

**VIRGINIA:**

At a recessed meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Thursday, May 13, 2010, at 8:13 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  
Kenneth O. Reynolds  
Joseph C. Straten  
Thomas G. Taylor (Arrived at 8:33 p.m.)

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

**ABSENT:**

Lucy E. Phillips, County Attorney

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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.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Reeter provided a review of the Agenda.

*On motion of Mr. McCall, second by Ms. Price, it was resolved to approve the agenda as presented.*

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

*Mr. McCall                    Aye*  
*Ms. Mumpower              Aye*  
*Mr. Owens                   Aye*  
*Ms. Price                    Aye*  
*Mr. Reynolds               Aye*  
*Mr. Straten                  Aye*

**3. Review of Tentative Adjustments to Budgetary Departments within Requested & Recommended County Operating Budget for FY 2010-2011 from March 11 Recessed Meeting**

Mr. Seamon reviewed with the Board of Supervisors a large number of technical adjustments made to the tentatively approved County Budget for fiscal year 2010-2011. Most adjustments made were the direct result of the State Budget being approved for next fiscal year. He explained the net effect of all of the reported adjustments now gives the Board approximately \$500,000 in new uncommitted reserve funds.

Mr. Seamon reviewed in detail the State revenue adjustments made relating to the County's Constitutional Offices. He explained the General Assembly added back a large portion of proposed funding cuts prior to adopting the State Budget for next fiscal year. This action accounts for the majority of the \$500,000 in new uncommitted reserve funds.

Mr. Seamon informed the Board of a recently discovered \$92,526 discrepancy in local funding between the tentatively approved County budget and the revised proposed School Operating Fund Budget presented at the May 6, 2010, joint meeting of the School Board and Board of Supervisors. He explained the difference between the budgets was due to how each agency presented the newly created School Debt Service Fund.

Mr. Straten asked if the School Board's request for additional local funds is \$290,000 or \$382,526.

Lengthy discussion ensued among the Board concerning the correct amount of local funds being requested by the School Board and what the actual use of those additional funds will be if approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Seamon reviewed with the Board an important technical change made by the State Compensation Board for fiscal year 2010-2011. He explained the Compensation Board has eliminated eight classified positions from the constitutional officers approved budgets for FY 2010-2011. The eliminated positions include two positions with the Commissioner of Revenue, three positions with the Treasurer, one position with the Commonwealth's Attorney and two positions with the Sheriff. Mr. Seamon stated the changes have no direct financial effect on the tentatively approved County Budget for FY 2010-2011; however, the full responsibility of these locally funded positions will shift to the Board of Supervisors on July 1, 2010.

Lengthy discussions ensued.

Mr. Seamon informed the Board the tentatively approved budget for General Services included a \$2,400 salary adjustment recommended by the Personnel Committee. He stated the proposed adjustment was recommended to correct a position classification issue.

**4. Consideration of Final Adjustments to and Approvals of Budgetary Departments within Requested & Recommended County Operating Budget for FY 2010-2011**

a. School General Fund:

1. Depts. 61100-69999 – Classroom Instruction

Mr. Reeter reviewed with the Board the earlier discussions relating to the \$92,526 local funding discrepancy. He explained the difference is related to the separation of the School’s debt service amount into a separate fund for FY 2010-2011.

Lengthy discussion ensued among the Board again concerning the correct amount of local funds being requested by the School Board and how those additional funds will be used if approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to modify the School General Fund; Depts. 61100-69999 by adding \$303,000 (\$381,000 minus \$78,000 for athletic supplements). No second was offered to this motion.

Further lengthy discussions ensued about this issue.

*On motion of Mr. Straten, second by Mr. Taylor, the Board acted to table the final decision on providing additional funding to Washington County School’s FY 2010-2011 budget until such time the Board gets clarifying answers as to what the funds will be used for and the exact amount of funds needed.*

Discussions ensued concerning Mr. Straten’s motion.

*The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)*

<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. Straten</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Taylor</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Ms. Mumpower requested this matter be a business item on the agenda for the May 25, 2010, regular meeting.

**5. Re-consideration (Re-visitation) of Tentative Adjustments to and Preliminary Approvals of Budgetary Departments within Requested & Recommended County Operating Budget for FY 2010-2011**

Mr. Reeter provided a review of the following materials provided to Board as supplemental information:

- Correspondence from the Magistrates Office answering Board questions concerning the use of County budgeted funds.

- Correspondence from the Town of Glade Spring concerning additional funds needed up to \$80,000 to help the Town’s Park and Recreation Department.
- Correspondence from the Washington County Library concerning an additional \$12,000 needed to refill a vital Library position with a qualified applicant.
- Memorandum from the County Solid Waste Manager concerning the suggestion of Mr. Owens to analyze any cost savings by closure of convenience stations one day a week.
- The Business, Professional and Occupational License report prepared by an intern in Treasurer Office.
- Correspondence from Appalachian Sustainable Development Group concerning a request for the County to match whatever the Town of Abingdon gives their group.

Ms. Mumpower asked the Board to consider a request from the Washington County Little League for additional funds needed to complete the new baseball field at Noonkester Park. She stated the group has worked very hard to complete this field, and it will be used to host tournaments.

Mr. Owens said Washington County Little League is one of the best ran sports organizations in the County. He stated people work hard to raise funds, and they get a lot of things through donated services.

***On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Mr. Reynolds, the Board acted to approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$30,000 from reserves for contingencies to the Minor Capital improvements-Noonkester Field Improvements.***

***The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)***

<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. Straten</i></b>	<b><i>Aye</i></b>
<b><i>Mr. Taylor</i></b>	<b><i>Aye</i></b>

Ms. Mumpower noted these funds will be distributed in accordance with current policies that the organization would be reimbursed as they submit their invoices to the County.

Mr. Taylor commented on the request from the Town Glade Spring for park and recreation improvements. He proposed providing the Town of Glade Spring to same amount as given to Washington County Little League.

***On motion of Mr. Taylor, second by Mr. McCall, the Board acted to approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$30,000 from reserve for contingencies to the Town of Glade Spring for park and recreation capital projects. The funds would be distributed by the County based on reimbursements from invoices submitted by the Town of Glade Spring.***

*The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)*

<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. Straten</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Taylor</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Mr. Taylor asked that \$35,000 be set aside next fiscal year's budget to fund a County Telecommunications Plan that would guide the County on deployment of broadband internet. He stated that he has made this request for the last several years.

Discussions ensued among the Board.

Mr. Taylor explained the County's Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) Program Committee has drafted a proposed ordinance to establish a PDR Program in the County. The Committee was given authorization to apply for a grant through the Virginia Tobacco Commission to help fund the PDR Program. He further explained that the proposed ordinance will go before the Planning Commission for review later this month. The Board will be asked at their June 8 regular meeting to authorize a public hearing on the proposed ordinance. The public hearing will be scheduled for the July 13 regular meeting. Mr. Taylor stated that the Board needs to begin setting aside money to fund the PDR Program and proposed \$25,000 for next fiscal year.

Mr. Taylor asked for a status on the County's variance request to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality to continue open burning at the former County Landfill.

Mr. Reeter explained the County may have identified an eco-friendly solution to the issue at the former County Landfill, and he will provide the Board with a detailed report at the May 25 regular meeting.

Mr. McCall asked the Board to consider the Library's request for an additional \$12,000 needed to attract a qualified assistant director.

Ms. Mumpower said the Library had advertised and interviewed several times for the position, but the salary range was not large enough to get a qualified candidate.

***On motion of Mr. McCall, second by Ms. Price, the Board acted to add \$12,000 to the FY 2010-2011 tentatively approved budget for the County Library Fund, Dept 73100-Library Administration Local in order to enable the County Library to attract qualified applicants.***

*The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)*

<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. Straten</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Mr. Taylor*                    *Aye*

**6.        Final Reconciliations to Preliminary County Operating Budget for FY 2010-2011**

a.        General Fund – Nondepartmental:

1.        Dept. 91400-Reserve for Contingencies

Action on this department was deferred until the May 25 regular meeting of the Board.

**7.        Adjourn or Recess**

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

*The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)*

<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. Straten</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