V I R G I N I A:

At a recessed meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Tuesday, June 10, 2008, at 6:00 p.m., at the County Administration Building in Abingdon, Virginia the following were present:

PRESENT:

Kenneth O. Reynolds, Chairman (arrived at 6:20 PM)
Jack R. McCrady, Jr., Vice Chairman
Phillip B. McCall
Dulcie M. Mumpower
Odell Owens
Paul O. Price
Thomas G. Taylor

Mark K. Reeter, County Administrator
Lucy E. Phillips, County Attorney
Naoma A. Norris, Recording Clerk

Others Attending:

Steve Buston, Abingdon Area Administrator, Virginia Department of Transportation
Robert Hurt – Assistant Administrator, Virginia Department of Transportation

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1. Call to Order

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

2. Worksession Concerning Proposed Virginia Department of Transportation Six-Year Plan for Secondary highway Improvements and Update on Status of U. S. Highway 11 Projects

Mr. Steve Buston, Abingdon Area Administrator with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), appeared before the Board to present the proposed Six Year Plan for Secondary Highway Improvements and to provide a status report on the U. S. Highway 11 Project.

Mr. Buston explained that a public hearing to receive requests for projects to be placed on the Six Year Plan was held several months ago. The dollar amounts have now been received from Richmond and projects have been prioritized and placed on the Six Year Plan.

Mr. Buston reviewed the format of the Six Year Plan and explained that the Plan includes different categories of money for projects. He explained that the first category of money is for federal road projects and is restricted to federal eligible roads only. The criteria for a road to be eligible for federal dollars are that the road must be classified as a minor collector or above. Mr. Buston reviewed the types of collector roads that qualify for federal dollars.

Mr. Buston explained that the second category of money is for State projects and added that State funds could be spent on any road project.

Mr. Buston explained that the third category of money is for unpaved roads and stated that these funds can only be expended on unpaved road projects. He added that 90% of requests received by VDOT are to hard surface graveled roads. Because of demand, all unpaved roads on the Six Year Plan were allocated sufficient funds to keep the projects on the Six Year Plan.

Mr. Buston explained that another category of money is funds to pay for subdivision review and analysis, and for speed and traffic studies.

Mr. Buston advised the Board that no new projects were added to the Six Year Plan in any category due to reductions in funding, primarily State funds. He explained because of funding cuts many projects previously on the Six Year Plan were removed. Mr. Buston proposed to the Board that during the upcoming Fall when a public hearing is held to receive new projects for the Six Year Plan, that the Board discuss a strategy regarding road improvements. He stated that for example, the Board could decide if they would like to allocate funds received to complete more unpaved road projects or to allocate the money for road improvements like widening and guard rail projects.

Discussions ensued among the Board.

At this time, Mr. Buston reviewed the projects on the Six Year Plan. They include:

Federal Projects:
State Route 1717 - Industrial Park Road
State Route 609 – Hillman Highway (Engineering work to begin later this year)
State Route 614 – Barn Rock Road
State Route 611 – Spring Branch Road
State Route 1718 – Westinghouse Road (money will be allocated in sixth year of the plan)
State Route 616 – Walnut Grove Bridge Project

State Projects:
State Route 670 – Vances Mill Road
State Route 699 – Walden Road (no money allocated at this time)

Mr. Buston explained that the remaining projects on the Six Year Plan were unpaved road projects. He further explained that when an unpaved road is placed on the plan it will be built within six years. Mr. Buston added that State Route 611 was an unpaved road project built in the last year.

Mr. Buston explained that the Board will be asked to approve the Six Year Plan at their 7:00 PM regular Board meeting.

Discussions ensued among the Board.

At this time, VDOT officials provided an update on the U. S. Highway Route 11 project.

3. <u>Adjourn to 7:00 PM Regular Meeting</u>

On motion of Mr. McCall, second by Mrs. Mumpower, 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. Reynolds	***Aye***
Mr. Taylor	***Aye***

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Prepared by:

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Naoma A. Norris, Recording Clerk

Approved by the Washington County Board of Supervisors:

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Kenneth O. Reynolds, Chairman