

TO: The Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: F. Craig Meadows, County Administrator  
L. Carol Edmonds, Assistant County Administrator

DATE: October 22, 2012

**SUBJECT: AGENDA REPORT**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. INVOCATION**

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**IV. PRESENTATION – RECOGNITION OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY  
EMPLOYEES RETIREES**

The Board of Supervisors will present certificates of commendations to Montgomery County retirees.

**V. PUBLIC ADDRESS**

**VI. ADDENDUM**

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

**VIII. INTO WORK SESSION**

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby enters into Work Session for the purpose of discussing the following:

1. Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled ( TAB E )
2. Reserve Funds Update
3. Revenue Sharing Funds for FY 2013-2014 ( TAB F )
4. Legislative Priorities
5. FY 2014 Budget Calendar Discussion ( TAB G )

## IX. OUT OF WORK SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors ends their Work Session to return to Regular Session.

## X. NEW BUSINESS

### A. SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2013

#### **R-FY-13- A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE COUNTY'S LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2013**

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia hereby supports legislation that may be introduced in the 2013 General Assembly session that ends the transfer of state funding shortfalls to localities and the continued shift of services traditionally provided by the state to local government.

The Board further supports legislation that strengthens localities' ability to fund and deliver local services including:

- *Restoration of Previous State Budget Cuts and Ending Future Reductions* in the two areas where the state has served as a partner with local government: public education and public safety.
- *Ending Unfunded Mandates on Local Government* by reducing state mandates in proportion to state revenue reductions. Also, shifting the delivery of state services such as transportation should end. **RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECONDARY ROADS SHOULD NOT BE SHIFTED TO LOCALITIES.**
- *Strengthening the Diversity of Local Revenues by Sharing Income Taxes or Other Revenue Sources in Support of Local Services* by distributing a percentage of individual income tax revenues, providing the authority to levy a local income tax, or allowing other sources to generate revenue locally for locally delivered services.
- *Strengthening the County's Revenue Base by Enacting Equal Taxing Authority* by eliminating the distinction in the taxing authority of Virginia's cities and counties.
- *Recognizing the State's Role in Funding Quality Education* by fully funding the state Standards of Quality (SOQ), basing teacher pay raises on actual positions, not just SOQ.

- *Ensuring 100% of Administrative Funds for the Comprehensive Services Act (CSA)* and increasing state matching share for all CSA costs.
- *Providing State Funding for 100% of the Costs of Optical Scan Voting Machines.*
- *Increasing State Aid to Library System* and ensuring no new cuts in state aid to the library system.
- *Processing and Marketing of Industrial Hemp* Montgomery County supports efforts by all levels of government to allow cultivation, processing and marketing of industrial hemp.
- *Strengthening the County's Revenue Base by Enacting Legislation to Allow Liquor by the Drink at the I-81 Exit 109 and Exit 128 Interchanges* We request support for legislation allowing mixed beverage license and sale at the I-81 Exit 109 and Exit 128 Interchanges.

ISSUE/PURPOSE: Adopt the County's Legislative Priorities for 2013.

**B. SUBJECT: RESOLUTION CONCERNING STATE BUDGET**

**R-FY-13-  
RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE  
ADOPTION OF THE STATE BUDGET IN A  
TIMELY MANNER**

WHEREAS, As a local government division of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors is required to adopt an annual budget; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County receives a significant amount of revenue from the Commonwealth of Virginia in order to fund its annual budget; and

WHEREAS, This revenue is created through the adoption of a state budget bill by the House and Senate of the General Assembly and signed by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, During the 2012 legislative session, the General Assembly was unable to adopt a budget in a timely manner, which caused frustration and uncertainty for local government officials and greatly hindered the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors in fulfilling its statutory duty to develop and adopt its own annual budget; and

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors believes that, while in session, the General Assembly should concentrate on adopting a state budget before considering any other matters of legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County that the Board strongly implores both the House and Senate of the Commonwealth of Virginia to devote their energies and resources primarily to the budget process and not to consider for adoption any legislative bill or resolution, except for emergency matters or rules of procedure, during a Regular or Special Session of the General Assembly until a current state budget bill has been adopted by both legislative bodies and sent to the Governor for his signature.

ISSUE/PURPOSE: Request to our state legislators that the 2013 state budget be adopted in a timely manner.

JUSTIFICATION: During the last session of the General Assembly the state budget was not adopted in a timely manner, which greatly hindered the Board of Supervisors in adopting the county's budget. The Montgomery County School Board has adopted a similar resolution.

C. **SUBJECT: PRIORITIES FOR THE FY 2013-2018 VDOT SIX-YEAR ROAD IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR INTERSTATE AND PRIMARY ROADS**

**R-FY-13-  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY'S PRIORITIES  
FOR THE FY 2013-2018 VDOT SIX-YEAR  
ROAD IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR  
INTERSTATE AND PRIMARY ROADS**

WHEREAS, Representatives of the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia have attended the Commonwealth Transportation Board's Preallocation hearings for a number of years to express grave concerns relative to conditions on Virginia Route 114 in Montgomery and Pulaski Counties, a major transportation artery serving as an east-west connector through the New River Valley which provides a vital link for daily work-related commuting for thousands of citizens, and the only primary highway serving the Radford Army Ammunition Plant; and

WHEREAS, The residents who live along Route 114 and in the surrounding area have presented petitions with 393 signatures to the Board of Supervisors requesting that the safety of this road be enhanced, including turn lanes and widening of the road; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors has also expressed concern relative to conditions on Virginia Route 8 in Montgomery and Floyd Counties; and

WHEREAS, Route 8 is a high traffic road with high population growth along its corridor, and provides the only access to Floyd County from Interstate 81 at Christiansburg; and

WHEREAS, At the Exit 114 interchange on I-81 at Route 8, traffic exiting I-81 both north and southbound backs up significantly on the ramps and often approaches the travel lanes of I-81; and

WHEREAS, The Park and Ride Lot at I-81 Exit 118 has reached its capacity due to the increased use of the SmartWay bus, the Megabus, and ride sharing, generating the need for additional parking; and

WHEREAS, The above routes and parking lot have been identified as critically needed projects in order to improve the capacity, condition and efficiency of our regional transportation system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia (“The Board”) emphasizes its continued desire for completion of the above projects and expresses its sincere appreciation to the Commonwealth Transportation Board for recognizing and considering the Board of Supervisors’ comments to the aforementioned projects.

FURTHER, The Board of Supervisors wishes to thank the Commonwealth Transportation Board for the Route 114 New River bridge replacement project that is under construction, reinstatement of the Virginia Route 8 intersection with Fairview Church Road (SR 669) traffic light and turn lane improvements project, and for the inclusion of the Route 460 Interchange near Southgate Drive that is scheduled for construction in 2013.

FURTHER, The Board requests the upgrade of Virginia Route 114 in Montgomery County; this project was previously in the Six-Year Plan and was removed due to funding and it is requested that this project be returned to the Six-Year Road Improvement Plan.

FURTHER, The Board requests the Commonwealth Transportation Board to consider necessary upgrades to improve the safety on U.S. Route 8 from the southern corporation limits in the town of Christiansburg through Montgomery County to the Floyd County line including, but not limited to, bringing the two lanes up to standard width, straightening the numerous dangerous curves and adding shoulders for disabled vehicles to pull onto.

FURTHER, The Board requests the Commonwealth Transportation Board consider necessary upgrades to improve the safety at the Exit 114 interchange on I-81 at Route 8 for traffic exiting I-81 on both north and south exit ramps.

FURTHER, The Board requests the Commonwealth Transportation Board consider necessary upgrades to improve the Park and Ride Lot at I-81 Exit 118 by utilizing the existing right-of-way to provide for a moderate expansion of the lot to provide additional parking spaces.

ISSUE/PURPOSE: Resolution approving Montgomery County's priorities for the Interstate and Primary Roads in Montgomery County.

JUSTIFICATION: The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) will conduct a public meeting on **Wednesday, November 7, 2012, at 6:00 p.m.** here at the Government Center on their projects and programs to be included in their FY 2013-2018 Six-Year Road Improvement Plan for Interstate and Primary Highways. See TAB H for a copy of the letter from Rob H. Cary, VDoT's District Administrator, along with a copy of the public hearing schedule.

**D. SUBJECT: SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING –  
ORDINANCE AMENDMENT - TAX RELIEF  
FOR THE ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED**

**R-FY-13-  
RESOLUTION SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, DIVISION 5, SECTION 2-107  
OF THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA  
ENTITLED TAX EXEMPTION AND DEFERRALS FOR ELDERLY AND  
HANDICAPPED BY INCREASING THE INCOME LIMITS  
TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF**

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia, that the Board of Supervisors hereby agrees to schedule a Public Hearing for November 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter, in the Board Room, Montgomery County Government Center located at 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia to hear citizen comments on the following proposed ordinance:

**An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Division 5, Section 2-107 of the Code of the County of Montgomery, Virginia Entitled Tax Exemption and Deferrals for Elderly and Handicapped by increasing the income limits to be eligible for relief.**

ISSUE/PURPOSE: Schedule a public hearing.

JUSTIFICATION: To schedule a public hearing on the proposed amendment to Tax Exemption and Deferrals for the Elderly and Disabled. See TAB E for a copy of the proposed ordinance.

**XI. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

1. The Falling Branch-Merrimac 138 kV Transmission Line Update.

**XII. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**XIII. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORT**

1. Supervisor Perkins
2. Supervisor Creed
3. Supervisor Gabriele
4. Supervisor Tuck
5. Supervisor Brown
6. Supervisor Biggs
7. Supervisor Politis

**XIV. OTHER BUSINESS**

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

**Community Meeting  
Blacksburg Library  
Monday, October 29, 2012  
7:00 p.m.**

**Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, November 14, 2012  
6:00 p.m. Closed Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting**

Adjourned Meeting  
Monday, November 26, 2012  
6:00 p.m. Closed Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

Special Meeting  
Legislative Dinner Meeting  
6:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting  
**Monday, December 17, 2012**  
6:00 p.m. Closed Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting