

**VIRGINIA:**

At a rescheduled regular meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Thursday, April 15, 2010, at 6:30 p.m., at the County Administration Building in Abingdon, Virginia the following were present:

**PRESENT:**

Dulcie M. Mumpower, Chair  
Odell Owens, Vice Chair  
Phillip B. McCall  
Nicole M. Price (arrived at 6:33 p.m.)  
Kenneth O. Reynolds  
Thomas G. Taylor

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

**ABSENT:**

Joseph C. Straten

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**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Dulcie M. Mumpower, Chair of the Board, who welcomed everyone in attendance. Ms. Mumpower noted that Mr. Straten is on vacation and would not be attending the meeting.

**2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Supervisor Tom Taylor gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Ms. Mumpower requested to amend the agenda to add discussion on Senate Bill 3194.

Mr. Reeter noted that the request from Clifton Stewart Rentals for a Special Exception Permit was withdrawn from the Agenda.

*On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Mr. McCall, it was resolved to approve the agenda with the following amendment:*

New Item 7.a.2  
*Discussion of Senate Bill 3194*

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

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| <i>Mr. McCall</i>   | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Ms. Mumpower</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Mr. Owens</i>    | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Ms. Price</i>    | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Mr. Reynolds</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Mr. Taylor</i>   | <i>Aye</i> |

**4. Special Recognitions & Presentations:**

- a. Recognition of Washington County Emergency Communications Personnel and Consideration of Resolution Declaring April 11-17, 2010 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators' Week**

Ms. Mumpower addressed the Board and explained that Congress has designated the week of April 11-17 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators' Week in recognition of the vital service the nation's public safety radio dispatchers provide in emergencies. The Board is presented with a Resolution for consideration that recognizes the emergency communications personnel in Washington County and declares April 11-17, 2010, as National Public Safety Telecommunicators' Week.

*On motion of Mr. Taylor, second Mr. McCall, the Board acted to adopt the following Resolution:*

**RESOLUTION 2010-14  
NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY  
TELECOMMUNICATORS' WEEK**

*WHEREAS, the third week in April 2010, has been declared "National Public Safety Telecommunicators' Week" by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America; and*

*WHEREAS, problems of crime, fire and other disasters touch and affect all segments of our society, and if unabated, can undermine and erode both moral and economic strengths of our community; and*

*WHEREAS, men and women are engaged in the operation of the 9-1-1 Emergency Communication Center for the County of Washington; and*

*WHEREAS, these individuals are responsible for responding to telephone calls from the general public for police, fire, and emergency medical assistance, and for dispatching said assistance to help save the lives and property of our citizens, and*

*WHEREAS, our Public Safety Communications personnel serve the public 24 hours per day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year in countless ways without due recognition by the beneficiaries of their services.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Virginia that the Board does hereby proclaim the week of April 11-17, 2010 as:*

**“NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS’ WEEK”**

*in the County of Washington and urge all citizens to participate in making this week a successful celebration.*

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

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| <i>Mr. McCall</i>   | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Ms. Mumpower</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Mr. Owens</i>    | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Ms. Price</i>    | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Mr. Reynolds</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Mr. Taylor</i>   | <i>Aye</i> |

Ms. Mumpower on behalf of the Board expressed appreciation to Washington County’s emergency communications personnel for the wonderful service they provide to the citizens of the county. The Board appreciates all they do.

Washington County Emergency Management Coordinator Pokey Harris introduced and gave recognition to Washington County’s emergency communications personnel. Ms. Harris explained during 2009 the emergency communications personnel handled 184,000 inbound/outbound. Of these calls, 33,000 were 911 calls. Ms. Harris gave special recognition to Ms. Becky Hayter, who has 37.5 years experience as a telecommunicator.

Washington County Sheriff Fred Newman expressed his appreciation for the work conducted by the emergency communications personnel.

Ms. Mumpower presented to the Washington County emergency communications personnel the Resolution adopted by the Board declaring April 11-17, 2010, as National Public Safety Telecommunicators’ Week.

**5. Consent Agenda:**

*On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Mr. Reynolds, the Board acted to approve items a and b of the Consent Agenda as set forth below.*

**a. Approval of Minutes:**

**1. March 8, 2010 Joint Recessed Meeting**

- 2. **March 9, 2010 Regular Meeting**
- 3. **March 23, 2010 Regular Meeting**
- 4. **April 5, 2010 Called Special Meeting**
- b. **Approval of Routine Financial Matters:**
  - 1. **Payment Bills – Month of March 2010**
  - 2. **Request for Revenue Refunds – Washington County Sheriff’s Office – Animal Sterilization Fees**
  - 3. **Request for Supplemental Appropriation – Washington County Sheriff’s office and Commonwealth’s Attorney Office**
  - 4. **Request for Supplemental Appropriation – Washington County Sheriff’s office for Homeland Security Grant**
  - 5. **Request for Revenue Refunds – Washington County Department of Recreation Office for Recreation Program Fees**
- c. **Award of Bids and Approval of Contracts:**
- d. **Authorization of Routine Business Matters:**

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

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| <i>Mr. McCall</i>   | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Ms. Mumpower</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Mr. Owens</i>    | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Ms. Price</i>    | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Mr. Reynolds</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Mr. Taylor</i>   | <i>Aye</i> |

- 6. **Public Hearings:**
  - a. **Request(s) for Rezoning:**
    - 1. Washington County Service Authority, Property Tax Map #128-2-8: Request to rezone approximately 7.8 acres of property located at 18401 Jeb Stuart Highway on the northeast side of State Route 58 (Jeb Stuart Hwy) near the intersection of State Route 58/State Route 845 (Sand Hill Lane) from R-2 (Residential, General) and A-1 (Agricultural, Limited) to A-1 (Agricultural, Limited) Taylor Magisterial District

County Zoning and Subdivision Official Cathie Freeman provided the Board with an overview of the proceedings before the Planning Commission at their March 29, 2010, meeting in regards to the application of the Washington County Service Authority (WCSA) to rezone property that is currently split zoned R-2 (Residential, General) and A-1 (Agricultural, Limited) to A-1 (Agricultural, Limited).

The request is to allow the WCSA to give consideration to a request from American Electric Power (AEP) to place a substation on the property in question. A small portion of the property in question would be transferred to AEP. Ms. Freeman explained that Ms. Pam Rice addressed the Planning Commission to express concerns about the proposal. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the rezoning application with the consideration that the property would be more appropriately zoned A-2. The recommendation passed the Planning Commission on a 4-3 vote.

Discussions ensued among the Board and Ms. Freeman.

Mr. Owens inquired about a statement made by Ms. Pam Rice during the Planning Commission hearing that should an easement be granted it would leave a 100' strip of property that could not be used.

Ms. Freeman explained that in terms of being granted a building permit for a structure it is required that no structure be built within 50' on either side of an AEP right of way. A permitted use of the property would be for livestock purposes such as cattle grazing.

Ms. Mumpower opened the public hearing and invited comments in regards to the request of WCSA to rezone property.

WCSA General Manager Robbie Cornett and representatives from AEP addressed the board.

Mr. Cornett explained that the property in question (WCSA Water Treatment Plant) is located at 18401 Jeb Stuart Highway heading toward Damascus, VA. The water treatment plant is used primarily to provide drinking water to most of the Washington County population. He further explained when the current expansion project is completed; the water treatment plant will serve approximately 75% of the county population with drinking water.

Mr. Cornett next explained the primary benefit to WCSA of rezoning the property is to allow the sell of approximately 1.64 acres of the 7.8 acre tract owned by WCSA to AEP for construction of a substation. A sales agreement has been negotiated with AEP. The location of the 1.64 acres in proximity to Route 58 is to the rear of the property (over the hill toward the river) away from Route 58. The proposed substation will provide many benefits to the WCSA. There will be an improvement in the quality of electricity provided to the water treatment plant. Presently, the WCSA's raw water intake on this property is serviced by AEP from their Damascus substation and is the last customer on this line. Additionally, the water treatment plant is served by AEP's substation located on Hillman Highway and is the last customer on that line. If there is a problem in distribution from the Damascus or Hillman Highway substations either the water treatment plant or raw intake system are affected. The proposed substation located on WCSA property would greatly enhance the reliability of electricity. WCSA would be the first customer served out of the new substation. AEP has proposed to install a viper re-closure system on the property. If there is ever a distribution power problem the re-closure would ensure the water treatment plant/raw water intake system remains in service while the distribution issues are being taken care of. Another benefit of the proposed substation is it would allow the WCSA to forego a capital expenditure to purchase a standby diesel generator as part of the water plant expansion project. This is about a \$1.3 million capital expenditure the WCSA no longer needs to consider. Additionally, there are upgrades needed in order to get electricity to the new raw water intake system and treatment plant at a cost to the WCSA of about \$300,000. If the substation locates on the WCSA property, this expenditure will no longer be needed. Other ways the WCSA believes it makes sense to locate the substation on their property is the property is not used for residential purposes but used to treat water. The property already

has a utility related use. Therefore, the proposed substation would blend in well with the existing use of the property.

Mr. Cornett concluded his presentation by explaining the line in which AEP needs to connect in order to take high voltage is located across the river on property owned by Ms. Pam Rice. The distribution line AEP needs to connect with is on WCSA property. Therefore, the proximity of the substation on WCSA property makes sense.

Mr. Cornett noted that AEP is expecting more demand for electricity between Damascus and Abingdon, particularly the Exit 19 area, in the near future to accommodate the growth. The proposed substation is needed by AEP to address existing inefficiencies to their current customers, as well as to prepare for growth at Exit 19 that includes Johnston Memorial Hospital’s new facility, Lowe’s and other business interested in the area.

Substantial discussion ensued at this time between the board, Mr. Cornett and representatives from AEP.

Ms. Pam Rice addressed the Board and explained her land is located across the river from the WCSA property. Ms. Rice explained that her primary concerns relate to the environmental impact of the substation. She stated that AEP has provided her with copies of environmental reports they had conducted. However, she wants to ensure that AEP addresses all of her concerns and handles all environmental issues according to the law. She discussed issues pertaining to an existing easement with AEP and her negotiations with AEP about new easements that will be required.

Mr. Cornett provided with board with an environmental summary that addresses Ms. Rice’s concerns.

Mr. Scott Kennedy with AEP reviewed the environmental summary with the Board.

There being no further comments, Ms. Mumpower declared the public hearing closed.

Further discussions ensued among the board.

***On motion of Mr. McCall, second by Mr. Owens, the Board acted to follow the recommendation of the Washington County Planning Commission and approve the application of the Washington County Service Authority to rezone approximately 7.8 acres of property located at 18401 Jeb Stuart Highway on the northeast side of State Route 58 (Jeb Stuart Hwy) near the intersection of State Route 58/State Route 845 (Sand Hill Lane) from R-2 (Residential, General) and A-1 (Agricultural, Limited) to A-1 (Agricultural, Limited) Taylor Magisterial District.***

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

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| <b><i>Mr. McCall</i></b>   | <b><i>Aye</i></b> |
| <b><i>Ms. Mumpower</i></b> | <b><i>Aye</i></b> |
| <b><i>Mr. Owens</i></b>    | <b><i>Aye</i></b> |
| <b><i>Ms. Price</i></b>    | <b><i>Aye</i></b> |
| <b><i>Mr. Reynolds</i></b> | <b><i>Aye</i></b> |
| <b><i>Mr. Taylor</i></b>   | <b><i>Aye</i></b> |

**b. Request(s) for Special Exception Permit**

- 1. Clifton Stewart Rentals, LLC by Jimmy Stewart, Property Tax Map #106-14-1: Request for a Special Exception Permit to construct a 3000 square foot building, more specifically for the operation of a telecommunication related service on property locate don the south side of State Route 11 onto a private street (Taylor Place) near the intersection of State Route 11/State Route 58 (Jeb Stuart Hwy) in a B-2 (Business, General) zone, Madison Magisterial District, A-01 Election District

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

**7. General Business:**

**a. Actionable Items:**

- 1. **Consideration of Appointments to Various Boards, Authorities and Commissions Expiring June 30, 2010**

**Washington County Park Authority**

*On motion of Mr. Reynolds, second by Mr. Owens, the Board acted to reappoint Lee F. Garrett to represent the Madison Election District on the Washington County Park Authority for a four year term beginning July 1, 2010, and expiring June 30, 2014.*

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

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| <i>Mr. McCall</i>   | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Ms. Mumpower</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Mr. Owens</i>    | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Ms. Price</i>    | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Mr. Reynolds</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Mr. Taylor</i>   | <i>Aye</i> |

**Virginia Highlands Airport Authority**

*On motion of Mr. Reynolds, second by Mr. Owens, the Board acted to reappoint Marty Large to represent the Madison Election District on the Virginia Highlands Airport Authority for a four year term beginning July 1, 2010, and expiring on June 30, 2014.*

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

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| <i>Mr. McCall</i>   | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Ms. Mumpower</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Mr. Owens</i>    | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Ms. Price</i>    | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Mr. Reynolds</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Mr. Taylor</i>   | <i>Aye</i> |

**Virginia Highlands Community College Board**

Mr. Reynolds and Ms. Price submitted nominations for the Virginia Highlands Community College Board appointments. Action was tabled on these appointments until the next regular meeting at which time Mr. Reynolds and Ms. Price will provide the Board with information on their nominees.

**Upper East Tennessee River Roundtable Board**

Ms. Price noted that Mr. George Price was the Washington County representative on the Upper East Tennessee River Roundtable Board, and he is her spouse. His term on the Upper East Tennessee River Roundtable Board expired on December 31, 2009. She was not a voting member of the Board of Supervisors during Mr. Price’s term on the Upper East River Roundtable Board.

Ms. Price stated this appointment is available.

**2. Discussion of Senate Bill 3194**

Ms. Mumpower addressed the Board and explained the Virginia Sheriff’s Association and the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) are opposed to Senate Bill 3194, which is legislation on collective bargaining. She explained the County Attorney has prepared a draft Resolution for Board consideration opposing the legislation.

Ms. Phillips addressed the Board and reviewed an alert received by the Virginia Municipal League from the National League of Cities (NLC) regarding the mandatory collective bargaining bill (Senate Bill 3194). An alert was also issued by the National Association of Counties to make local governments aware of the proposed legislation. Ms. Phillips corresponded with legal counsel for VACo to get their position on Senate Bill 3194. She reiterated Ms. Mumpower’s remark that VACo opposes the legislation. Ms. Phillips provided the Board with a review of the proposed Resolution and explained most of the language was taken from the NLC alert.

Mr. Reeter noted that VACo also issued an alert pertaining to the proposed legislation.

The following action was proposed by the Board:

***On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Ms. Price, the Board acted to adopt the following Resolution and to direct that the Resolution be forwarded to Virginia’s Congressional members:***

***RESOLUTION 2010-15  
IN OPPOSITION TO THE  
PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE COOPERATION ACT OF 2009, S. 3194***

***WHEREAS United States Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) has re-introduced to the U.S. Senate the Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act of 2009, S. 3194, which would, without consideration for state or local laws, accomplish the following:***

- ***Grant every police officer, firefighter and emergency medical technician at the state or local level the right to form and join a labor union;***

- *Direct local governments to recognize the employees' labor union and require that localities collectively bargain over hours, wages, and the terms and conditions of employment other than pensions;*
- *Require states and municipal governments to establish an impasse resolution process;*
- *Require that state courts enforce the rights established by this mandatory collective bargaining bill; and*
- *Direct every state – even if it currently recognizes employee collective bargaining rights – to conform to federal regulations around mandatory collective bargaining within two years of the bill's effective date and without regard to state or local laws.*

*WHEREAS, the Virginia Association of Counties opposes this legislation for the following reasons:*

- *The legislation would grant the federal government authority over fundamental employment decisions historically reserved to states and local governments.*
- *The separation between state and federal authority over collective bargaining was recognized by the Federal government when it adopted the National Labor Relations Act of 1934. That act, specifically exempts states and local governments from coverage.*
- *Thirty-five states and the District of Columbia have some form of collective bargaining; those states without collective bargaining rights for public sector employees do not because of decisions made by their legislatures and citizens.*
- *Most states and local governments operate within a civil service system that is designed to provide individuals with wages and salaries appropriate to their profession and seniority, with comprehensive health insurance, and with retirement systems that meet or exceed pensions provided by the federal government. Federally mandated collective bargaining for public safety employees would interfere with these laws.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, ON THE BASIS OF THE FOREGOING AND IN THE INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC WELFARE, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Washington, Virginia, expresses its opposition to the Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act of 2009, S. 3194 and urges the Congress to reject this legislation because it undermines municipal autonomy with respect to making fundamental employment decisions, interferes with state and local laws, and may be unconstitutional.*

Lengthy discussions ensued among the Board.

Mr. Taylor discussed language in the proposed Resolution that talks about 35 states and the District of Columbia have some form of collective bargaining. He explained Virginia does not permit collective bargaining for public employees. Virginia is an at will employer/employee state which means an employer/employee can terminate employment without cause. This is too much power for an employer to have in this modern day. Mr. Taylor stated he will vote in opposition to the proposed Resolution.

Mr. Taylor further explained that government/private employees do not have many rights in Virginia. These employees need laws in place that are in their favor.

Mr. Owens explained the proposed legislation takes rights away from state and local governments. Also, the taxpayers pay for the legislation and have no voice in the matter.

Further discussions ensued.

*The vote on this motion was as follows: (5-1)*

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| <i>Mr. McCall</i>   | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Ms. Mumpower</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Mr. Owens</i>    | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Ms. Price</i>    | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Mr. Reynolds</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Mr. Taylor</i>   | <i>Nay</i> |

**b. Information Items:**

**1. Presentation of Smyth-Washington Industrial Facilities Authority Annual Report for 2009**

Mr. Russell Owens, Chairman of the Smyth-Washington Regional Industrial Facilities Authority (SWIFA), presented the Board with SWIFA’s Annual Report for CY 2009. Mr. Owens provided a review of activities accomplished by SWIFA in the last year. He noted the economy affected economic development in 2009.

Discussions ensued among the Board and Mr. Owens.

*Scrivener’s Note: The annual report referenced above is included as Minutes Exhibits Item 2010-04-15-A.*

**8. Board Member Reports**

Ms. Price reported on the upcoming Chestnut Restoration Celebration. She advised the Board she has complimentary tickets to the event for Board members and a guest.

Ms. Price reported her radio program this upcoming Friday at 3:00 p.m., will feature members of the Glade Spring Town Council as guests.

Mr. Taylor reported the Veterans Memorial Park Foundation of Abingdon/Washington County will hold their annual Memorial Day Ceremony on May 30, 2:00 p.m., at the Veterans Memorial Park in Abingdon, VA. He explained that Minutemen would be the focus of recognition at this year’s ceremony. Mr. Taylor asked the County Administrator to bring a Resolution before the Board for adoption. He requested that Mr. Straten serve as his alternate in the event he could not attend the ceremony.

Mr. Taylor reported on the following issues pertaining to Bristol Virginia Utilities’ (BVU) conduit installation project that will accommodate fiber optic lines:

1. He received calls from constituents in the County about the project:

- Will the conduit leak carcinogenic material into the soil? This person has fruit trees and vegetables adjacent to the conduit.
  - Report that a heavy vehicle was parked on a previously cut and repaired waterline ditch. This caused the asphalt to sink approximately three inches for about two and one-half feet in length.
  - Concern about a tractor-trailer parked on a private subdivision street.
  - Tractor-trailer almost caused accident by pulling in front of traffic that had the right-of-way.
2. BVU is not being cooperative with the Smyth Washington Industrial Facilities Authority (SWIFA) staff in routing fiber into Highlands Business Park.
  3. Less than three days notice to Smyth County to mark water lines.
  4. No BVU or Virginia Department of Transportation personnel on-site.
  5. No notification to the County relative to planned or ongoing projects.

Mr. Taylor proposed sending a letter to BVU requesting a meeting to discuss these points of concern, or that BVU address these concerns in future projects.

Discussions ensued among the Board.

Ms. Mumpower recommended asking BVU to make a presentation at a future Board meeting. Additionally, she recommended the Board appoint two members to meet with BVU representatives. Ms. Mumpower proposed Mr. Taylor and Mr. Owens to be appointed.

Mr. Owens explained that he does not feel comfortable with being appointed because he receives excellent service from BVU. He further explained that many of his constituents would like to receive BVU services. Mr. Owens stated that BVU staff will do all they can to assist the County. BVU has received a lot of recognition for the positive things they are accomplishing.

Ms. Mumpower explained she also receives excellent service from BVU, and she has not received complaints about BVU from her constituents.

Mr. Reynolds explained that other service providers need to be involved with broadband internet service. Many constituents in his district living in the vicinity of South Holston Lake have petitioned Comcast to provide broadband services. BVU has indicated they could not take their service to this area. Mr. Reynolds stated all service providers should be treated the same.

Mr. Owens suggested providing BVU with a list of concerns to allow them to prepare a response. He agreed with Mr. Reynolds that BVU should be treated equally with other service providers.

Ms. Mumpower explained the Board needs to be specific with BVU about the issues they would like addressed. It would be good for BVU to make a presentation to the Board and provide them with a list of issues to speak to.

Mr. Taylor stated the issues he previously discussed would be a good list to provide BVU.

Mr. Taylor explained he does not have an issue with BVU's service. His problem is that there is not a broadband deployment plan for the County and one is needed. Policy needs to be established so all private companies know what the County expects in regards to deployment of broadband.

Mr. Owens reported on a conversation he had with the Tyler District representative on the Washington County School Board concerning the school budget. It was brought out in the conversation that school administration is doing what they can to save teaching and support staff positions. An additional \$200,000 in funding from the Board of Supervisors may keep the School Board from having to layoff employees. Mr. Owens asked that the Board consider this prior to June 30 and suggested the funds could be taken from transitional revenue.

Ms. Mumpower reported that she has spoken with the Washington County School Board Chair concerning the school budget. The School Board is concerned about the \$550,000 in additional local funds in the FY 2010-2011 County Operating Budget for the schools because the County has not finalized the budget. Ms. Mumpower related to the School Board Chair the Board of Supervisors has established the real estate tax rate for FY 2010-2011 and part of the revenue generated will be given to the school system. The local funding to the school system for FY 2010-2011 is increased over the current fiscal year's appropriation. The Chair of the School Board indicated that an additional \$200,000 in funding may save support staff positions. Ms. Mumpower indicated to the School Board Chair that the Board would be receptive to discussing the additional \$200,000 in local funds the school system believes they need to avoid layoffs.

Discussions ensued among the Board concerning local funding to the school system.

Mr. Seamon provided the Board with an update about revenue the County will receive from the state.

## **9. Board Information and Reminders**

Mr. Reeter reviewed the following Board Reminders and Information:

- Joint Recessed Meeting with Virginia Highlands Airport Authority on Wednesday, April 21, 6:00 p.m., Virginia Highlands Airport Terminal
- Annual Washington County Extension Office Dinner on Tuesday, April 27 at 5:00 p.m., at the Abingdon Baptist Church on Main Street
- Joint Recessed Meeting with the Town of Abingdon on Wednesday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m., at the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator
- The Washington County Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee would like the Board to participate in a forum concerning the County's agricultural industry. The forum will be held at the Southwest 4-H Center. The dates of May 17 and May 18 are proposed for Board consideration.

Discussions ensued among the Board. The majority of Board members agreed on May 17.

- Joint Recessed Meeting with the Washington County School Board on Thursday, May 6 at 6:00 p.m., at the Washington County School Board offices

Mr. Reeter noted the primary purpose of the joint meeting will be to receive a presentation and conduct a public hearing by the Board of Supervisors on transitioning the interim financing of the Phase II School Construction Project to permanent financing. The school budget for FY 2010-2011 will also be discussed.

- Recessed meeting of the Board on Thursday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m., to continue work on the tentatively approved County Operating Budget for FY 2010-2011

Mr. Reeter explained he recommends scheduling a second budget worksession, if needed, on Thursday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m.

- Minutes of the Meeting of the Washington County Service Authority, February 16 & February 22, 2010
- Virginia Association of Counties *Capitol Contacts Newsletter* dated March 30, 2010 – Comprehensive FY 2010 and FY 2010-2012 Virginia State Budget Analysis

Mr. Reeter reported the closing on acquisition of the Alpha Natural Resources building went well. The County has received the first lease payment from Alpha.

Mr. Reeter made a report on the April 7 mandatory pre-submission conference relative to the Request for Proposals (RFP) for architectural services for county facilities. The RFP deadline is April 15. The County Facilities Committee will review the proposals and bring a recommendation to the Board in early May.

**10. Adjourn or Recess**

*On motion of Mr. McCall, second by Ms. Price, it was resolved to recess the meeting.*

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

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| <i>Mr. McCall</i>   | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Ms. Mumpower</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Mr. Owens</i>    | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Ms. Price</i>    | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Mr. Reynolds</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Mr. Taylor</i>   | <i>Aye</i> |

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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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Dulcie M. Mumpower, Chairman