V I R G I N I A:

At a regular meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Tuesday, April 28, 2009, at 6:30 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 (arrived at 7:02 PM)
Thomas G. Taylor

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

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Kenneth O. 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. Public Comment

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Mark Haynesworth, Glade Springs, VA
Ed Davis, Emory, VA
Celeste Gaia, Emory, VA

4. <u>Approval of Agenda</u>

On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Mr. Taylor, it was resolved to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

Addition of Budget Adjustment Items

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

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

5. Consent Agenda:

On motion of Mr. Taylor, second by Mr. McCrady, the Board acted to approve items a, b and d of the Consent Agenda as set forth below.

a. <u>Approval of Minutes</u>:

1. April 7, 2009 Recessed Meeting

2. April 9, 2009 Recessed Meeting

3. April 14, 2009 Regular Meeting

b. <u>Approval of Routine Financial Matters</u>:

1. Request for Supplemental Appropriations-Washington County Sheriff Office-Surplus Sales

2. Request for Supplemental Appropriation-Washington County Sheriff's Office-Byrne Grant

3. Request for Supplemental Appropriation-Damascus Volunteer Rescue Squad-Matching Grant Funds

c. Award of Bids and Approval of Contracts

d. <u>Authorization of Routine Business Matters</u>:

1. Consideration of Resolution Approving Temporary Closure of State Route 733 for Bridge Replacement

2. Authorization to Schedule Public Hearings on Emergency Medical Services Permits to Damascus Police Department & Green Springs Volunteer Fire Department

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

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

6. General Business:

a. Actionable Items:

1. Consideration of Appointments to Various Boards, Authorities and Commissions Expiring June 30, 2009

Washington County Public Library Board of Trustees

On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Mrs. Mumpower, the Board acted to reappoint Debra J. Osborne to represent the Tyler Election District on the Washington County Public Library Board of Trustees for a four year term beginning July 1, 2009, and expiring June 30, 2013.

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

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

Virginia Highlands Airport Authority

On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Mrs. Mumpower, the Board acted to reappoint Kenny Hobbs to represent the Tyler Election District on the Virginia Highlands Airport Authority for a four year term beginning July 1, 2009, and expiring June 30, 2013.

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

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

Mr. Taylor Aye

Highlands Community Services Board

On motion of Mrs. Mumpower, second by Mr. Owens, the Board acted to reappoint Kittye Owens as an At Large appointment on the Highlands Community Services Board for a three year term beginning July 1, 2009, and expire June 30, 2012.

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

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

Washington County Planning Commission

On motion of Mr. McCall, second by Mr. McCrady, the Board acted to reappoint Joe H. Hutton to represent the Harrison Election District on the Washington County Planning Commission for a four year term beginning July 1, 2009, and expiring on June 30, 2013.

2. Consideration of Official Name for former AEP Service Center Building

Mr. Reeter explained that the Board is requested to give an official name to the former American Electric Power (AEP) Service Center Building that will become home to the Washington County Sheriff's Office, County Central Dispatch, Information Systems Department, and a portion of the General Services Department. It is important to formally name the building due to addressing and insurance issues among others. Suggested names for the AEP Building are:

Washington County Justice Building
Washington County Law Enforcement Services Building
Washington County Protective Services Building
Washington County Public Safety Building
Washington county Public Services Building

Discussions ensued among the Board. It was discussed that the focus of the departments housed within the former AEP Building are going to be public safety related. Therefore, naming the building the Washington County Public Safety Building would make good sense.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, second by Mr. Owens, the Board acted to name the former American Electric Power Service Center Building as the Washington County Public Safety Building.

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

Mr. McCall Aye
Mr. McCrady Aye

Mrs. Mumpower ***Aye***
Mr. Owens ***Aye***
Mr. Reynolds ***Aye***
Mr. Taylor ***Aye***

7. Board Member Reports

Mr. McCall commented on the meal sponsored by the Washington County Extension Office and the excellent program provided by the Washington County 4-H Program.

Mr. McCrady reported that he has spoken with Washington County School Superintendent Dr. Alan Lee concerning the Washington County Skills Center and The Neff Center. Dr. Lee will prepare a report on the costs for the two projects for the Board of Supervisors. Mr. McCrady also reported that he made a call to Virginia Highlands Community College President David Wilkin concerning issues pertaining to the Washington County Skills Center moving to the Community College.

Mr. Taylor discussed the funds that the Washington County School Board ($300,000) provides to the Washington County Skills Center and stated this amount should be sufficient to cover the costs involved in transitioning the Washington County Skills Center to the Community College. He encouraged the Board to keep the amount in the budget until a permanent home is found for the diesel mechanics program. Mr. Taylor also discussed using the $300,000 at a later time to establish a scholarship program that would pay tuition to the community college for students pursuing degrees in science, math or engineering.

8. Board Information and Reminders

Mr. Reeter reviewed the following Board Information:

April 30 Public Hearing on Reassessment beginning at 5:30 PM
April 30 Public Hearing on the FY 2009-2010 County Budget beginning at 7:00 PM

Mr. Reeter reviewed materials (newspaper advertisements and a comparison of tax rates in the region that was prepared by the County Treasurer) that he proposes to be available to the public during the public hearings on April 30. It was consensus of the Board to authorize Mr. Reeter to distribute the materials.

Discussions ensued among the Board, Mr. Reeter, Ms. Phillips and Mr. Seamon concerning language in the advertisement for the public hearings pertaining to the Reassessment and County Operating Budget. Proposed changes for future advertisements related to the County Operating Budget and Reassessment were discussed.

Ms. Phillips reviewed the following information:

Ms. Phillips provided the Board with a report on the trail of Harold Walsh vs. Washington County Board of Supervisors held on April 24.

9. Recess

On motion of Mrs. Mumpower, second by Mr. Owens, it was resolved take a ten minute recess and then reconvene to continue work on the FY 2009-2010 County Operating Budget.

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. Taylor	***Aye***
Mr. Reynolds	***Aye***

Chairman Reynolds called the recessed meeting to order.

10. Consideration of Tentative Adjustments to and Preliminary Approvals of Budgetary Departments within Proposed & Recommended County Operating Budget for 2009-2010 (continued from April 27 Recessed Meeting)

Mr. Reeter provided the Board with correspondence pertaining to the changes to the 2008 School Census data.

Mr. Seamon provided a review of the school census data revisions. When the School Board submitted the original 2008 school census survey data to the County Treasurer's Office, Washington County's allocation of local sales taxes were going to decrease by over 3%. As a result, the FY 2009-2010 Revenue Budget for Local Sales Taxes was reduced by $200,000.00. County Treasurer Fred Parker persistently encouraged the school board staff to have Virginia Commonwealth University re-check their survey numbers for errors. Mr. Parker was informed today that the original survey contained several errors, and was re-submitted a new survey data which was more in line with the previous allocation percentages for local sales taxes. Mr. Seamon explained that the Board could add the $200,000.00 back to the Revenue Budget if they feel confident with projected sales tax revenue for next fiscal year.

Discussions ensued among the Board concerning the projected $200,000 increase in sales tax revenue due to the adjustments to the 2008 School Census data. It was discussed that the projected increase should be placed in a budgetary department that would have the least impact on the County Operating budget for FY 2009-2010 should the projected increase not be realized. Subsequently, the following action was taken:

On motion of Mr. Price, second by Mr. Taylor, it was resolved to modify the FY 2009-2010 revenue budget for Fund 001, Dept. 12010, Local Sales Taxes, to the amount of $6,200,000.00, and to tentatively place the additional $200,000.00 in Fund 005, Dept. 94990, Rainy Day Reserve Account.

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. Taylor ***Aye***
Mr. Reynolds ***Aye***

At this time, Mrs. Mumpower made a request to revisit the County Administration Department-Internships.

a. <u>Capital Improvement Fund</u>:

Mr. Reeter provided a review of the Capital Improvement Fund.

1. Dept. 94131 – County Facilities – Fire, Law & Rescue – Sheriff's Office

On motion of Mr. McCall, second by Mr. McCrady, it was resolved to tentatively approve the County Administrator's recommended FY 2009-2010 budget for Fund 005, Dept. 94100, County Faciliites, in the amount of $ 150,500.

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***

2. Dept. 94152 – County Facilities – Programming – JMH Adaptive Reuse

County Facilities Committee Members Dulcie Mumpower and Odell Owens provided an update on the JMH Adaptive Reuse Study Project.

On motion of Mrs. Mumpower, second by Mr. Owens, it was resolved to tentatively approve the County Administrator's recommended FY 2009-2010 budget for Fund 005, Dept. 94152, JMH Adaptive Reuse, in the amount of $ 100,000.

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***

3. Dept. 94160 – County Facilities – Public Works – Solid Waste Facilities
4. Dept. 94162 – County Facilities – Public Works – Solid Waste Vehicles
5. Dept. 94163 – County Facilities – Public Works – Solid Waste Equipment

On motion of Mr. Taylor, second by Mr. McCrady, it was resolved to tentatively approve the County Administrator's recommended FY 2009-2010 budget for the following Departments within Fund 005,

Department 94160-County Facilities-Public Works-Solid Waste Facilities	***$10,000***
Department 94162-County Facilities-Public Works-Solid Waste Vehicles	***$60,000***
Department 94163-County Facilities-Public Works-Solid Waste Equipment	***$95,000***

Mr. Taylor commented that the Solid Waste Department has done a good job with the cleanup of the Glade Spring Convenience Station since the purchase of the property. However, he explained that a constituent complained that since the site has been so well cleaned that they could see inside the Convenience Station from their property and would like the county to place privacy screen at this site. Mr. Reeter stated that he would send this request to the Solid Waste Department.

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**

6. County Facilities – Various – Blight Abatement Projects

On motion of Mrs. Mumpower, second by Mr. Price, it was resolved to tentatively approve the County Administrator's recommended FY 2009-2010 budget for Fund 005, Dept. 94191, County Facilities-Various-Blight Abatement Projects , in the amount of $ 100,000.

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***

7. Dept. 94196 – County Facilities – Various – Preservation Projects

On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Mr. McCall, it was resolved to tentatively approve the County Administrator's recommended FY 2009-2010 budget for Fund 005, Dept. 94196, County Facilities – Various – Preservation Projects, in the amount of $426,178.

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***

8. Dept. 94321 – Libraries – Damascus Branch – Damascus Branch Project

Mr. Reeter provided the Board with a review of the funding status for the Damascus Branch Library Project.

Discussions ensued among the Board.

On motion of Mr. McCrady, second by Mr. Price, it was resolved to tentatively approve the County Administrator's recommended FY 2009-2010 budget for Fund 005, Dept. 94321, Libraries – Damascus Branch – Damascus Branch Project, in the amount of $962,230.

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***

9. Dept. 94533 – Recreation – Sport Facilities – Beaverdam Creek Park Project

On motion of Mr. McCrady, second by Mr. Price, it was resolved to tentatively approve the County Administrator's recommended FY 2009-2010 budget for Fund 005, Dept. 94533 – Recreation – Sport Facilities – Beaverdam Creek Park Project, in the amount of $700,000.

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***

10. Dept. 94819 – Capital Contributions – Major – Various

On motion of Mr. Price, second by Mrs. Mumpower, it was resolved to tentatively approve the Revised County Administrator's recommended FY 2009-2010 budget for Fund 005, Dept. 94819 – Capital Contributions – Major – Various , in the amount of $450,000.

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***

11. Dept. 94829 – Capital Contributions – Minor – Various

Substantial discussions ensued concerning the request from Second Harvest Food Bank for a $250,000 capital contribution over three fiscal years to assist with early payoff of a loan from USDA for the purchase of their new facility and their requests for funding from other localities in their service area. It was discussed that Second Harvest has been approved for $1,900,000.00 loan from USDA at a fixed interest of 4.25% for 40 years to purchase a new facility and to equip the facility with refrigerated units. The first debt service payment on this loan is not due for two years. Given the very difficult economic times the County is facing and the financial impact on the County Operating Budget, the Board proposed to request that that Second Harvest Food Bank consider deferring early payoff of their $1,900,000.00 loan from USDA, and rather to consider making debt service payments on the loan. Then when the economy improves localities in the Second Harvest Food Bank Service area will be in a better financial position to make a decision on a capital contribution. It was further discussed that Second Harvest may not have adequate funds in their operating budget for debt service payments. According to the presentation made by Mr. Roberts, the first payment on the loan is not due for two years. If they need financial assistance they could make a request to the Board closer to the payment due date for a financial contribution toward the debt service. Further, when the economic situation improves, Second Harvest could approach the Board to again consider a capital contribution toward early repayment of the loan.

The Board discussed their strong support of the Southwest Virginia Second Harvest Food Bank and the service they provide to the citizens of Washington County. It was stated that the organization helps the citizens of the County that many other governmental programs may not be able to reach. The Board discussed the money the County currently provides to Second Harvest Food Bank to assist with their operational expenses and that it is the hope of the Board that this contribution assists Second Harvest Food Bank to meet their mission of assisting Washington County residents in need of their services.

The Board asked the County Administrator to send a letter to Second Harvest Food Bank communicating the Boards discussions and proposal regarding their request.

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

12. Dept. 94910 – Capital Reserve – General – General Reserve

Mr. Taylor provided a status report on the Perry Building that was donated to the Town of Glade Spring for a new branch library.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, second by Mr. Price, it was resolved to tentatively approve the County Administrator's recommended FY 2009-2010 budget for Fund 005, Dept. 94911 – Capital Reserve – General – General Reserve , in the amount of $3,533.390.

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

Mr. Taylor asked the Board to consider the $20,000 that was zeroed out for the Glade Spring Recreation to be set aside for the purchase of property located next to the Perry Building that would be used for library parking. If this money is set aside, the Town of Glade Springs could continue their negotiations with the property owner.

13. Dept. 94920 – Capital Reserve – Schools – School Reserve

On motion of Mr. McCrady, second by Mr. McCall, it was resolved to tentatively approve the County Administrator's recommended FY 2009-2010 budget for Fund 005, Dept. 94920 – Capital Reserve – Schools, in the amount of $1,071,103.

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

Discussions ensued among the Board concerning the funding for the proposed addition to the Neff Center and the costs involved with relocating the Washington County Skills Center Adult Education Programs to Virginia Highlands Community College.

b. Economic Development Fund:

1. Dept. 96110 – Industrial Development – IDA – Oak Park Development

On motion of Mr. McCrady, second by Mrs. Mumpower, it was resolved to tentatively approve the County Administrator's recommended FY 2009-2010 budget for Fund 006, Dept. 96110 – Industrial Development – IDA – Oak Park Development, in the amount of $142,501.

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***

2. Dept. 96310 – Commercial Development – IDA – The Highlands Development

On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Mr. Taylor, it was resolved to tentatively approve the County Administrator's recommended FY 2009-2010 budget for Fund 006, Dept. 96310 – Commercial Development – IDA – The Highlands Development, in the amount of $457,520.

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***

3. Dept. 96510 – Incentives – IDA – Performance Agreement

On motion of Mrs. Mumpower, second by Mr. McCrady, it was resolved to tentatively approve the County Administrator's recommended FY 2009-2010 budget for Fund 006, Dept. 96510 – Incentives – IDA – Performance Agreement, in the amount of $270,000.

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

4. Dept. 96710 – Airport Development – Virginia Highlands Airport Authority

On motion of Mr. McCall, second by Mr. Price, it was resolved to tentatively approve the County Administrator's recommended FY 2009-2010 budget for Fund 006, Dept. 96710 – Airport Development – Virginia Highlands Airport Authority, in the amount of $82,864.

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

5. Dept. 96910 – County Opportunity Reserve – Opportunity Account

On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Mr. Price, it was resolved to tentatively approve the County Administrator's recommended FY 2009-2010 budget for Fund 006, Dept. 96910 – County Opportunity Reserve – Opportunity Account, in the amount of $100,000.

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

c. Utilities Fund:

1. Dept. 98100 – Fees & Contributions

Mrs. Mumpower provided the Board with a status report on the negotiations between Bristol Virginia Utilities and Washington County Service Authority regarding the Sewer Purchase Agreement.

On motion of Mr. Price, second by Mrs. Mumpower, it was resolved to tentatively approve the County Administrator's recommended FY 2009-2010 budget for Fund 007, Dept. 98100 – Fees & Contributions, in the amount of $50,000.

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***

2. Dept. 98200 – Purchases & Subsidies

Mr. Reeter provided the Board with a report on the subsidy the County pays to the Town of Abingdon regarding the Exit 19 Sewer Project.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, second by Mr. Price, it was resolved to tentatively approve the County Administrator's recommended FY 2009-2010 budget for Fund 007, Dept. 98200 – Purchases & Subsidies, in the amount of $35,000.

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***

3. Dept. 98400 – WCSA – Sewer Projects

On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Mr. Price, it was resolved to tentatively approve the County Administrator's recommended FY 2009-2010 budget for Fund 006, Dept. 98400 – WCSA – Sewer Projects, in the amount of $980,000.

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***

11. <u>Re-consideration of Tentative Adjustments to and Preliminary Approvals of Budgetary Departments within Proposed & Recommended County Operating Budget for FY 2009-2010</u>

a. Dept. 32200 – Volunteer Fire Departments

Substantial discussions ensued among the Board concerning funding for volunteer fire departments. Emergency Service Committee members Jack McCrady and Paul Price made a request that the funding cut from fire truck rotation be restore. Subsequently, the following action was taken:

On motion of Mr. Price, second by Mr. McCrady, the Board acted to direct the County Administrator to budget $83,333 for fire truck rotation for the next three fiscal years for a total of $250,000 per Department, and to modify Department 32200 – Volunteer Fire Departments by restoring the $25,000 cut from the fire truck rotation funding in FY 2009-2010 and to as follows:

Department 32200-5003 Wash Co Fire & Rescue Truck	***$83,334***
Department 32200-5014 Glade Spring Fire Dept Truck	***$83,333***
Department 32200-5018 Damascus Fire Dept Truck	***$83,333***

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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***

Further discussions ensued concerning volunteer fire departments.

b. Dept. 53230 – Area Agency on Aging

Mr. Taylor requested that District 3 Governmental Cooperative be level funded at the current fiscal year amount of $44,927.

On motion of Mr. Taylor second by Mr. Price, it was resolved to modify Fund 001, Department 53230 – Area Agency on Aging by adding $4,492 to Line Item 5609 – District 3 Governmental Cooperative and to tentatively approve the County Administrator's FY 2009-2010 budget for Fund 001, Dept. 53230 – Area Agency on Aging, in the amount of $44,927.

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***

c. Dept. 53800 – Other Contributions – Southeast RCAP

Discussions ensued among the Board concerning a request for funding from the Southwest RCAP.

Mr. Taylor explained that this organization provides grants to low income individuals for water projects such as paying connection fees. He asked that the Board consider a small contribution.

It was discussed that People, Incorporated of Southwest Virginia provides similar services.

No action was taken.

d. Dept. 71360 – Recreation Programs – Town

Mrs. Mumpower explained that due to the tough economic times the Board is facing that she requests the Board stay with the County Administrator's recommendation to not provide funding to the Town recreation programs in FY 2009-2010. Mrs. Mumpower further explained that recreation programs are important, but that the Board must identify places in the County Operating Budget to cut that would have the least impact on the citizens of Washington County.

Mr. Reynolds requested that the Town recreation programs be level funded to the current fiscal year's amount.
Discussions ensued among the Board concerning recreational funding for the towns with the following action being taken:

On motion of Mr. Taylor second Mrs. Mumpower, it was resolved to modify Fund 001, Department 71360 – Recreation Programs Towns by adding $45,000 to Line Item 5623 – Town of Abingdon, by adding $30,600 to line-item 5624 – Town of Damascus, and to tentatively approve the FY 2009-2010 budget for Fund 001, Dept. 71360 – Recreation Programs Towns, in the amount of $75,600. It was further, resolved to modify Fund 005, Dept 94330 – Libraries Glade Spring Branch by adding $18,000 to Line-Item 8410 –Land Purchase, and to tentatively approve the FY 2009-2010 budget for Fund 005, Dept. 94330 – Libraries Glade Spring Branch, in the amount of $18,000.

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***

e. Dept. 72600 – Cultural Enrichment

Mr. Reynolds discussed funding for cultural enrichment specifically funding for the Barter Theater, Round the Mountain and White's Mill Foundation. He explained that Barter Theater has cut their funding and reduced staff. Mr. Reynolds further explained that Round the Mountain should receive some funding from the County as they are an important link to serve Southwest Virginia and the County. Also, the Whites Mill Foundation is struggling financially.

Discussions ensued among the Board concerning the ten percent cuts across the Board in the proposed FY 2009-2010 County Operating Budget.

Mr. Reeter explained that funding was not recommended for Round the Mountain because it was a new request and no new requests were recommended in the FY 2009-2010 proposed County Operating Budget.

Further discussions ensued concerning funding for the Barter Theater.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, second by Mr. McCall, the Board acted to modify Department 72600 – Cultural Enrichment by adding $5,000 to Line Item 5967 – Barter Foundation and to tentatively approve the County Administrator's FY 2009-2010 budget for Department 72600 – Cultural Enrichment in the amount of $152,720.

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

Mr. McCall	***Aye***
Mr. McCrady	***Aye***
Mrs. Mumpower	***Aye***
Mr. Owens	***Aye***
Mr. Price	***Nay***
Mr. Reynolds	***Aye***
Mr. Taylor	***Aye***

f. Other Re-considerations from April 13, 15 or 27 Worksessions

Department 12115 - County Administration - Internships

Mrs. Mumpower asked the Board to reconsider prior action to approve funding for internships. She explained that the Board has not been able to grant the request of department heads to increase their employees' salaries and for this reason the funding for internships should not be approved.

On motion of Mrs. Mumpower, second by Mr. McCrady, the Board acted to modify Fund 001, Department 12115 – County Administration – Internships by removing funding in the amount of $11,300.00 for this Department and to tentatively approve the County Administrator's budget for FY 2009-2010 for Department 12115 – County Administration - Internships in the amount of $0.

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	***Nay***

13 <u>Recess</u>

On motion of Mr. McCall, second by Mr. Owens, it was resolved to recess to 5:30 PM, Thursday, April 30, 2009, to conduct a public hearing on the 2009 Reassessment.

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