V I R G I N I A:

At a recessed meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Tuesday, December 15, 1992, at 7:00 p.m., at the Greenway Haven Party House, Whites Mill Road, Abingdon, Virginia, the following were present:

PRESENT:

Joe W. Derting, Chairman
James T. Osborne, Vice Chairman
James P. Litton
Maurice H. Parris
Jackson Barker, Jr.

Bruce E. Bentley, County Administrator
Sandra M. Hatfield, CPS

ABSENT:

Kenneth G. Mathews
Cecil K. Simcox
Cliff Walsh, County Attorney

Legislators present were:

Senator William Wampler
Senator Jackson Reasor

Delegate Joseph Johnson

Also present was Thomas G. Taylor, legislative liaison, and Joe Bert Rhea, member of the Virginia Department of Transportation Board of Directors.

Legislators invited but unable to attend were:

Delegate Ford Quillen
Delegate G. C. Jennings

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1. Call to Order

The recessed meeting was called to order by Mr. Joe W. Derting, Chairman of the Board.

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2. Invocation - Jackson Barker, Jr.

Mr. Jackson Barker gave the Invocation.

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3. Introduction of Legislators, Supervisors, Other Guests - Joe Derting

Mr. Derting introduced Legislators, Supervisors and guests.

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4. Dinner

Mr. Derting invited all participants to dine prior to conducting the business meeting.

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5. Informal Discussion:

The following agenda topics were introduced for discussion by Messrs. Derting and Bentley with legislators commenting on the status of the issues and speculation of 1993 General Assembly actions:

a. Disparity in educational funding. School funding by localities;

Senators Reasor and Wampler and Delegate Johnson commented on the recent Court ruling against the coalition of school systems who filed suit against the state for the disparity educational funding. They praised the efforts of Washington County for their use of carry over monies to fund education beyond the FY 1991-92 school budget. They expressed their concern that education will be level funded in FY 1993 and that the burden will be placed on localities to provide the funds in their budgets for education. Senator Wampler commented that the coalition still needs to convince legislators from other regions that disparities in funding education do exist in Southwest Virginia.

b. Alternative 2E Routing for Route 58 through Washington County;

Mr. Joe Bert Rhea, of VDOT Transportation Board of Directors, gave an indepth presentation reviewing the complexities and changes made in the routing for Route 58, explaining how the current plan impacts Washington County and additionally, the environment in the Mount Rogers National Recreation Area. Mr. Rhea stated when the Board convenes next, he will propose improving the current two-laned US 58 from Damascus to Volney and also upgrading Route 16 from Troutdale to Volney. He reported flying over the 2E Routing with members of the Transportation Board in recent weeks to give the Board Members a visual understanding of the advantages of 2E Routing. Mr. Rhea commented on combined efforts of Washington County and Tennessee to support 2E Routing, emphatically stressing his every intent to support 2E Routing at the future meetings of the Transportation Board.

c. Dillon Rule Committee Recommendations;

Discussion ensued about the Report from the Dillon Committee being released. Legislators had not received their copies.

d. Status of Grayson bill and its future toward annexation

Senator Wampler stated he does not see anything changing which would allow annexation based on agreement of both parties. Tom Taylor emphasized the increasing importance of Counties, Towns and Cities finding ways to jointly fund services cooperatively and encouraged the Board in that regard stressing that both jurisdictions benefit.

e. Expand uses of E-911 funds collected;

Mr. Derting commented on the recent ruling of Circuit Court to allow use of E-911 funds for certain costs to implement the 911 system and asked the legislators for their help to expand loosen the parameters of E911 legislation to allow more flexibility in utilizing the funds collected.

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f. Tax money spending for prisons. Better off than schools;

Mr. Bentley raised the comparison of the increasing amount tax money being spent on prisons opposed to decreasing funds allocated to Counties to fund education.

Senator Wampler commented on anticipated support for privatized prisons during the 1993 legislative session and the need to consider alternative sentencing.

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g. Funding Formula for Comprehensive Services Act

Mr. Derting reiterated comments made earlier to the legislators by the Youth Services Citizen Board Chairman, emphasizing the importance of having a funding formula that is not based on agencies one year historical data. He illustrated the negative impact of the proposed funding formula on agencies throughout Southwest Virginia who have made concerted efforts to keep down the costs for providing services. He stated the proposed funding formula is based on historical data and would negatively affect the funding for Washington County. Mr. Derting solicited the help of the legislators to change the proposed funding formula.

h. Other There were no other issues discussed.

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6. Adjournment

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, Mr. Derting expressed appreciation to the legislators, Messrs. Taylor and Rhea for attending the meeting and sharing their views on various issues of concern to Washington County.

On motion of Mr. Parris, second by Mr. Osborne, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting.

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

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| Mr. Litton | Aye | Mr. Derting | Aye | | |
| Mr. Osborne | Aye | Mr. Parris | Aye | Mr. Barker | Aye |

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Joe W. Derting, Chairman