

VIRGINIA:

At a regular meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Tuesday, July 10, 2012, at 6:30 p.m., at the County Administration Building in Abingdon, Virginia the following were present:

PRESENT:

Joseph C. Straten, Chairman
Phillip B. McCall, Vice Chairman
William B. Gibson
Dulcie M. Mumpower
Odell Owens
Randy L. Pennington
C. Wayne Stevens, Jr.

Mark K. Reeter, County Administrator
Lucy E. Phillips, County Attorney
Mark W. Seamon, Director of Budget & Finance
Naoma A. Norris, CAP, Executive Assistant/Recording Clerk

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Joe Straten, Chairman of the Board, who welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Dulcie Mumpower gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

4. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Reeter explained the draft minutes for the June 14, 2012 recessed meeting that pertain to conditions placed on the Special Exception Permit for Love's Travel Center have been slightly revised from the draft minutes that were distributed in agenda materials.

On motion of Ms. Mumpower, second by Mr. Owens, it was resolved to approve the agenda as presented.

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

<i>Mr. Gibson</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Pennington</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Stevens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Straten</i>	<i>Aye</i>

5. Special Recognitions & Presentations:

a. Presentation of Employee Service Pins and Certificates

Mr. Straten and Mr. Reeter made the following presentations of employee service pins and certificates:

30 Years of Service:

Coy Martin
Solid Waste Department

Mark Seamon
Budget & Finance Department

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

6. Consent Agenda:

On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Ms. Mumpower, the Board acted to approve items a and c of the Consent Agenda as set forth below with changes as noted to the minutes of the June 14, 2012, Recessed Meeting.

a. **Approval of Minutes:**

1. *June 14, 2012 Recessed Meeting – Corrected as noted:*

Slightly revised wording of the conditions placed on the approval of the Special Exception Permit for Love's Travel Stops & County Stores; found on pages 18147 and 18148 of said minutes.

2. *June 26, 2012 Regular Meeting*

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

c. Award of Bids and Approval of Contracts:

- 1. Approval of Contract with Association of Public Safety Communications Officials International, Inc.*
- 2. Approval of Contract for Statewide Interoperability Communications System for Law Enforcement and Public Safety Services with Systems Engineering Technologies Corporation*

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. Gibson</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Pennington</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Stevens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Straten</i>	<i>Aye</i>

7. General Business:

a. Actionable Items:

1. Consideration of Resolution Requesting Declaration of Agricultural Disaster in Washington County

Virginia Cooperative Extension Service Agent Phil Blevins addressed the Board concerning the proposed Resolution that requests the Governor to declare an agricultural disaster for Washington County due to this summer's extreme heat and drought conditions. Mr. Blevins explained when he submitted the Resolution for Board consideration the conditions were extremely dry and hot. Since that time however there has been rain; the County is not out of the woods yet and is in what is considered abnormally dry conditions. He further explained it is part of his job responsibilities to notify the Board when the County has drought condition or approaching drought conditions. For these reasons, he submitted the Resolution to the Board for consideration.

Discussions ensued among the Board and Mr. Blevins. Subsequently, the following action was taken:

On motion of Ms. Mumpower, second by Mr. Stevens, the Board acted to adopt the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION 2012-27
REQUESTING AGRICULTURAL DISASTER DESIGNATION
FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

WHEREAS, the early summer of 2012 has been exceptionally hot and dry with record high temperatures in Washington County, Virginia, and

WHEREAS, these severe weather conditions caused devastating damage to livestock and crops, and

WHEREAS, livestock producers have already begun feeding their winter supply of hay, and

WHEREAS, estimated losses to Washington County farmers are set forth below:

<u>Area of Concern/Commodity</u>	<u>Estimates Percent Loss</u>	<u>Value</u>
<i>Hay</i>	<i>52%</i>	<i>\$5,850,000.00</i>
<i>Pasture</i>	<i>45%</i>	<i>\$1,811,250.00</i>
<i>Livestock weight gain loss</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>\$5,600,000.00</i>
<i>Tobacco</i>	<i>35%</i>	<i>\$581,875.00</i>
<i>Milk production</i>	<i>15%</i>	<i>\$286,875.00</i>
	TOTAL	\$15,759,000.00,

and

WHEREAS, there is a critical need to assist the farmers as a result of the extreme weather conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Virginia to request the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia to declare that Washington County be designated as an agriculture disaster for 2012 due to losses incurred in the foregoing agricultural commodities due to damage associated with the current dry and hot weather.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia is further petitioned to request the President of the United States or the Secretary of Agriculture to recognize the county agricultural emergency situation and to make the federal farm emergency programs available to those who need them in Washington County, Virginia.

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

<i>Mr. Gibson</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Pennington</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Mr. Stevens *Aye*
Mr. Straten *Aye*

b. Information Items

There were no informational presentations made to the Board.

8. Board Member Reports

Mr. Pennington reported on the new industry announcement ceremony held earlier in the day. He stated the County recruited a good company, and expressed his appreciation for the hard work that went into the recruitment. It is a great day for Washington County.

Mr. Stevens reported on the Washington County Disaster Recovery CDBG Project. He stated that construction will begin on two homes next month. The project is moving forward.

Mr. Gibson reported on the new industry announcement ceremony and said it is his best day so far as a Board member.

Mr. Owens reported on the new industry announcement ceremony. He explained officials from the new industry indicated most of the jobs created will be local. Mr. Owens further explained he has some concern that many of the County's existing industries cannot fill their vacant positions. He stated a workforce training program needs to be developed that will be beneficial to employers in the County.

Mr. McCall reported on the new industry announcement and echoed remarks made by other Board members.

Mr. McCall (member of the Joint County Utilities Committee) next provided the following update on water/sewer projects going on in the County: Phase I of the galvanize water line project will be completed in October; Phase II of the galvanize water line project will begin in January 2013; and the Exit 13 sewer project is nearing completion.

Ms. Mumpower reported on a complaint she received from a constituent on Astor Road in Abingdon about drainage issues resulting from the Industrial Development Authority's (IDA) construction of the alternate access road into Oak Park. She explained prior to the start of the construction project that she addressed similar issues with the IDA, and requested they undertake the project without causing problems to the citizens in the area. Ms. Mumpower asked that County staff make contact with her constituent and make a visit to the site to investigate what is happening.

Ms. Mumpower added to Mr. Owens' comments about workforce training, and she stated the Board needs to be committed to the development of a workforce training center and make this project a top priority.

Mr. Straten reported on the new industry announcement ceremony and echoed remarks made by other Board members. He said it is wonderful to have Big R Bridge locate in the County. Mr. Straten stated that it was good to see all board members in attendance at the ceremony.

Mr. Straten spoke further about Big R Bridge. He explained the company does prefabrication components for bridges throughout the United States. Big R Bridge headquarters is located in Colorado,

and the new facility in Abingdon will be their first east coast operation. Washington County competed with other localities for the industry. Mr. Straten further explained that very positive and encouraging comments were made about the County during the ceremony by Big R Bridge officials and by Lieutenant Governor Bill Bolling. Also, Big R Bridge officials made good remarks about the assistance they received from County staff that made it possible for them to locate in Washington County.

Mr. Straten stated there are other opportunities in the works to bring businesses into the County.

9. Board Information and Reminders (County Administrator and County Attorney)

Ms. Phillips announced that Assistant County Attorney Matthew Crum resigned his position with the County. Mr. Crum accepted a position with Russell County to serve as their County Attorney. The time requirements of this position will not permit him to continue working for Washington County. Ms. Phillips explained this places a burden on her office and creates a gap with the Planning Commission and Land Use Steering Committee.

Mr. Reeter briefly reviewed the following information:

- Correspondence from Deputy County Administrator Nadine Culberson about the move to the new Government Center Building.
- Correspondence from Virginia Department of Transportation providing a legislative update on matters involving transportation.
- Flyer from the Virginia Association of Counties concerning upcoming summer meeting.

At this time, Ms. Culberson was asked to review correspondence sent to employees about the move to the new County Government Center Building.

Ms. Culberson addressed the Board and provided an update on the plan for moving to the new County Government Center Building. She explained the targeted date for the County Administration Building to move is September 7, 8 and 9; County offices will close for either one-half day or the entire day on September 7. The Treasurer, Commissioner of Revenue, and Chamber of Commerce will move September 14, 15 and 16. Renovations of the building are on schedule and expect to meet the August 10 substantial completion deadline, and the renovation project is on budget.

Ms. Phillips asked the Board for authorization to schedule a public hearing on a proposed vacation of a lot from its subdivision plat. She stated the public hearing would most likely be scheduled for the first meeting in August. The board members indicated consensus to authorize the County Attorney to proceed with the public hearing.

10. Adjourn or Recess

On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Mr. Gibson, the Board acted to adjourn the meeting.

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

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

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Ms. Mumpower *Aye*
Mr. Owens *Aye*
Mr. Pennington *Aye*
Mr. Stevens *Aye*
Mr. Straten *Aye*

Prepared by:

Naoma A. Norris, Recording Clerk

**Approved by the Washington County Board
of Supervisors:**

Joseph C. Straten, Chairman