

VIRGINIA:

At a regular meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Tuesday, May 10, 2011, at 6:34 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

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

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. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. David Matlock, with Virginia Highlands Community College gave the Invocation.

Supervisor Joe Straten led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Taylor requested the order of business on the Agenda be changed to allow the recommendations of the County Redistricting Committee to be heard prior to the Closed Meeting.

It was noted because the recommendations of the Redistricting Committee were scheduled to be presented after the public hearing; it would be in the best interest if this presentation were heard immediately following the Closed Meeting to allow additional time for members of the Redistricting Committee to arrive at the meeting.

On motion of Mr. Straten, second by Ms. Price, it was resolved to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

Move Item 7.a.2. to 4.a.2 – Consideration of Recommendations of County Redistricting Committee Concerning New County Election Districts to be heard after the Closed Meeting

Withdrawal of Item 6.a.1 – Request(s) for Rezoning (Request of Applicant)

Palmer C. Dotson, Property Tax Map #106-15-12; Request to rezoning approximately 3.01 acres of property located at 16457 Pilgrim Lane near the intersection of State Route 11/Pilgrim Lane from A-2 (Agricultural General) to B-2 (Business, General), Madison Magisterial District, A-01 Election District

Addition of New Item 6.a.1

Public Hearing and Consideration of Adoption of an Emergency Ordinance to Amend the Code of the County of Washington, Virginia by Adding Section 58-66 to Authorize Abatement of Tax on Damaged Buildings Upon Declaration of Local and State Emergency

Addition of New Item 7.a.4.

Consideration of Preliminary Approval of Emergency Debris Management Services Contract for April 27-28, 2011 Storm Event

Addition of New Item 7.a.5

Consideration of Appointment to Virginia Highlands Airport Authority

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>

4. Closed Meeting:

- a. Request to convene in Closed Meeting pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(5) for discussion concerning prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community; specifically an expansion of an existing industry**

On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Mr. Reynolds, the Board acted to convene in Closed Meeting pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(5) for discussion concerning prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community; specifically an expansion of an existing industry. It was further resolved to include County Administrator Mark Reeter, County Attorney Lucy Phillips and Assistant County Administrator Christy Parker in the Closed Meeting.

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

<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
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<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>

b. Reconvene in Open Meeting and Certification of Closed Meeting

After returning to the meeting, the Chairperson noted that upon motion of Mr. McCall, second by Mr. Reynolds, and favorable vote, the Board of Supervisors reconvened in open meeting. The Chairperson called for any participant in the closed meeting(s) who believed that there was a departure from the requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act during the closed meeting(s), to state the substance of the departure that they believed took place. No members of the Board responded to the Chairperson's call for statements.

On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Mr. Straten, the members of the Board certified the closed meeting(s) in accordance with the requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. By vote in favor of this motion, each member certified that the closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law, and that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened was heard, discussed, or considered in the closed 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>

4.a.2. Consideration of Recommendations of County Redistricting Committee Concerning New County Election Districts

Ms. Mumpower, on behalf of the Board, extended thanks to the members of the County Redistricting Committee for an outstanding job. She also thanked Mr. Brandon Moore, County GIS Consultant, for his expertise on the redistricting project.

Ms. Phillips addressed the Board and explained that Article VII, Section 5 of the Virginia Constitution and Virginia Code Section 24.2-304.1 require the governing body of each locality that conducts local elections by district to reapportion representation on a decennial basis among the districts in order to give, as nearly as is practicable, equal representation on the basis of population. The statute also requires that the most recent decennial population figures from the United States Bureau of the Census shall be used when calculating populations for each election district. Therefore, every ten years, when the U. S. Census data is updated, local governments are required to reconsider election district boundaries. In response to this requirement, the Board of Supervisors appointed seven members to a County Redistricting

Committee to review current election district boundaries, the latest U. S. Census population figures, and the need for election district adjustments. While the goal is to match populations between districts as equally as possible, judicial opinions have established that a range of plus or minus five percent deviation from the goal population is acceptable. The Redistricting Committee met four times and the outcome of those meetings was a map showing proposed revised election district boundaries.

Ms. Phillips provided a review of the map and explained that the map includes a table that shows population based on current districts and population based on proposed districts. The target population per district is 7,839. The map also shows the deviation from the target population for both the current districts and proposed districts. She explained the Harrison District has the most deviation in population (8,215) and is 4.80% above the target population. The figure for the Harrison District includes the inmate population at the Abingdon Regional Jail (approximately 600 inmates). The deviation for the other districts is minor with the greatest decrease from the target being in the Taylor District (7,614) and Tyler District (7,607). These are the two districts with the lowest population growth. Ms. Phillips reviewed additional statutory requirements governing redistricting and noted that state law requires boundaries be compact and contiguous. She explained the Committee looked at ease of voting with the goal to make as few changes as possible to meet statutory requirements. It was also a goal of the Committee to allow people to stay in their current election district, or a change was recommended if it would make it easier on the citizens to travel to their polling place.

Ms. Phillips further noted that Washington County Voter Registrar Mary Ann Compton was present at all the meetings. She recognized Brandon Moore for the great assistance he provided to the Committee.

Discussions ensued among the Board, Ms. Phillips, and members of the Redistricting Committee about the recommendations for proposed new election districts. Mrs. Price expressed concern with the percentage deviation for the Harrison district.

On motion of Mr. Reynolds, second by Mr. Taylor, the Board acted to direct the County Attorney to prepare an ordinance to redefine election district boundaries in accordance with the Committee's recommendation and to schedule a public hearing to be held prior to Board consideration of whether to adopt the ordinance.

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>

5. Consent Agenda:

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

a. **Approval of Minutes:**

1. **April 21, 2011 Joint Recessed Meeting (6:00 PM)**
2. **April 21, 2011 Joint Recessed Meeting (7:00 PM)**
3. **April 26, 2011 Regular Meeting**

b. **Approval of Routine Financial Matters:**

There were no financial matters presented to the Board.

c. **Award of Bids and Approval of Contracts:**

1. **Award of Bid for PSAP Renovations, Washington County Public Safety Building**

d. **Authorization of Routine Business Matters:**

There were no routine business matters presented to the Board.

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>

6. **Public Hearings:**

- a. **Public Hearing and Consideration of Adoption of an Emergency Ordinance to Amend the Code of the County of Washington, Virginia by Adding Section 58-66 to Authorize Abatement of Tax on Damaged Buildings Upon Declaration of Local and State Emergency**

Ms. Phillips addressed the Board and provided introductory remarks on the proposed emergency ordinance that would authorize the abatement of tax on damaged buildings upon declaration of local and state emergency. She explained the ordinance could be adopted by the Board on an emergency basis, and the ordinance remains in effect for 60 days. The ordinance will be re-set for public hearing and consideration for re-adoption after public hearing before the Board. Ms. Phillips provided a review of the ordinance and recommended that language pertaining to agricultural buildings in paragraph (a) 2 on page 2 be stricken. The proposed ordinance is presented in draft form for Board review. Ms. Phillips advised now is the time to make revisions to the proposed ordinance.

Discussions ensued among the Board and Ms. Phillips about provisions in the proposed ordinance.

Ms. Price asked the Board to consider a 60-day extension on payment of taxes for property owners if their employment was impacted by the tornados, upon offering an affidavit that the taxpayer's employment was affected by the storms.

Ms. Phillips requested time to research Ms. Price's request and explained County Treasurer Fred Parker has been handling these issues.

Mr. Owens explained that Mr. Parker has indicated he would grant an extension on payment of taxes if a taxpayer has a legitimate reason.

Ms. Price stated it would be great if the Treasurer would consider tax payment extensions.

Mr. Owens stated if Mr. Parker feels Board action is needed in regards to this matter; the Board could consider it at another time.

Further discussions ensued among the Board and Ms. Phillips about the requirement that the structure could not be repaired before the end of the calendar year. This discussion related to language in item (a) 5 on page 2 of the proposed ordinance. Ms. Phillips explained that state law does not require the language; therefore, it could be stricken.

Further discussions ensued concerning determining eligibility of structures that would receive tax abatement. Ms. Phillips explained that the abatement process and determination of eligibility will be handled through the Commissioner of Revenues' Office.

Ms. Mumpower opened the public hearing and invited comments both in support of and in opposition to the proposed emergency ordinance to authorize abatement of tax on damaged buildings upon declaration of local and state emergency.

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

On motion of Mr. Taylor, second by Mr. McCall, the Board acted to adopt the following ordinance striking language from the proposed ordinance, as follows: in paragraph (a) 2 that says "if a building is an agricultural building, it must have been completely destroyed; and paragraph (a) 5. regarding repair within the calendar year; which resulted in adoption of the following final version of the ordinance:

***AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, VIRGINIA
BY ADDING SECTION 58-66 TO AUTHORIZE ABATEMENT OF TAX
ON DAMAGED BUILDINGS UPON DECLARATION OF LOCAL AND STATE EMERGENCY***

WHEREAS, Virginia Code section 58.1-3222 authorized the governing body of any county to provide for the abatement of levies on buildings which are razed, destroyed, or damaged by a fortuitous happening beyond the control of the owner; and

WHEREAS, an extreme weather event and tornado on April 28, 2011, razed, destroyed, or damaged more than two hundred structures within the county; and

WHEREAS, having considered the statutory authority described above and the effects of the recent natural disaster, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Washington, Virginia, finds it in the best interests of the public health, safety, and welfare to authorize an abatement of taxation on buildings, as such is allowed by state law.

NOW, THEREFORE, ON THE BASIS OF THE FOREGOING, and in the best interests of the public health, welfare, and safety, having held a public hearing for consideration of these matters, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Washington, Virginia (Board), hereby ordains the following:

- 1. That this emergency ordinance shall become effective immediately;*
- 2. That the ordinance shall be re-set for public hearing and consideration for re-adoption after public notice within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this emergency ordinance;*
- 3. That should any section or provision of this emergency ordinance be decided to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section or provision of this ordinance or the Washington County Code; and*
- 4. That Chapter 58 of the Code of the County of Washington, Virginia, shall be amended by adding section 58-66, as follows:*

*CODE OF THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, VIRGINIA (2002, as amended)
CHAPTER 58 – TAXATION
ARTICLE II – AD VALOREM
DIVISION 3 – REAL PROPERTY
SUBDIVISION I – IN GENERAL*

Section 58-66. Abatement of levies on buildings razed, destroyed or damaged by fortuitous happenings.

- (a) Buildings that are razed, destroyed, or damaged due to natural or accidental events beyond the control of the owner shall receive abatement for tax levies for the year in which the event occurs, computed according to the ratio which the portion of the year the building was fit for use, occupancy, or enjoyment bears to the entire calendar year. No such abatement shall occur unless:*
 - 1. The destruction or damage to such building occurred in the course of an event that resulted in a declaration of local and state emergency;*
 - 2. The destruction or damage to such building decreased its value by five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or more;*
 - 3. The destruction or damage to such building rendered it unfit for use and occupancy for thirty (30) or more days during the calendar year; and*
 - 4. The owner of such building (or the owner's agent) makes application to the commissioner of the revenue for the abatement within six (6) months of the date on which the building was razed, destroyed, or damaged.*
- (b) In the following tax year, the provisions of Section 58.1-3293 of the Code of Virginia shall determine the proper assessment and levy.*

5. The foregoing amendment is enabled by Virginia Code section 58.1-3222.

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

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

b. Public Hearing Concerning Proposed Virginia Department of Transportation Six-Year Improvement Plan for Secondary Highways

Mr. Matthew Cox, Programming and Investment Director, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) – Bristol District, addressed the Board to discuss the proposed VDOT Six-Year Improvement Plan for Secondary Highways. Mr. Cox explained the purpose of the public hearing is to establish a list of projects, and the construction budget. State law requires VDOT and the County to jointly conduct a public hearing on the secondary priority list. He addressed issues pertaining to lack of state and federal funding for the Six Year Improvement Plan. The only funding that Washington County is receiving at the present time is from the TeleFee, and this money is basically going toward funding of existing priorities.

On a positive note, Mr. Cox reported that rural rustic projects completed this year include: State Route 616 – Caney Valley Road; State Route 614 – Smith Creek Road; State Route 853 – Bethlehem Road; State Route 617 – Cove Creek Road; State Route 712 – Bluff Hollow Road; and State Route 863 – Rouse Road.

Mr. Cox next explained there are three projects with full funding that VDOT hopes to get built in this calendar year. They are State Routes 696 – Hillandale Road and State Route 614 – Childress Hollow Road. The third road fully funded is State Route 691 – Clinch Mountain; it will most likely be spring of 2012 before construction will begin. Projects on the Six Year Plan in priority order include: State Route 609 - Hillman Highway is the top paved priority (spot improvements); State Route 614 - Barnrock Road (reconstruction) is second priority; and State Route 611/647 – Spring Branch (reconstruction) is the third priority. Roads that remain on the unpaved list include: State Route 696 -Hillandale; State Route 614-Childress Hollow and State Route 691 Clinch Mountain. Two sections of State Route 664 – Whittaker Hollow Road are still on the plan, but do not have enough funding to assign a construction date at this time. The last priority is State Route 676 – Azure Lane; this project does not have complete funding.

Discussions ensued among the Board and Mr. Cox.

Ms. Price asked when construction on Childress Hollow Road would begin. She explained residents were told last fall that construction would begin this spring.

Mr. Cox explained that funding is in place for the Childress Hollow Road Project. The VDOT Lebanon Residency is involved with maintenance and will be administering the project. Mr. Cox advised Ms. Price that he would get an answer from the Lebanon Residency. He added that a lot of the maintenance forces are dedicated to the storm cleanup efforts.

Mr. Reynolds inquired if there is any prospect of having improvements made to Azure Lane.

Mr. Cox explained that VDOT is talking about spot widening and surface treatment on Azure Lane. He suggested that Mr. Reynolds meet with Conrad Hill of the Lebanon Residency to talk about what can be done to Azure Lane, as Mr. Hill was not involved in the initial discussions about this road.

Ms. Mumpower opened the public hearing and invited comments both in support of and in opposition to the proposed Virginia Department of Transportation Six-Year Improvement Plan for Secondary Highways.

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

On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Mr. Reynolds, the Board acted to adopt the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION 2011-14
APPROVAL OF SECONDARY HIGHWAY SIX-YEAR PLAN (2011/12 THROUGH 2016/17)
AND CONSTRUCTION PRIORITY LIST (2011/12)
WASHINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

WHEREAS, Sections 33.1-23 and 33.1-23.4 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, provides the opportunity for each county to work with the Virginia Department of Transportation in developing a Secondary Six-Year Road Plan, and

WHEREAS, this Board had previously agreed to assist in the preparation of this Plan, in accordance with the Virginia Department of Transportation policies and procedures, and participated in a public hearing on the proposed Plan (20011/12 through 2016/17) as well as the Construction Priority List (20011/12) on May 10, 2011, after duly advertised so that all citizens of the County had the opportunity to participate in said hearing and to make comments and recommendations concerning the proposed Plan and Priority List, and

WHEREAS, Matthew B. Cox, Programming & Investment Mgmt. Director, Virginia Department of Transportation, appeared before the Board and recommended approval of the Six-Year Plan for Secondary Roads (2011 through 2016/17) and the Construction Priority List (2011/12) for Washington County, Virginia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Virginia that since said Plan appears to be in the best interests of the Secondary Road System in Washington County and of the citizens residing on the Secondary System, said Secondary Six-Year Plan (2011/12 through 2016/17) and Construction Priority List (2011/12) are hereby approved as presented at the public hearing.

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*

Further discussions ensued among the Board and Mr. Cox about the audit of VDOT records, the assignment of priority from Exit 17 off of I-81 to Exit 14 off of I-81 and reduction of the speed limit on the section of Highway 11 near the new Johnston Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Cox explained that Exit 14 is now on the statewide priority plan. There is no new money for Exit 17.

7. General Business:

a. Actionable Items:

1. Consideration of Authorization for Submission of COPS Grant Application by Washington County Sheriff's office

Sheriff Fred Newman addressed the Board and requested authorization to re-apply for a COPS grant that would allow hiring of two additional patrol officers. The Federal government would pay for three years of the officer's salary and the fourth year would be paid by the locality.

Discussions ensued among the Board and Sheriff Newman.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, second by Mr. Reynolds, the Board acted to authorize the Sheriff's Office to re-apply for funding from COPS Hiring Program.

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>

2. Consideration of Recommendations of County Redistricting Committee Concerning New County Election Districts

This item was moved to 4.a.2.

3. Consideration of Appointments to Ad Hoc Committee for Development of New County Noise Ordinance

Ms. Phillips explained at the April 26, 2011, Board meeting a recommendation was presented to the Board to form an Ad Hoc Committee for the development of a new County Noise Ordinance and to appoint members to the committee. The Board was interested in the recommendation, but had asked that the item be tabled to allow more time to consider appointees to the Committee. The matter was now being brought back for Board appointments.

Ms. Price asked that a member of the Jenkins family be appointed to the Ad Hoc Committee.

Discussions ensued among the Board about the composition of the Ad Hoc Committee, and the mission of the Committee.

On motion of Mr. McCall, second by Mr. Owens, the Board acted to establish an Ad Hoc Committee for development of an ordinance to regulate noise in the County, to set the number of members to serve on the Committee at five, and to appoint the following members:

- ***Kenneth Reynolds***
- ***Nicole Price***
- ***Media Mitchell (Dulcie)***
- ***Mike Overstreet***
- ***Fifth Member will be appointed at a later time***

The vote on this motion was as follows: (5-0-2)

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

4. Consideration of Preliminary Approval of Emergency Debris Management Services Contract for April 27-28, 2011 Storm Event

Deputy County Administrator Nadine Culberson addressed the Board and provided an update on the events of the last week regarding the April 27-28, 2011 storm events. Ms. Culberson reported there has been a lot of activity during the last week between staff and other agencies. On Monday of this week, a meeting was held with service providers, Department of Social Services, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Virginia Department of Transportation, County Building Inspection and Development Services, and the County Department of Zoning to discuss standing up a remote service center where people in the tornado affected areas could go to a one stop shop to get all required permits. VDOT will not require entrance permits to be obtained. A second large meeting was held earlier today to establish a long range disaster recovery center. The County is transitioning from response into recovery efforts. This will be a major area to stand up. A group referred to as the Long Term Disaster Recovery Team has been established to guide long term recovery. Without the FEMA assistance, the County can expect public assistance from the State. The County must address how to take care of the needs of citizens. The United Way will be the fiscal agent for the long term disaster recovery center. To-date, about \$200,000 has been collected. Gates Corporation made a \$100,000 donation to the American Red Cross. Faith based organizations will be a part of the long term disaster recovery; they will help set up the disaster recovery center and manage donations. The long term disaster recovery center will be a case based system so there will be accountability to show that aid provided to someone is something that was needed. Ms. Culberson explained this effort takes an enormous amount of planning and work. Barbara Farmer will serve as the champion for the center and will be the public face. Ms. Farmer worked many

years for the Department of Social Services and is an associate pastor. She does a lot of community volunteering.

Ms. Culberson explained the other side of the storm event is sitting up an alternate debris site. The Smith-Washington Regional Industrial Facilities Authority allowed use of a site in the Highlands Business Park for a debris staging site. About \$20,000 was expended on preparing the area as a staging site. The Virginia Department of Emergency Management talked with staff about contracting with a private waste company to assist the county with debris collection. There is a list of debris management companies on state contract. The County proposes utilizing Byrd Brothers Emergency Services for emergency debris management services. This company is mobilized in the County and ready to begin work. They will build a tower and have a hazardous mitigation team in place.

Mr. Seamon addressed the Board and explained the Board is asked to enter into a contract with Byrd Brothers Emergency Services for emergency debris management services. They are a state contract vendor and comply with both FEMA and VDEM regulations.

Ms. Phillips addressed the Board and explained the Board is asked to enter into a contract with Byrd Brothers Emergency Services for the services described. A sample contract was provided to Board at stations for review. There is a meeting scheduled for tomorrow morning to refine the contract.

Mr. Seamon explained criteria for state and federal reimbursement of debris management.

Discussions ensued among the Board and staff regarding debris management and other storm event related issues.

Mr. Reeter explained the Board will be asked at a future meeting, either May 24 or June 14, to establish a new fund within the County General Fund for FY 11 and FY 12, and capitalize the new fund with about \$1 million of reserves to be able to have money available to pay expenses and get reimbursed by the state and maybe FEMA.

Further discussions ensued regarding the contract for emergency debris management services and letters to Governor McDonnell and Congressman Griffith strongly supporting the appeal of FEMA's decision to deny a federal disaster designation.

Ms. Mumpower explained the County will be undertaking an insurance verification process to identify the non-insured and under insured residents. This information will be submitted to the Governor's Office to be used in the appeal process. County staff has developed an insurance verification form. Residents receiving damage to their property by the tornados can call the insurance hotline established (276-525-1334 or 276-525-1338) to complete an insurance verification form. The form is also on the County's website (www.washcova.com).

On motion of Mr. Taylor, second by Mr. McCall, the Board acted to authorize County staff to move forward with the contract between the County of Washington and Byrd Brothers Emergency Services for Emergency Debris Management Services.

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

Mr. McCall Aye
Ms. Mumpower Aye

<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>

Further discussions ensued about the management of debris.

7.a.5. Consideration of Appointment to Virginia Highlands Airport Authority

Mr. Owens advised that Kenny Hobbs will resign from the Virginia Highlands Airport Authority effective June 30. Mr. Owens recommended the appointment of Edward E. Maine.

On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Mr. Straten, the Board acted to appoint Edward E. Maine to represent the Tyler Election District on the Virginia Highlands Airport Authority for a four year term beginning July 1, 2011 and expiring June 30, 2015.

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>

8. Board Member Reports

Mr. McCall reported that a representative with American Electric Power advised him their facilities were hit by the tornado. Large towers are down, and it could take up to a year to have them replaced. This may put a crimp in the power grid.

Ms. Mumpower presented a petition from the residents of Evergreen Hills Subdivision concerning their objections to the stop sign that VDOT placed on Majestic Drive. Ms. Mumpower asked if it is consensus of the Board that County staff sends the petitions to VDOT along with a letter asking they look at the situation on Majestic Drive to see if a yield sign would be appropriate instead of the stop sign.

It was consensus of the Board to approve Ms. Mumpower's request.

Ms. Mumpower commented she could never say enough about County staff, state representatives and agencies, community organizations and volunteers for their efforts to help people in the tornado damage areas. She commended the Board members for the work they are doing to assist the citizens.

9. Board Information and Reminders

Mr. Reeter reviewed the following Board Information:

- Mr. Reeter explained beginning with the May 24 regular meeting a status update on disaster recovery will be provided to the Board every two weeks until there seems to be no further need. The update will come from either his office, Deputy County Administrator Nadine Culberson, or Director of Emergency Management Pokey Harris.
- The Commonwealth Transportation Board Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2012-2017 Six-Year Improvement Plan for Interstate, Primary Highway and Rail Improvements for the Bristol District is scheduled for May 12, 6:00 p.m., at the VDOT Salem Transportation District Offices in Salem, Virginia.
- Correspondence from the Washington County Service Authority announcing a June 1 public hearing on rates.
- Correspondence from Bartlett Geological Consultants

Discussions ensued among the Board regarding visiting Barlett Geological Consultants to look at their maps and information on gas well drilling. No action was taken.

- Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) 2011 Legislative Summary
- Reminder of the Smith/Packett Groundbreaking Ceremony of Abingdon Health and Rehab Center on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, at 2:00 p.m.
- FEMA Denial Letter dated May 6, 2011
- POTUS Letter from Governor Bob McDonnell to FEMA requesting a Federal Disaster Declaration

Ms. Phillips reviewed the following information:

Ms. Phillips reported the ordinance pertaining to redistricting will come before the Board at their June 14 meeting.

10. Adjourn or Recess

On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Ms. Price, 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>

Prepared by:

Naoma A. Norris, Recording Clerk

Approved by the Washington County Board of Supervisors:

Dulcie M. Mumpower, Chairman