V I R G I N I A:

At a meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Wednesday, March 21, 1990, at 6:00 p.m., at Bare's Barbecue Restaurant, 909 West Main Street, Abingdon, Virginia, the following were present:

PRESENT:

James P. Litton, Chairman
Maurice H. Parris, Vice Chairman
Kenneth G. Mathews
Aubrey E. Brown
Charles O. Byrd
Thomas Whittaker
Cecil K. Simcox

Joseph L. Howard, Jr., County Attorney, Acting County Admin.
Sandra M. Hatfield, Secretary

ABSENT

Mark W. Seamon, Director of Accounting

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. James P. Litton Chairman of the Board.

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2. Discussion and Consideration of Future Long Range Projects for Washington County

Mr. Charles Byrd opened discussions by expressing his hope that the county can establish some long range planning and develop a Board philosophy. He solicited comments from Supervisors.

Individual Supervisors identified the following areas of interest for the future of Washington County:

Mr. Byrd:

Economic and Industrial Development. Infrastructure.

Mr. Byrd emphasized the point that Washington County must be willing to invest dollars and make a commitment in order to accomplish economic development.

Other major points of concern were: Certification: Future plans for Washington County Industrial Park in terms of recertification; Industrial Parks for future industrial growth in Washington County; Regional sewer treatment plant to include

Glade Spring, Emory & Henry College; Securing state grants; local matching funds for grants. Future expansion of county offices to include library service to that portion of Washington County serving Bristol; Maintenance of facilities and plans for a preventative maintenance program of all county buildings; building a reserve in the capital improvement fund to meet emergencies or to help an industrial prospect.

At the conclusion of the meeting, by consensus, it was agreed to set up a meeting with Washington County Service Authority, Draper Aden Associates, Mayor of Glade Spring, and representatives from Emory and Henry College to continue discussion of a regional sewer treatment plant.

Mr. Litton:

Zoning changes to allow for more residential and industrial growth; sewer projects to allow for residential growth.

Mr. Mathews:

Landfill; courthouse; housing and industry; improvement of relations between county and town; add budget item to FY 1990-91 budget for litter control; identify needs of retail stores; consider and encourage a joint utility venture with Bristol.

Mr. Mathews suggested that the Board of Supervisors meet with the governing bodies of the Towns and the City of Bristol on a regular basis.

Mr. Simcox:

Joint participation in funding a sewer system at Exit 5.

Mr. Howard was asked to explore the possibility of setting up a meeting between Washington County and Bristol Virginia City Council.

Mr. Brown:

Retain the capital improvement fund with the intent adding; cooperation with Industrial Development Authority; support all county agencies and the Mount Rogers Development Partnership, Inc.; support federal grants; promote/support quality education;

Mr. Mathews comments on the joint budget meetings between the School Board and the Supervisors

Mr. Ken Stargardt, Director of Economic Development, commented on the need to generate industrial prospects in Washington County. He stated he will be doing active marketing within two months. He expressed his interest in board members being involved with prospect activity. Mr. Stargardt offered his observations about county operations.

:: Consideration of Concept for Future County Buildings

Mr. Howard advised that he wrote a letter to Mr. Bill Hayter as directed by the Board, and has not received a reply.

3. Adjournment

On motion of Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Whittaker, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting.

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

Mr. Mathews	Aye	Mr. Litton	Aye	Mr. Brown	Aye
Mr. Byrd	Aye	Mr. Parris	Aye	Mr. Whittaker	Aye
Mr. Simcox	Aye				

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James P. Litton, Chairman