V I R G I N I A:

At a recessed meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Wednesday, May 19, 1993, at 7:00 p.m., at Abingdon High School, Thompson Drive, Abingdon, Virginia, the following were present:

PRESENT:

Joe W. Derting, Chairman
James T. Osborne, Vice Chairman
Kenneth G. Mathews
James P. Litton
Maurice H. Parris
Jackson Barker, Jr.
Cecil K. Simcox

Bruce E. Bentley, County Administrator
Cliff Walsh, County Attorney
Mark W. Seamon, Director of Accounting
Sandra M. Hatfield, CPS

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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 and Pledge of Allegiance - Joe W. Derting

Chairman Joe Derting gave the Invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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3. Reading of Public Hearing Rules

Chairman Derting read the rules for conducting the public hearing.

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4. Commencement of Public Hearing on FY 1992-93 County Budget

Mr. Derting opened the public hearing inviting comments on the FY 1992-93 County Budget for Washington County.

The following people addressed the Board of Supervisors requesting the FY 93-94 School Board Budget be fully funded emphasizing the importance of expanding the computer technology program; putting up walls at Rhea Valley, Watauga and Damascus Schools; increasing funds for the music programs; providing adequate instructional supplies; and, decreasing classroom sizes:

Dr. George Stainback, Division Superintendent, W. C. Public Schools, addressed the Supervisors expressing appreciation for the FY 1993-94 funding that was tentatively approved, and explained he understood the County's priorities and their reason for reducing the amount of requested funds for the School Budget.

Other speakers were:

Roger Hearl, Parent, Taxpayer, employee, W. C. Public Schools

Jim Allen, expressing support for the special education program and computer technology program in the school system.

Bill Prestowitz, M. D.
Tim Widener
Linda Cole
Duffy Carmack
Martha Walker
David Winship
Hershel Stevens, Washington County School Board
Liz Phillips

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On motion of Mr. Parris, second by Mr. Osborne, 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. Derting	Aye
Mr. Osborne	Aye	Mr. Parris	Aye	Mr. Barker	Aye
Mr. Simcox	Aye				

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The public hearing continued with the following speakers addressing the Board:

Sharon Steele
Tom Doaton

Edith Hiltebeitel, during her comments, distributed charts showing data from 1971-72 to 1992-93 on Funding of Total Budget by Percentage and Washington County School Budget History.

Lynn Moretz
Fred Gross
Homer Marmolejo
Rev. Victor Mansfield
Wes Atkins
Kathy Baldwin
Jonathan Case

Tamara Grimm, President, Washington County Education Association, requested the Board of Supervisors to restore 3.9% of local funds in the FY 1993-94 School Budget, and join with the Education Association

to jointly pursue state reform of the funding formula. Mrs. Grimm presented the Supervisors with petitions signed by over 500 people concerned about the public education system in Washington County.

Throughout the public comment period, those who spoke in support of funding the School Budget also emphasized the importance of investing in the future and in the community by supporting public education.

John Brown speaking on the School Board FY 1993-94 budget expressed his philosophical opposition to increasing the school budget over what the County has tentatively approved explaining his view that more money will not fix the problem of a decline in the public education system. Mr. Brown distributed literature to support of his position that Christian school academic standards and test score achievements rank higher than standards held by the public school system.

Patrick Mannix spoke in support of funding the FY 1993-94 School Budget and opposition to the Sheriff's Budget, specifically the County continuing to fund the position of Confidential Secretary. Mr. Mannix commented in opposition to the solid waste transfer station site. Mr. Mannix expressed concerns over the County missing deadlines associated with receiving state and federal funding.

Tom Whittaker spoke in support of funding the FY 1993-94 School Budget as requested by the School Board. He offered his reasons for the school budget not being fully funded. He called the Supervisors' attention to waste in government and asked people to call their Supervisor representative requesting the school budget be fully funded.

Jean Garrett, in addressing the Board, requested the Supervisors consider water as a priority item in the FY 1993-94. She stated that she has requested help in the past and none has been given.

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5. Close Public Hearing

There being no further comments, Mr. Derting declared the public hearing closed.

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6. Adjournment

On motion of Mr. Mathews, second by Mr. Parris, it was resolved to recess the meeting to Monday, May 24, 1993, 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of attending the Community Goal Setting Meeting, Virginia Highlands Community College, Room 605.

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

Mr. Mathews	Aye	Mr. Litton	Aye	Mr. Derting	Aye
Mr. Osborne	Aye	Mr. Parris	Aye	Mr. Barker	Aye
Mr. Simcox	Aye				

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Joe W. Derting, Chairman