V I R G I N I A:

At a recessed meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Monday, September 30, 1991, at 7:00 p.m., County Administration Building in 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

Bruce E. Bentley, County Administrator
Cliff Walsh, County Attorney
Sandra M. Hatfield, Secretary

ABSENT

Mark W. Seamon, Director of Accounting

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1. Call to Order

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

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2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance - Charles O. Byrd

Mr. Charles O. Byrd gave the Invocation and led in the pledge to the flag.

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3. Public Hearing to receive public comments concerning the Virginia Department of Transportation and Washington County Secondary Road Six-year Plan

Mr. Ken Brittle, Resident Engineer, Virginia Department of Transportation, addressed the Supervisors and the audience stating the purpose of the public hearing.

Mr. Brittle distributed copies of the following documents:

The existing Six Year Plan; Funding allocations for the next six years; Mileage of unpaved roads in Washington County; Average construction costs per mile for constructing roadways in the Abingdon District.

Mr. Litton invited comments from the audience concerning the Secondary Road Six Year Plan and/or proposed road improvements for inclusion in the Six Year Plan.

The following speakers addressed the Supervisors:

Wilson District:

Annette Caudill - SR 662 from SR 645 to 804:
Requested: Unpaved portion of road be hard topped.

Madison District:

Clayton Price - Denton Valley, SR 884:
Requested: Finish road pavement project. 8 families live on unpaved road, some with medical conditions. There is road erosion; Highway Department is slow to respond to calls for road repairs. Eight people stood in support of SR 884.

Bob Kilbourne - East end of SR 676 from 672:
Requested: Pavement for 1.2 Miles. Area is growing and has 48 houses. Mr. Kilbourne stated this is the third time he has appeared before the Supervisors requesting the road be placed in the Six Year Plan.

Robert Elkins - South Holston Lake, Off SR 672 (Brown Subdivision). Road has 36 houses. Mr. Brittle advised Mr. Elkins that the subdivision road is funded under designation of rural new addition rather than the Six Year Plan. Mr. Brittle will meet with Mr. Elkins. There were 14 people who stood in support road improvements on SR 672.

Larry Cullop and Garland Denton, Denton Valley to Whittaker Hollow Park, or, SR 835 and 664:
Requested: Road pavement of 1.82 Miles SR 835 and 1.0 Mile SR 664. Road is narrow, has dangerous curves, is unsafe, and there have been several accidents. Mr. Cullop stated the traffic count is more than enough to justify placing it on the Six Year Plan.

Sally Tipton, SR 787 off Route 58:
Requested: Widen and Pave road. Road is narrow and needs to be widened. There are children at the end of the road and currently school bus will not pick them up.

Monroe District:

Robert Lampkins - SR 736 North:
Requested: Widen road. Mr. Lampkins stated SR 736 is 1.5 Miles and the road width is 12'6". There are 23 houses on SR 736. Five houses and three trailers were destroyed by fire due to lack of water. Three fully loaded busses travel the road daily. Tractor trailers travel road. There is a 1-1/4" waterline serving the area now. Mr. Lampkins

stated a need for a 2" waterline to serve 40 families. Three people stood in attendance to support SR 736. Mr. Lampkins referred to a petition containing 150 signatures that was given to Mr. Brittle.

Jefferson:

C. D. Calloway, Route 836:
Requested: Paving. 1.10 Mile long from SR 699 to SR 694 in the Washington Chapel area. 15 families live on this road. School bus travels entire length of the road. Hazardous conditions exist on road to children and families. Seven people in the audience stood in support of Route 836. Presented petition to Ken Brittle.

Horten Kestner, SR 611:
Request: Pave 4.74 Miles of road. Asked Mr. Brittle to explain the reason this project was taken off the Six Year Plan. There are 23 families who live on this road. School bus travels road. Forty-two people in the audience stood in support of Route 611 Project.

Mr. Brewer, also supported the SR 611 paving project.

Jo Vansharpen, owner of Riverside Campground on SR 611.
Request: Widen road 2.10 Mi. up to campground. Mrs. Vansharpen stated if criteria is based upon useage of the road then Route 611 should be widened. In 1990, counted over 5,000 recreational and other vehicles using 611 to enter Campground. Road is narrow and has dangerous curves. Families and school busses travel road.

Mike Wise, Route 687:
Asked if SR 687 is in the Six Year Plan. Mr. Brittle affirmed the project is in the plan and is scheduled for 1992.

James Moran, SR 700 :
Request: Upgrade and pave from SR 775 to 695. Remove upgrade and paving of Route 700 from the Six Year Plan until question on White's Mill have been resolved.

Linda Morgan, Route 611, Possom Hollow to Garrett Creek:
Request: Bring road up to state standards. Road is unsafe, blind curves and is dangerous. Stated she was almost hit head-on by school bus.

Lorraine Minton, 748 Buckanan Lane, Route 748 to Route 91:
Request: Widen road.

Bob Burnett, Rt. 753 to 750:
Request: Widen road. Road is 2 Miles long, it is narrow and unsafe. Willing to give right of way to Highway Department.

Tyler District

Francis White, Route 614 from 625 to 624, 1.05 Mile:
Request: Include in the Six Year Plan for hardtop treatment. Road is heavily travelled, in addition to which there are two school buses, logging trucks, dumpster trucks traveling on this road daily.

Cathy Arnold SR 826, .07 Mile off Rt. 700:
Request: Pave road. Road is dusty/muddy and badly ridged. Fourteen dwellings on road. Twenty-five people in the audience stood in support of project.

Tyler District (Continued)

Randall McCroskey, Route 826:
Request: bring 250-300' of road up to state standards. Include in Six Year Plan. Mr. Eades, spoke in support of including Route 826 project in Six Year Plan.

Taylor District

Don Johnson, Route 722/724:
Request: Pave and widen; keep on Six Year Plan.

Bobby D. Widener, SR 788, one-half mile. Beginning at Columbus McKinnon Plant from SR 719 to 718, 1.03 mile long:
Request: Was on the Six Year Plan and was removed. 15 families presently living on the road; there are 5-6 families more who are building. Road narrow. Noise, loitering.

Joe Bert Rhea, inquired about the process for keeping roads in the Six Year Plan, and offered his assistance in order to keep roads in the Plan. Asked how Rt. 788 was taken out of the plan and encouraged Supervisors to monitor the progress of it.

Melvin Blevins Route 726:
Request: Widen road. One hundred seven names on petition. Road width measures 10', it is narrow and dangerous.

James Short, SR 726/725:
Request: Paving and culvert. One Hundred Fifty to Two Hundred cars travel road daily.

Harrison District

Jane Tyree, SR 681, 21 houses, .03 Mile:
Request: Widen road. School bus driver is unable to turn the bus around on the dead end street, and the road conditions are unsafe for the bus to travel. Four people in the audience stood in support of this road project.

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On motion of Mr. Parris, second by Mr. Mathews, it was resolved to take a brief recess.

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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Mr. Lampkins returned to the podium to address the Supervisors requesting that Route 736 be given top priority because of the conditions he specified in his presentation. (See Above.)

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4. Resolution Concerning Erection and Maintenance of Street Signs

On motion of Mr. Byrd, second by Mr. Mathews, it was resolved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Washington County is undergoing certain changes for the implementation of an Enhanced 911 emergency telephone service; and

WHEREAS, these changes requires road name signs to be erected in all of the unincorporated areas of the county; and

WHEREAS, in the past, the Virginia Department of Transportation has cooperated with counties implementing 911 systems and has negotiated agreements for the installation and maintenance of such signs, and

WHEREAS, Virginia Department of Transportation has recently adopted a new policy that requires each county to install and maintain their own signs, and at the same time has placed strict limitations on the types and sizes of signs that can be used; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Department of Transportation is basically transferring the costs of maintaining the road name signs to the local governments; and

WHEREAS, Washington County is not equipped with the manpower or resources to install and maintain the road signs and will be required to purchase additional equipment (trucks, post hole diggers, etc.) and hire additional personnel to accomplish the installation and maintenance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Washington County, Virginia Board of Supervisors to request the Virginia Department of Transportation reconsider its policy change and in view of its superior expertises and resources continue to install and maintain road name signs.

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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5. Highlands Rescue Squad Debts and Equipment (Cliff Walsh)

Mr. Walsh presented research on suspension and revocation of permit or franchise of a rescue squad. After reviewing his efforts to communicate with Highlands Rescue Squad, Mr. Walsh addressed the issue of recovering property from Highlands Rescue Squad. He proposed the Supervisors resolve certain specific legal questions with regard to recovering property.

Mr. Byrd requested the matter be placed on the agenda for further discussion at the October 14, 1991 meeting.

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6. Recess to Monday, October 7, 1991, 7:00 p.m., John S. Battle High School for purpose of public meeting on E-911 Telephone Service

On motion of Mr. Parris, with no second, it was resolved to recess the meeting to Monday, October 7, 1991, 7:00 p.m., John S. Battle High School for purpose of public meeting on E-911 Telephone Service.

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