be outsourced. Should the work of FMC Consulting prove satisfactory, additional work on the County Zoning Code may be negotiated with FMC consulting.

Discussion ensued among the Board.

Mr. McCrady (member of the Joint Land-Use Ordinances Committee) explained that the Committee discussed this issue at length. The Committee members felt it would be good to approach the zoning revisions in an unbiased manner.

Mr. McCall (member of the Joint Land-Use Ordinances Committee) explained that the revisions to the B-1 and B-2 Zoning districts was a learning process, and now the Committee knows more of what to look for in the revisions of the remaining zoning districts. He explained that Fred Crowell is very knowledgeable of the County and created a good Comprehensive Plan while serving as County Planner.

Further discussions ensued.

On motion of Mr. McCall, second by Mr. Owens, the Board acted to engage FMC Consulting for revisions to the M-1 and M-2 zoning district regulations and to transfer \$7,500.00 from Line-item 12200-3190m Professional Services-Legal to a new line-item 12110-3190, Professional Services-Other within the Department of County Administration for these services.

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

<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>

12. Consideration of Appointment to Virginia Highlands Community College Board

On motion of Mr. Rector, second by Mr. Owens, it was resolved to reappoint G. Michel Rush to the Virginia Highlands Community College Board for a term beginning July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2011.

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

<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>

13. Recess

No recess was taken.

14. County Administrator Reports:

No report.

15. County Attorney Reports:

Ms. Phillips reported on the Loudon Drive Project. She explained that this road improvement project came before the Board several years ago, and that time the Board took action to designate Loudon Drive as a Rural Additions Project. The property owners now have about what they need to proceed with the Rural Additions Project with revised figures. Since the initial action of the Board, the road construction prices have increased for this project. Ms. Phillips further explained that she requests Board authorization to proceed to draft the appropriate documents and schedule the public hearings once she has received all the materials from the landowners.

It was consensus of the Board to authorize the County to proceed with drafting of the appropriate documents and to schedule the public hearings for the Loudon Drive Project when she has received the necessary documents from the property owners.

In another matter, Ms. Phillips reported that she has met with Sheriff Fred Newman, Major Blake Andis, Delores Stein and Sergeant Alexander concerning the County's Animal Control Ordinance. She stated that Sheriff Newman is working on policy changes that he may bring to the Board for review.

16. Board Information

Mr. Reeter reviewed the following Board information:

- Mount Rogers Planning District Commission Annual Spring Dinner Meeting to be held Thursday, April 5 at the Fairview Ruritan Club in Grayson County, VA beginning at 6:00 PM.
- Letter from the Wythe County Administrator inviting the Board to attend a regional VACo Courthouse meeting on Monday, April 16 at 6:30 PM at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center in Abingdon, VA.
- Virginia Industrial Development Authorities Institute to be held April 24-25 at the Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center. Mr. Reeter strongly encouraged Board members with an interest in economic development to attend the Institute. He asked Board members to let his office know if they wished to attend so that reservations could be made.
- Keep Southwest Virginia Beautiful Certification Ceremony, Saturday, April 21, 2007 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Wise County Fairgrounds in Wise, VA.

17. Consent Agenda

Mr. Seamon addressed the Board explaining that the Accounting Department is requesting \$12,500.00 funding for required Actuarial Services in connection with new financial auditing standards relating to postretirement benefits. The proposed actuarial services will only be needed every other fiscal year. Since the required work will be performed prior to June 30, 2007, the funds will need to be taken from the County's current Reserve for Contingencies.

Mr. Seamon further explained that the Accounting Department is requesting \$6,000.00 funding for needed Accounting Services in connection with new financial auditing standard relating to management prepared financial statements prior to the County audit being performed. The needed accounting services are estimated to be \$12,500.00 each fiscal year. Since a portion of the required accounting work will be performed prior to June 30, 2007, \$6,000.00 in funds will need to be taken from the County's current Reserve for Contingencies.

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

- a. Transfer from Reserve for Contingencies - \$12,500.00 County Audit for Actuarial Services*
- b. Transfer from Reserve for Contingencies - \$6,000.00 County Audit for Accounting Services*
- c. Supplemental Appropriation – Washington County Sheriff's Animal Control Division*

d. Request for Transfer of Funds Between Line-items – WC Sheriff’s Office

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

<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>

18. Board Member Reports

Mr. Price requested that a certificate of appreciation be drafted and presented at a future Board meeting to the family of Geraldine Henderson. Ms. Henderson passed away recently. She worked for 35 years as an election official in Hayter’s Gap.

Mr. Price asked the County Attorney about the procedures to remove property from a recorded plat. He specifically mentioned a piece of property on Elementary Drive in Abingdon. The owner of this property wishes to have the property vacated from the subdivision plat. Ms. Phillips explained that the Board is required to adopt an ordinance to vacate property from recorded subdivision plats.

Mr. Owens reported the prisoners have been picking up trash along some roads in the County and inquired if these were inmates from the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail. Mr. McCrady explained that the inmates were from a federal prison. He further explained that the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Authority, at their next meeting, will discuss their decision to cancel the program that allows prisoners to do roadside trash pickup.

Mr. Owens reported on the recent article in the *Bristol Herald Courier* concerning the Mendota Community Center. He complimented *Bristol Herald Courier* Reporter Debra McCown for her work on the article and the accuracy in reporting the timeline of events. Mr. Owens stated that the County is not part of the lawsuit between the Mendota Community Center Association and the Medical Center Board of Directors.

Mr. Price remarked that Debra McCown does a good job with reporting for the *Bristol Herald Courier* and has received several awards for her stories.

Mr. McCall reported that the Washington County Service Authority, for informational purposes, will begin sending minutes of the Service Authority Board of Commissioners meetings to the County Administrator.

Mr. McCrady thanked the Board for supporting the request of Boy Scout Troop 117.

19. Recess to 6:00 PM April 10, 2007 for Presentation of FY 2007-08 Revenue Projections

On motion of Mr. Rector, second by Mr. Owens, it was resolved to recess to 6:00 PM April 10, 2007, for Presentation of FY 2007-08 Revenue Projections.

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

<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>

Prepared by:

Naoma A. Mullins, Recording Clerk

Approved by the Washington County Board of Supervisors:

Kenneth O. Reynolds, Chairman