V I R G I N I A:

At a regular meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Tuesday, July 12, 2011, 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
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

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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. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Board Chair Dulcie Mumpower gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Mumpower requested a changed in the order of the agenda to allow for the presentation regarding the application to the Virginia Tobacco Commission for Regional Workforce Development Center be heard following approval of the agenda.

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Mr. Reeter explained the Consent Agenda was amended to add consideration of Resolutions recognizing and celebrating the opening of the new Johnston Memorial Hospital and *Heartwood*: Southwest Virginia's Artisan Gateway.

On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Ms. Price, the Board acted to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

Move General Business Item 7.a.1 "Consideration of Application to Virginia Tobacco Commission for Regional Workforce Development Center" to be heard following approval of agenda.

Consent Agenda – Authorization of Routine Business Matters:

New Item 5.d.4 – Adoption of Resolution Recognizing and Celebrating the Opening of the New Johnston Memorial Hospital

New Item 5.d.5 – Adoption of Resolution Recognizing and Celebrating the Opening of Heartwood: Southwest Virginia's Artisan Gateway

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***

7. General Business:

a. Actionable Items:

1. Consideration of Application to Virginia Tobacco Commission for Regional Workforce Development Center

Virginia Highlands Community College President Dr. Ron Proffitt and Marty Holliday, Deputy Director, New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Investment Consortium appeared before the Board.

Dr. Proffitt addressed the Board and presented a request for support of an application to the Virginia Tobacco Commission for a planning grant related to a regional workforce development center. In his prefatory remarks Dr. Proffitt explained since his tenure as President at VHCC began; he has heard many comments about the lack of quality workforce development programs in the area.

Dr. Proffitt explained a working group convened three weeks ago to brainstorm ideas for workforce development initiatives. A goal was established from this session to seek a planning grant to fund a comprehensive study for a regional workforce development center. The study areas would be the VHCC service area: City of Bristol, Washington and Smyth Counties. The study will focus on: 1. build, renovate or purchase a facility; 2. conduct architectural studies; 3. develop a business plan for the facility. It is envisioned this type of center would foster partnerships; and deliver and sustain current programs as well as development of new programs. The New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Investment Consortium has agreed to be the grant applicant, and the Washington County Board of Supervisors is asked to authorize the County to be the fiscal agent for the grant, if received. The grant application to the Virginia Tobacco Commission is due July 15.

Dr. Proffitt requested the Board's consideration of a Resolution supporting the application to the Tobacco Commission and provide a letter of support.

Ms. Holliday addressed the Board and explained the New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Investment Consortium supports workforce development through a joint exercise of power of 13 jurisdictions in the Mount Rogers and New River Valley Planning District Commissions. Each jurisdiction has one voting member; Washington County's is Odell Owens. She further explained the Consortium recognized the need to partner with jurisdictions to meet workforce development needs. Though the project before the Board tonight will serve only the City of Bristol, Washington and Smyth Counties; the other 10 localities that make up the Consortium will be watching. It is believed the center will have a wide reaching affect to about five localities in the region and perhaps into East Tennessee. Ms. Holliday advised that the Consortium is unable to serve as the fiscal agent for the grant because their fiscal agent is from the New River Valley Planning District Commission.

At this time, discussions ensued among the Board about the importance of providing quality workforce development training programs.

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

RESOLUTION 2011-23
IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION TO THE
VIRGINIA TOBACCO INDEMNIFICATION
AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION COMMISSION
FOR FUNDING OF REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CENTER STUDY

WHEREAS, a trained, skilled workforce is a critical component of successful economic development for any region; and

WHEREAS, previous studies and surveys in Virginia and in the region of Southwest Virginia have documented the lack of sufficient trained workers in such skilled occupations as welding, machining, and electro-mechanical maintenance: and

WHEREAS, some of these programs are now offered at the post-secondary level at the Washington County Skills Center which is an outdated and inadequate facility whose replacement has been under consideration for some time; and

WHEREAS, a study done in 2004 for the Smyth-Washington Regional Industrial Facilities Authority recommended that the two counties collaborate on developing a "signature workforce training facility"; and

WHEREAS, a subsequent feasibility study done in 2008 for the Southwest Virginia Alliance for Manufacturing assessed the need for such a facility and recommended a workforce training center be established based on certain conditions which included moving the Washington County Skills Center to the new facility, focusing on all types of manufacturing skills (not just advanced manufacturing), and gearing the training toward incumbent workers, in addition to first-time workers; and

WHEREAS, the scope of work for the 2008 study included some preliminary numbers for the cost of construction of a new facility but did not include any specific analysis of proposed sites or buildings; and did not include an operational plan, budget, and estimated costs for sustaining the facility; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission is requesting funding applications for Economic Development, Education, and Special Projects proposals at this time with a deadline of July 15, 2011;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Virginia that the Board supports the submittal of an application for funding to the Tobacco Commission to do the following activities: 1) Analysis of potential existing buildings or sites for the location of a workforce training center; 2) Possible securing of an property purchase option, 3) Preliminary engineering/architectural report; 4) Design plans for the facility; 5) Operational plan for the facility, including long-term sustainability, 6) Curriculum development for the facility; 7) Development of funding partners for construction/renovation costs, as well as operational costs; 8) Other possible planning activities that may be required; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board agrees for the New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Investment Consortium Board to be the grant applicant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board agrees for Washington County to be the fiscal agent for the grant if received; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the matching funds for the application be pursued through funding from the Appalachian Regional Commission.
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***

4. <u>Special Recognitions & Presentations</u>

a. Presentation of County Employee Service Pins and Certificates

Ms. Mumpower, Mr. Reeter and Ms. Phillips made the following presentations of employee service pins and certificates:

<u>Ten Years Service</u>:

Vicky B. Henderson
Legal Services

<u>Thirty Years Service</u>:

Edward D. Prater
Solid Waste Department

Ms. Mumpower on behalf of the Board expressed appreciation to these employees for the outstanding job and service they provide to Washington County.

b. Presentation of Certificates of Commendation

Deputy County Administrator Nadine Culberson explained the County is recognizing 12 employees that put out an unbelievable effort during the storm events of April 27-28. These employees worked up to 28 days straight beginning shortly after the storm hit through the month of June to assist with debris removal. The following employees were recognized with a Certificate of Commendation and gift card:

Department of Solid Waste (Full-Time Employees):

Coy W. Martin, Manager	(323 hours)
Carl R. Aistrop	(24 consecutive days; 483 hours)
Jay A. Hawkins	(24 consecutive days; 447 hours)
Gilmer L. Otey	(24 consecutive days; 500 hours)
Edward D. Prater	(17 consecutive days; 374 hours)
Clayton H. Trent	(22 consecutive days; 517 hours)
Jerry A. Williams	(24 consecutive days; 490 hours)
Rocky W. Spiva	(414 hours)
Deborah G. Elswick	(363 hours)
Kim S. Tuggle	(19 consecutive days; 357 hours)

Department of Solid Waste (Part-time Employees):

David R. Brewer	(18 consecutive days; 375 hours)

Department of Emergency Management:

L. V. Pokey Harris, Director	(472.5 hours)

Board members commended the employees for their outstanding job and service to Washington County and its citizens.

5. Consent Agenda:

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

a. Approval of Minutes:

1. June 28, 2011 Regular Meeting

b. Approval of Routine Financial Matters:

No financial matters were presented.

c. <u>Award of Bids and Approval of Contracts</u>:

1. Contingent Approval of Award of Low Bid for Construction of Damascus Public Library and Tourism Center Project

2. Approval of Award of Low Bid for Washington County Public Safety Building Roof/HVAC/General Services Project

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

1. Approval of Donation of Surplus Vehicle to Neff Center

2. Approval of Parade Permit (5K Run), Washington County Department of Recreation

3. Authorization for Solicitation of Bids for Replacement of County Garbage Trucks

4. Adoption of Resolution Recognizing and Celebrating the Opening of the New Johnston Memorial Hospital – Approved as Follows:

RESOLUTION 2011-24
RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING THE OPENING OF THE
NEW JOHNSTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, the first hospital serving Washington County was established by Dr. E.T. Brady on Court Street in Abingdon in December of 1905 in a small wooden structure with a 12-bed capacity, with Dr. Brady serving as its first Chief of Staff consisting of two physicians and four resident nurses, and

WHEREAS, in 1910 when this first private hospital was forced to close because of insufficient patronage, community leaders ventured to Richmond and convinced Dr. George B. Johnston and Dr. Amis Willis to buy controlling interest in the hospital, thus establishing what is known today as Johnston Memorial Hospital, and

WHEREAS, during this past century of service, Johnston Memorial Hospital became widely known as a leader in providing innovative, state-of-the-art and compassionate medical services to the Southwest Virginia region, and

WHEREAS, at the beginning of the 21st century, Johnston Memorial Hospital continues to demonstrate such leadership in the construction of a $132 million dollar, environmentally sustainable state-of-the art new medical center campus consisting of a 116-bed hospital, cancer center and medical office building in Washington County, and

WHEREAS, by undertaking the construction of this new medical center, Johnston Memorial Hospital will continue to be a key asset for the development of Washington County and Southwest Virginia and in the continued improvement in the quality of life for our residents in this new century;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Virginia that the Board hereby extends it highest praise and commendation to Johnston Memorial

Hospital on the opening of this new medical center facility and to its continued commitment to providing the best quality healthcare to the citizens of Washington County and Southwest Virginia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that July 18, 2011 be recognized and celebrated throughout Washington County as the date of the official opening of the new Johnston Memorial Hospital.

5. Adoption of Resolution Recognizing and Celebrating the Opening of Heartwood: Southwest Virginia's Artisan Gateway – Approved as Follows:

RESOLUTION 2011-25
RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING THE OPENING OF THE HEARTWOOD: SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA'S ARTISAN GATEWAY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, in 2007 Washington County and the Town of Abingdon, Virginia committed to pursuing a vision to create a regional "gateway" facility to showcase the Southwest Virginia region's musical, artistic and cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, with the support of this region's localities, the Virginia General Assembly established the Southwest Virginia Cultural Heritage Commission in 2008 with the specific purpose to "encourage the economic development of Southwest Virginia through the expansion of cultural heritage ventures and initiatives related to tourism and other asset-based enterprises, including the Southwest Virginia Artisan Center, the Crooked Road, Round The Mountain, and related cultural heritage organizations, and venues that promote entrepreneurial and employment opportunities", and

WHEREAS, the flagship project of the Southwest Virginia Cultural Heritage Commission is Heartwood: Southwest Virginia's Artisan's Gateway, a $10 million+ state-of-the-art facility located on the campus of the Virginia Highlands Community College within the Town of Abingdon in Washington County, and

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2011, after nearly 18 months of construction, Heartwood will be officially open to the public and begin its mission of providing a 'one-stop' gateway to Southwest Virginia's rich culture and creative economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Virginia that the Board extends it highest praise and commendation to the Southwest Virginia Cultural Heritage Commission for its successful completion and opening of Heartwood and to the Commission's continuing commitment to the economic development of Southwest Virginia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that July 23, 2011 be recognized and celebrated throughout Washington County as the date of the official opening of Heartwood: Southwest Virginia's Artisan Gateway.

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***

6. Public Hearings:

a. <u>Request(s) for Special Exception Permit</u>:

1. Anthony and Naomi Dickenson, Property Tax Map #123A-1-34B: Request for a Special Exception Permit to operate a small business in general, more specifically a professionally licensed fence company and to construct a 30' X 50' building for materials storage and a 12' X 24' office building on property located on the south side of State Route 662 (Spring Valley Road) near the intersection of State Route 662/State Route 645 (Wyndale Road) in an A-2 (Agricultural, General zone, Harrison Magisterial District, G-11 Election District.

County Subdivision Official Cathie Freeman addressed the Board and provided an overview of the proceedings before the Washington County Planning Commission at their July 27, 2011 meeting in regards to the request of Anthony and Naomi Dickenson for a Special Exception Permit to operate a small fence company on the property in question. Ms. Freeman advised the business is in operation at this time; the Dickenson's were unaware that a Special Exception Permit is required. Since learning of the requirement, the Dickenson's have diligently worked to obtain a Special Exception Permit.

Ms. Freeman further explained that two neighbors addressed the Planning Commission to speak in favor of the request. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the Special Exception Permit.

Ms. Mumpower opened the public hearing and invited comments in support of and in opposition to the request for a Special Exception Permit.

The following individuals addressed the Board in favor of the request:

Ms. Kim Stanley explained Anthony and Naomi Dickenson are her neighbors. She has never had issues with their business.

Naomi and Anthony Dickenson addressed the Board explaining they own and operate Anthony's Fencing Company. They have a Class A Contractors License and install fencing for commercial businesses. The property where the business is located was purchased in 2004/2004 and used to store materials; it is not opened to the public. Ms. Dickenson explained she learned of the requirement to obtain a Special Exception Permit when she contacted the building inspector's office for an electrical permit.

Mr. Taylor inquired about the number of employees and if there are plans to expand the business.

Ms. Dickenson explained there are four employees including her husband. The plan is to keep the business small.

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

Mr. McCall commented that he has driven by the Dickenson's lot; it is very orderly and not offensive. Their quality of fencing work is excellent.

On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Ms. Price, the Board acted to follow the recommendation of the Washington County Planning Commission and approve the request of Anthony and Naomi Dickenson for a Special Exception Permit to operate a small business in general, more specifically a professionally licensed fence company and to construct a 30' X 50' building for materials storage and a 12' X 24' office building on property located on the south side of State Route 662 (Spring Valley Road) near the intersection of State Route 662/State Route 645 (Wyndale Road) in an A-2 (Agricultural, General zone, Harrison Magisterial District, G-11 Election District.

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***

7. General Business:

a. <u>Actionable Items</u>:

2. Consideration of Approach to Comprehensive Review of County Revenue Efforts

Mr. Reeter addressed the Board and explained he would like guidance on how to begin an initiative to comprehensively and systematically review and evaluate the County's current revenue-generating efforts (fees and taxes) to look for areas where new sources of revenue could be found and existing revenue sources updated and/or enhanced. This initiative would require a fairly extensive, long-term process, and should the Board wish to proceed; some form of overall structure or approach should be developed regarding how to do so with the Board's approval.

Mr. Reeter provided an illustrative example of a potential new, fairly minor revenue source relating to the levying of a County tax on probates collectable by the Clerk of Circuit Court that could be put in place by adoption of local ordinance. A draft ordinance was provided for Board information.

Mr. Reeter further explained as a first step, the Board may wish to consider the following options as to how to approach this matter:

1) Formation of an annually-appointed Board Committee to review, investigate, form recommendations and bring forth-same to the Board regarding <u>all</u> forms of County revenues; or

2) Appointment of various 'ad-hoc', single-purpose committees to review, investigate, form recommendations and bring forth same to the Board with regard to <u>specific</u> new and existing revenue sources; or

3) Authorize bringing forth administratively-generated recommendations regarding revenues without prior Board committee input (such recommendations could then be subject to further review by either a standing or ad-hoc committee prior to formal Board action).

Discussions ensued among the Board.

Ms. Price explained when the Board considered forming a standing committee in regards to the budget; it was found problematic to put a couple of Board members out in front on issues of spending. For this same reason, the administratively generated recommendations on revenue may be something the Board would prefer.

Mr. Taylor explained a comprehensive review of County revenue is needed. If a business license were in place, the County would have known the fencing company dealt with earlier in the meeting existed. He addressed the County's current fee structures for building, zoning, and erosion & sediment control related issues; these fees do not cover the County's cost to provide the services. He further explained the tax structure should be looked at to determine if revisions are needed in order to be competitive in Southwest Virginia for recruiting industry. Mr. Taylor suggested since the fees and taxes involve the business community; the County invites the Chamber of Commerce and Alliance for Manufacturers to participate in the review process and be members of an advisory committee. The constitutional officers should also be included to assure that the recommendations are legal. He further suggested that a citizen's advisory committee could be formed to study the fees and taxes and bring forth recommendations to the Board. Then, the Board could form a sub-committee to review the recommendations. Mr. Taylor concluded his remarks by stating that real property taxes are subsidizing services offered by the County such as fire, rescue and public safety. The Board cannot continue to increase property taxes.

Ms. Mumpower explained she would prefer staff bring forth recommendations to the Board for consideration.

Mr. Straten explained a comprehensive review of County revenue should be approached in a similar manner to Comprehensive Plan revision process. A series of Board work sessions should be scheduled to spend time evaluating all sources of revenue, studying staff recommendations, look at potential sources of new revenue and how the new revenue would be controlled. Mr. Straten stated the process needs the time and attention of the Board, and should not be rushed.

Mr. Owens explained the Board should look at other sources of revenue, so the County's primary income is not dependent upon real property taxes. He supports establishing a Business and Professional Occupancy License for the County with reasonable fees. If a business license had been in place, the County would have better known the businesses destroyed by the tornado. Mr. Owens proposed action on this matter be tabled until the next Board meeting.

Further discussions ensued. The matter was tabled until the July 26, 2011 regular meeting to provide Board members more time to consider the issues.

3. Consideration of Appointment to Highlands Community Services Board

The consumer appointment to the Highlands Community Services Board was delayed until a recommendation is received from Highlands Community Services.

b. <u>Information Items</u>:

1. Update on April 27-28 Storm Disaster Recovery Efforts

Pokey Harris provided the following update on April 27-28 disaster recovery efforts:

- FEMA officially denied Governor McDonnell's request for assistance; as a result, the Long Term Disaster Recovery Group (LTRG) launched deeper into their efforts. FEMA's denial did however clear the way for a Small Business Administration (SBA) declaration to be declared. The SBA has established a loan center in the Board of Supervisors executive conference room until Thursday, July 14 (The center opened Wednesday, July 6). SBA loans are available to help homeowners and business owners with recovery. The filing deadline to return applications to SBA for physical property damage is August 29, 1011. Media coverage on the SBA Loans will continue.

- The LTRG continues their efforts. Some members of the LTRG met today with staff from Senator Mark Warner's Office. Senator Warner's Office is interested in how things are going and expresses the County has their continued support.

- Senator Warner's Office wants to work with the LTRG to investigate the possibilities of funding for agricultural recovery. As has been discussed, a lot of damage occurred to agricultural property that cannot be recovered with local dollars alone. Just to repair/replace fencing will cost approximately $9,000,000.00. There was also significant damage to buildings, sheds, outbuildings and barns. Senator Warner's Office, and the LTRG will work together to find ways to help the agricultural community.

- Senator Warner's Office will assist with determining how best to leverage the Community Development Block Grant funds that Mr. Reeter and Mr. Taylor have discussed. They are looking at how to close the gap on the timeline for the grant application, as well as how that grant can be utilized for emergency recovery.

- Donations equal $536,524.32; includes $100,000.00 contribution from the United Way. To-date, $270,166.00 has been encumbered or spent on 79 projects, either construction type or some other essential service. Expenditures totaling $18, 283.93 have been provided for other types of assistance, such as POD rentals, gift certificates, food, school expenses (some donations were earmarked). 119 families have received assistance.

- The deadline for family assistance in-take is July 15. Since the deadline was announced, 29 additional requests for assistance have been received.

- The distribution center closed on July 8. All remaining goods were given to churches and non-profit organizations in the County to continue to serve citizens. The process of closing the warehouse is underway. Goods left at the warehouse will be distributed to non-profits in the County to also continue to serve citizens.

- The LTRG will meet with state representatives about the Governor's Disaster Fund. They will review changes made to the guidelines and application form. Also, the state has heard accolades about the LTRG to the point they want to come be with the group to see their process. Practices

of the LTRG will be documented for best practices and lessons learned. Many inquires have been received as to how the LTRG responded to the disaster recovery so quickly, and how they addressed and continue to address recovery issues.

- LTRG will continue to meet weekly and more if needed.

- Emergency Management staff is currently working with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management to coordinate and facilitate after action review meetings to prepare for the after action report. It is anticipated the meetings will be scheduled in August. The meetings will include all disciplines involved in the disaster response and recovery.

Ms. Harris recognized Bristol Compressors and Morgan McClure Motor Sports for all their contributions to assist the disaster recovery efforts. Their generosity has been great.

United Way Executive Director Travis Staton addressed the Board and provided remarks about the disaster recovery efforts. Mr. Staton explained the recovery process is going well. It is taking time to recruit volunteers and make $500,000.00 in contributions stretch to meet about $2,000,000.00 of needs. He noted that Washington County is the leader in the state in regards to having a team response to long term disaster recovery. He noted that fundraising, as well as volunteer recruitment has slowed down. However, the LTRG has a good plan in place to close the gap.

Discussions ensued among the Board, Mr. Staton and staff about reimbursements from the Governor's Disaster Fund and the CDBG project for disaster recovery.

8. Board Member Reports

Ms. Price explained the form of the Resolution adopted by the Board on June 28 regarding U. S. Highway 19 safety issues that is being sent to Governor McDonnell, members of the Commonwealth Transportation Board, General Assembly representatives, and VDOT officials shows she voted against the Resolution. However, she voted in favor of the Resolution and asked that this error be corrected.

Mr. Straten reported on the Economic Development Committee's meeting with King College representatives, the County Administrator and County Attorney to talk with the new team assembled by King College to bring the medical school to fruition.

Ms. Mumpower commented on the Resolution regarding safety issues on U. S. Highway 19, and the terrible tragedy at the intersection of Route 1533 and U. S. Highway 19 that claimed the life of a child recently. She hopes the Board will do all they can to be successful in convincing VDOT to install a traffic signal at this location.

Ms. Price advised there is a meeting with VDOT representatives on July 19 to talk about the U.S. Highway 19 safety issues.

Mr. McCall suggested that VDOT be asked to reduce the speed limit to 35 mph on U. S. Highway 19 in the vicinity of the Public Safety Building and LeRoy's Flea Market.

9. Board Information and Reminders

Mr. Reeter reviewed Board information and reminders.

Ms. Phillips provided a report on the work of the ad hoc committee formed to establish a revised noise ordinance. The committee is making progress in their work. They are leaning toward an ordinance based on the sound meter standard. A demonstration on use of a sound meter is intended for the next committee meeting.

At this time, Ms. Mumpower recognized Vicky Henderson (Legal Assistant in the County Attorney's Office) and Naoma Norris (Executive Assistant in the County Administrator's Office) for obtaining the ranking of Certified Professional Secretary (with title amendment to "Certified Administrative Professional," as of November 2011). Both ladies put a lot of time and hard work into preparing for the examination. They are to be commended.

Mr. Taylor commended all County staff for their courtesy to both citizens and board members. He has received only professional assistance from the staff, which has made his job easier.

Mr. Reynolds commented that Washington County is a blue ribbon County. This is carried forward with the staff. Washington County is a great place to live, work and play.

Ms. Mumpower stated that County staff makes the Board look good.

10. 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 industry proposed for location in the Highlands Business Park

Mr. Reeter explained during closed meeting the Board needs to also discuss an industry interested in the Bristol/Washington County Industrial Park.

Mr. Taylor inquired if the Board could receive a briefing from staff during closed meeting on the status of Gates Corporation.

Ms. Phillips explained that she could not advise the Board to receive the briefing in closed meeting.

On motion of Mr. Reynolds, second by Mr. McCall, 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 industry proposed for location in the Highlands Business Park. 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)

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

A brief recess was taken before convening in closed meeting.

b. Reconvene in Open Meeting and Certification of Closed Meeting

After returning to the meeting, the Chairperson noted that upon motion of Mr. Owens, 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. McCall, 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)

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

9. <u>Adjourn or Recess</u>

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

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***

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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