AT AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA HELD ON THE 14th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE BOARD CHAMBERS, MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, 755 ROANOKE STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA:

PRESENT:	William H. Brown	-Chair
	Mary W. Biggs	-Vice Chair
	Gary D. Creed	-Supervisors
	Matthew R. Gabriele	
	M. Todd King	
	Annette S. Perkins (arrived 6:30 p.m.)	
	Christopher A. Tuck	
	F. Craig Meadows	-County Administrator
	L. Carol Edmonds	-Deputy County Administrator
	Martin M. McMahon	-County Attorney
	Angie Hill	-Financial & Management Services Director
	Marc Magruder	-Budget Manager
	Ruth Richey	-Public Information Officer
	Vickie L. Swinney	-Secretary, Board of Supervisors

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

ADDENDUM – ADD TO CLOSED MEETING

On a motion by Christopher A. Tuck, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously, the following addendum was added to Closed Session:

Section 2.2-3711 (3) Discussion or Consideration of the Acquisition of Real Property for Public Purpose, or of the Disposition of Publicly Held Real Property, Where Discussion in an Open Meeting Would Adversely Affect the Bargaining Position or Negotiating Strategy of the Public Body

2. Former Blacksburg Middle School Property
3. Former Blacksburg High School Property

The vote on the forgoing motion was as follows:

AYE	NAY	ABSENT DURING VOTE
Matthew R. Gabriele	None	Annette S. Perkins
Christopher A. Tuck		
Mary W. Biggs		
M. Todd King		
Gary D. Creed		
William H. Brown		

INTO CLOSED MEETING

On a motion by Gary D. Creed, seconded by M. Todd King and carried unanimously,

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

Section 2.2-3711 (3) Discussion or Consideration of the Acquisition of Real Property for Public Purpose, or of the Disposition of Publicly Held Real Property, Where Discussion in an Open Meeting Would Adversely Affect the Bargaining Position or Negotiating Strategy of the Public Body

1. Riner Public Safety Site
2. Former Blacksburg Middle School Property
3. Former Blacksburg High School Property

(7) Consultation with Legal Counsel and Briefings from Staff Members or Consultants Pertaining to Actual or Probable Litigation, Where Such Consultation or Briefing in Open Meeting Would Adversely Affect the Negotiating or Litigating Posture of the Public Body; and Consultation with Legal Counsel Employed or Retained by a Public Body Regarding Specific Legal Matters Requiring Provision of Legal Advice by Such Counsel

1. Mountain Valley Charitable Foundation –Shawsville Middle School Athletic Facilities

(1) Discussion, Consideration or Interviews of Prospective Candidates for Employment, Assignment, Appointment, Promotion, Performance, Demotion, Salaries, Disciplining or Resignation of Specific Officers, Appointees or Employees of Any Public Body

1. MBC Development Corporation
2. Personnel

The vote on the forgoing motion was as follows:

AYE	NAY	ABSENT DURING VOTE
Gary D. Creed	None	Annette S. Perkins
M. Todd King		
Mary W. Biggs		
Christopher A. Tuck		
Matthew R. Gabriele		
William H. Brown		

Supervisor Perkins arrived at 6:30 p.m.

OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by Christopher A. Tuck and carried unanimously,

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

The vote on the forgoing motion was as follows:

AYE	NAY
Annette S. Perkins	None
M. Todd King	
Mary W. Biggs	
Christopher A. Tuck	
Matthew R. Gabriele	
Gary D. Creed	
William H. Brown	

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by M. Todd King and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County has convened a Closed Meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board that such Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion conveying the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.

VOTE

AYES
M. Todd King
Mary W. Biggs
Christopher A. Tuck
Matthew R. Gabriele
Gary D. Creed
Annette S. Perkins (for time present)
William H. Brown

NAYS
None

ABSENT DURING VOTE
None

ABSENT DURING MEETING
None

INVOCATION

A moment of silence was led by the Chair.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENTATIONS

Finance Department – Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting
The Board of Supervisors presented Angie Hill, Financial Management & Services Director with a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for the County's comprehensive annual financial report.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. This is Montgomery County's 27th Award.

Virginia Department of Transportation
David Clarke, VDOT, provided an update on road projects/issues in Montgomery County as follows:

- Brush Creek Road FY 2014 Revenue Sharing project is complete.
- Yellow Sulphur Road Project- .2 mile section will be paved from the bridge to the Jennell Road intersection and is scheduled to begin in the Fall 2015.
- Sydney Church Road Project is in the design stage.
- Piney Woods Road Project is under construction. The project includes two miles of paving @$2.5 million and is scheduled for completion in August 2016.
- The Ironto-Ellistion connector –North Fork Road (SR 603) remains on schedule.
- Regular on-going maintenance.

Supervisor Tuck expressed his appreciation to VDOT for scraping and smoothing out Old Sourwood Road.

PUBLIC HEARING

Boundary Line Adjustment Agreement – Town of Christiansburg
County's intent to approve a proposed Boundary Line Adjustment Agreement between the County of Montgomery and the Town of Christiansburg and will thereafter consider for passage a resolution approving the Agreement.

The Agreement is authorized by Section 15.2-3106 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, and provides that the boundary line between the Town of Christiansburg and the unincorporated area of the County of Montgomery will be changed by moving 12.117 acres from the incorporated Town of Christiansburg boundary into the unincorporated area of the County of Montgomery. The proposed boundary adjustment area is located on the northeast boundary of the Town of Christiansburg and the unincorporated area of the County of Montgomery adjacent to Cinnabar Road and the U.S. Route 460 By-Pass, shown more particularly on the Agreement entitled "Boundary Adjustment Survey for Montgomery County, Situated in Town of Christiansburg, Virginia", dated 19 Aug 2015.

The County Attorney summarized the proposed boundary line adjustment with the Town of Christiansburg. The agreement moves 12.117 acres from the Town limits into the County incorporated area in order to have the entire parcel in the County for the new Animal Care and Adoption Center. The 12.117 acres includes small strips of land along the US 460 Bypass in order to clean up the boundary line. Christiansburg Town Council will hold their public hearing next week.

The County Administrator clarified that no land is being exchanged between the County and the Town. All the property in the boundary adjustment is owned by the County. A portion of the property just happened to be in the Town's corporate limits and the County is requesting that it be moved to the unincorporated area.

There being no speakers, the public hearing was closed.

PUBLIC ADDRESS

Tay Taylor addressed the Board in opposition to the proposed proration of personal property taxes in Montgomery County. Mr. Taylor believes the majority of the citizens who live in Montgomery County are not aware that the County is considering proration of personal property taxes. Mr. Taylor asked that any further discussion be deferred until a letter is sent to all County citizens informing them of the County's proposal to prorate personal property tax. Mr. Taylor also expressed concern that the temporary position created to run a trial proration for six months needs to have math and statistical background experience, which he believes the part-time employee does not have. Mr. Taylor believes that the proposed proration is a tax increase for businesses and citizens of the county.

There being no further speakers, the public address session was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Matthew R. Gabriele, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously, the Consent Agenda dated September 14, 2015 was approved. The vote was as follows:

AYE	NAY
Mary W. Biggs	None
Christopher A. Tuck	
Matthew R. Gabriele	
Gary D. Creed	
Annette S. Perkins	
M. Todd King	
William H. Brown	

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Matthew R. Gabriele, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously, the minutes dated May 26, 2015 were approved.

Appropriations and Transfers

A-FY-16-30
ANIMAL CARE AND ADOPTION CENTER
APPROPRIATION OF DONATION FUNDS

On a motion by Matthew R. Gabriele, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the General Fund was granted an appropriation in addition to the annual appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 for the function and in the amount as follows:

340	Animal Care and Adoption Center	$50,000

The source of the funds for the foregoing appropriation is as follows:

Revenue Account	
416158 Donations	$50,000

Said resolution appropriates donations received in support of the new animal shelter to cover the cost of part-time staff and expenses.

A-FY-16-31
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REIMBURSEMENT

On a motion by Matthew R. Gabriele, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the General Fund was granted an appropriation in addition to the annual appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, for the function and in the amount as follows:

570120	Transfer to County Capital Projects	$2,967

The source of funds for the foregoing appropriation is as follows:

451500	Undesignated Fund Balance	$2,967

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The County Capital Projects fund was granted an appropriation in addition to the annual appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 for the function and in the amount as follows:

810	Economic Development Capital Projects	$2,967

The source of funds for the foregoing appropriation is as follows:

451020	Transfer from General Fund	$2,967

Said resolution appropriates General Fund Balance to County Capital projects to cover the costs of reimbursing the Economic Development Authority (EDA) for expenses associated with surplus properties.

A-FY-16-32
MONTGOMERY-FLOYD REGIONAL LIBRARY
CARRYOVER FY 15 GRANT BALANCE AND
FY 16 GRANT FUNDS

On a motion by Matthew R. Gabriele, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the General Fund was granted an appropriation in addition to the annual appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, for the function and in the amount as follows:

711	Regional Library	$32,352

The source of the funds for the foregoing appropriation is as follows

Revenue Account		
451500	Fund Balance	$30,602
424401	State Grants	$ 1,750
	Total	$32,352

Said resolution appropriates state grant funds remaining at year end FY 2015 and additional state grant funds received in FY 2016.

A-FY-16-33
PUBLIC HEATH DEPARTMENT
TRANSFER FROM GENERAL AND
SPECIAL CONTINGENCES

On a motion by Matthew R. Gabriele, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that a transfer of appropriation is hereby authorized, as follows:

FROM:

950	General Contingencies	($22,809)
960	Special Contingencies	($51,771)
	Total	($74,580)

TO:

530	Public Health Department	$74,580

Said resolution transfers funds from Contingencies to the Public Health Department for the County's match requirement.

Appointments

R-FY-16-12
NEW RIVER VALLEY AGENCY ON AGING
REAPPOINT DEENA A. FLINCHUM

On a motion by Matthew R. Gabriele, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby re-appoints **Deena A. Flinchum** to the **New River Valley Agency on Aging** effective October 1, 2015 and expiring September 30, 2016.

INTO WORK SESSION

On a motion by Matthew R. Gabriele, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

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

1. Commissioner of the Revenue - Proration of Personal Property Tax
2. EDA Refunding Opportunity
3. County Financial Polices
4. County Refunding Opportunity
5. Veterans' Monument Park – Town of Christiansburg

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

AYE	NAY
Christopher A. Tuck	None
Matthew R. Gabriele	
Gary D. Creed	
Annette S. Perkins	
M. Todd King	
Mary W. Biggs	
William H. Brown	

Commissioner of the Revenue - Proration of Personal Property Tax

Helen Royal, Commissioner of the Revenue, provided information about the process of proration of personal property tax. Ms. Royal stated that a citizen will not get personal property tax bill as soon as they purchase a new vehicle or sell a vehicle. The personal property tax bills will be processed in September just like they currently are. The bill will show any changes in the tax year. For example, if a new car is purchased in February the bill would be prorated where the citizen will pay personal property taxes on 11 months instead of a full year. If a car was sold the taxpayer would only pay taxes for the amount of time the vehicle was owned. For example, if the car was traded/sold in February, then the taxpayer would only pay taxes for one month. Supplemental bills will be printed after September for any transactions that occur after the first printing of personal property tax bills. Ms. Royal also stated that the temporary position approved to conduct a trial proration does not need to have a statistical background.

Ms. Royal submitted a chart showing the difference for personal property tax values and levies for non-proration versus test proration as follows:

	Moved In	Taxable	Non-Taxable	Value	Tax	Moved Out
January	1,232	988	244	11,239,845	260,981.43	874
February	1,197	958	239	9,676,374	205,122.30	625
March	1,521	1,217	304	14,860,285	286,776.82	980
April	1,402	1,084	318	12,670,441	219,885.07	969
May	1,469	1,180	289	14,062,176	216,645.47	1014
June	1,473	1,171	302	13,938,034	187,950.23	1011
July	1,333	1,111	222	13,398,659	154,004.71	952
August	338	285	53	2,008,264	21,087.44	351
TOTALS	9,965	7,994	1,971	91,854,078	1,552,453.47	6776

2015 Model Vehicles Added	1,809	2016 Model Vehicles Added	77

PP BOOK TOTALS

2015 Live Non-Proration	
Assessed Value	509,679,032
MVL Fee	745,373.00
Tax	12,996,892.37

2015 Test Proration	
Assessed Yearly Value	623,858,296
MVL Fee	779,307.00
Prorated Tax	14,357,117.48

Difference	
Added Value	114,179,264
Added MVL Fee's	33,934
Added Tax	1,360,225.11

Value in proration is full value. The tax is prorated.

Totals are based on 33 weeks of DMV Imports		**Estimated** Additions for remaining 19 weeks	
Average Weekly Moved In	302	Estimated Moved In	5,737
Average Weekly Added Value	2,783,457	Estimated Added Value	52,885,681
Average Weekly Added Tax	47,044	Estimated Added Tax	893,836

Total tax divided by 33 weeks = average weekly added tax.
Average weekly added tax multiplied by 19 weeks = estimated added tax.

Estimated PP BOOK TOTALS

2015 Live Non-Proration	
Assessed Value	509,679,032
Tax	12,996,892.37

Estimated 2015 Test Proration	
Assessed Yearly Value	676,743,977
Prorated Tax	15,250,953.48

Estimated Difference	
Added Value	167,064,945
Added Tax	2,254,061.11

The Board asked Ms. Royal the number of additional employee she would need in the Commissioner of Revenue's office if proration of personal property tax was implemented. The Treasurer has indicated he would need more than one additional employee.

The Commissioner responded that she would only need the one additional employee; however, she cannot speak for the Treasurer on the number of additional employees.

The Board thanked Ms. Royal for her update on her testing on proration of personal property taxes.

EDA Refunding Opportunity

Courtney Rogers, Montgomery County's Financial Advisor with Davenport & Company, provided information in regards to the County's opportunity to refinance the Economic Development Authority's 2011 Revenue Bond and 2015 Note. Davenport & Company issued a Request for Proposal to local, regional and national lending institutions for the purchase of the EDA Bond up to $9,750,000. Union Bank and Trust submitted a proposal with two options: Option 1, 2.57% (5 Year Rate/20 Year Amortization), Option 2, 3.5% (10 Year Rate/20 Year Amortization).

Mr. Rogers stated that Davenport & Company recommends the County accept the 2.57% rate fixed for 5 years to refund the County's Series 2011 Bond and Series 2015 Note. This recommendation is based on the following:

- Union's proposal of 2.57% is lower than the existing rates of 3.40% and 3.04%

- The EDA is able to reduce debt service payments, in the first five years, by approximately $3,900 monthly, or $46,200 annually. The debt service total savings is $1,088,067.
- Union's proposal maintains prepayment flexibility of the outstanding Bond and Note.

The County Administrator recommended moving forward to accept the proposal from Union Bank and Trust.

County Financial Polices

As the County's Financial Advisory, Davenport & Company, periodically reviews the County's adopted Financial Policy Guidelines. Due to the changing credit markets, Davenport has advised to make a few revisions to the Financial Policy Guidelines as follows:

- Existing Fund Balance Policy:
  "The General Fund reserve target is eight to ten percent of general fund plus school operating fund revenues. For the purpose of determining if the target has been met, the unassigned fund balance of the general fund is compared to the general fund plus school operating fund revenues, excluding the general fund transfer to the school operating fund."

  Davenport Recommendation:
  - Davenport recommends the County consider making the upper target of 12% the floor rate and removing the current floor rate of 8% from the Policy.
  - Additionally, add language stating that fund balance should only be used for one-time uses and a description on how unassigned fund balance would be replenished if the amount drops below the guideline.
  - Add clarifying language to the policy by replacing "General Fund reserve target" with "General Fund unassigned fund balance".

- Existing Debt Service Policy:
  The ratio of debt service expenditures as a percent of governmental fund expenditures should target 10% but not exceed 12%.

  Davenport Recommendation:
  - Add additional clarifying language defining governmental fund expenditures (i.e. general fund plus school operating fund less the general fund transfer to the school operating fund) and to the policy in general (replace "target" with "strive to be below").

- Existing Debt vs. Assessed Value Policy:
  Net Debt as a percentage of estimated market value of taxable property should target 3% but not exceed 4%.

  Davenport Recommendation:
  - Add clarifying language to the policy in general (replace "target" with "strive to be below").

- Example Payout Ratio Policy:
  Annually, the County will review the 10 year tax supported debt and lease payout ratio and intends to maintain the ratio at 60% over a five year period, with the ratio being no less than 55% in any one year during the period.

  Davenport Recommendation:
  - Davenport recommends the County consider adopting a 10-year payout ratio policy.

- Existing Policy on Cash Spent on Capital Projects:
  On all general fund supported debt financed projects, the County will attempt to make a down payment of at least 5.00% of total project costs in the aggregate from current resources."

  Davenport Recommendation:
  - Davenport recommends a potential amendment/addition to this policy. An example of this language is "The long term goal is to designate a portion of the annual General Fund cash for one time capital projects."

- Existing Debt Per Capita Policy:
  Net debt per capita should remain under $2,000. Net debt is defined as any and all debt that is tax supported.

  Davenport Recommendation:
  - Davenport believes the County should consider eliminating this policy.

- Existing Debt vs. Income Policy:
  The ratio of net debt per capita as a percentage of personal income should target 7.5% but not exceed 10%.

  Davenport Recommendation:
  - Davenport believes the County should consider eliminating this policy.

The County Administrator stated that staff will formalize these recommendations and will bring them back to the Board for consideration at their next meeting.

County Refunding Opportunity

Courtney Rogers, Davenport & Company, reported the County has a refunding opportunity to refinance the County's 2008 Bonds with a potential savings of $2.78 million due to lowered interest rates. If the Board of Supervisors desires to move forward with the refunding of the 2008 Bonds a resolution to take official action approving the refunding will be before the Board at a meeting in the near future. The closing of the refunding can be as soon as November 2015.

RECESS
The Board took a 5 minute recess at 8:45 and reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

Veterans' Monument Park – Town of Christiansburg

The County Administrator reported the Town of Christiansburg desires to name a section of the town square, where the memorials are located, as the "Veterans Monument Park" to honor those who have died in service. Signage would be as follows:

VETERAN'S MONUMENT PARK
"FOR THOSE WHO SERVE, HAVE SERVED AND THOSE WHO HAVE MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE TO KEEP OUR CITIZENS FREE"

Dedicated by the Town of Christiansburg and Montgomery County
November 11, 2015

The Town is seeking the Board of Supervisors permission as the property is owned by the County.

By consensus, the Board agreed to the placement of the sign. The Board directed the County Administrator to contact the Town of Christiansburg Mayor or Town Manager about cost sharing and who actually owns the property located in the town square.

OUT OF WORK SESSION

On a motion by M. Todd King, seconded by Matthew R. Gabriele and carried unanimously,

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

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

AYE	NAY
Matthew R. Gabriele	None
Gary D. Creed	
Annette S. Perkins	
M. Todd King	
Mary W. Biggs	
Christopher A. Tuck	
William H. Brown	

NEW BUSINESS

R-FY-16-13
PRICES FORK FOOD INITIATIVE PLANNING GRANT
AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN THE PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT

On a motion by Matthew R. Gabriele, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, Montgomery County has been awarded a $30,000 CDBG Planning Grant through the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to be used to evaluate and plan the former Prices Fork Elementary School for use as a food hub, commercial kitchen, restaurant and other food-based business use; and

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Virginia requires the County and DHCD to enter into a Planning Grant Agreement in order to accept the CDBG Planning Grant funds; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia hereby desires to enter into the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development Planning Grant Agreement in order to accept CDBG grant on behalf of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors hereby approves the DHCD Planning Grant Agreement by and between the County and the DHCD; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes F. Craig Meadows, Montgomery County Administrator, to execute the DHCD Planning Grant Agreement on behalf of the County of Montgomery.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

AYE	NAY
Gary D. Creed	None
M. Todd King	
Annette S. Perkins	
Mary W. Biggs	
Christopher A. Tuck	
Matthew R. Gabriele	
William H. Brown	

R-FY-16-14
PROCLAIM OCTOBER 2015 AS
CRIME PREVENTION MONTH

On a motion by Annette S. Perkins, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, The vitality of our county depends on how safe we keep our homes, neighborhoods, schools, workplaces, and communities; and

WHEREAS, Crime and fear of crime destroy our trust in others and in civic institutions, threatening the community's health, prosperity, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, People of all ages must be made aware of what they can do to prevent themselves and their families, neighbors, and coworkers from being harmed by crime; and

WHEREAS, People of all ages must be made aware of the dangers of crime and how they can protect themselves from becoming victims; and

WHEREAS, The personal injury, financial loss, and community deterioration resulting from crime are intolerable and require investment from the whole community; and

WHEREAS, Crime prevention initiatives must include self-protection and security, but they must go beyond these to promote collaborative efforts to make neighborhoods safer for all ages and to develop positive opportunities for young people; and

WHEREAS, Adults must invest time, resources, and policy support in effective prevention and intervention strategies for youth, and adults must make sure to engage teens in programs to drive crime from their communities; and

WHEREAS, Effective crime prevention programs succeed because of partnerships with law enforcement, other government agencies, civic groups, schools, faith communities, businesses, and individuals as they help nurture communal responsibility and instill pride.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery hereby proclaims ***October 2015*** as ***Crime Prevention Month*** in Montgomery County, Virginia and urge all citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, and businesses to invest in the power of prevention and work together to make Montgomery County, Virginia a safer, stronger, and more caring community.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

AYE	NAY
M. Todd King	None
Mary W. Biggs	
Annette S. Perkins	
Christopher A. Tuck	
Matthew R. Gabriele	
Gary D. Creed	
William H. Brown	

R-FY-16-15
PROCLAIM OCTOBER 23-31 AS
RED RIBBON WEEK

On a motion by Christopher A. Tuck, seconded by Matthew R. Gabriele and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, Communities across America have been plagued by the numerous problems associated with illicit drug use and those that traffic in them; and

WHEREAS, There is hope in winning the war on drugs, and that hope lies in education and drug demand reduction, coupled with the hard work and determination of organizations such as the Young Marines of the Marine Corps League to foster a healthy drug-free lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, Governments and community leaders know that citizen support is one of the most effective tools in the effort to reduce the use of illicit drugs in our communities; and

WHEREAS, The red ribbon has been chosen as a symbol commemorating the work of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Administration agent who was murdered in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, The Red Ribbon Campaign was established by Congress in 1988 to encourage a drug-free lifestyle and involvement in drug prevention and reduction efforts; and

WHEREAS, October 23-31 has been designated National Red Ribbon Week, which encourages Americans to wear a red ribbon to show their support for a drug-free environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims October 23-31 as ***RED RIBBON WEEK*** in Montgomery County, and urges all citizens to join in this special observance.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

AYE	NAY
Annette S. Perkins	None
Christopher A. Tuck	
Matthew R. Gabriele	
Gary D. Creed	
Annette S. Perkins	
M. Todd King	
Mary W. Biggs	
William H. Brown	

R-FY-16-16
PROCLAMATION
HELP SAVE THE NEXT GIRL

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by M. Todd King and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, Help Save the Next Girl is a non-profit organization founded by Dan and Gil Harrington, in honor of their 20-year-old daughter, Morgan Dana Harrington, who was abducted and murdered in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Help Save the Next Girl promotes personal safety, provides support and resources during missing-person scenarios, and works to prevent crimes against women; and

WHEREAS, Help Save the Next Girl has grown to have a nationwide impact with chapters located on college and high school campuses, including Christiansburg High School and Virginia Tech; and

WHEREAS, The organization has partnered with other groups who focus on safety and violence prevention, including Take Back the Night, which bring awareness to women's issues; and

WHEREAS, Help Save the Next Girl has extended its reach with appropriate messages for all ages regarding the importance of personal safety by partnering with the Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline; and

WHEREAS, Through these efforts and its vast corresponding social media network, Help Save the Next Girl is an important asset to the Montgomery County community and beyond by helping to promote safety for young women and working to keep every young woman out of harm's way.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims October as ***Help Save the Next Girl*** month and designates October 17th as ***Help Save the Next Girl Day*** to bring awareness to this organization and their commitment to our community.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

AYE	NAY
Christopher A. Tuck	None
Matthew R. Gabriele	
Gary D. Creed	
M. Todd King	
Mary W. Biggs	
Annette S. Perkins	
William H. Brown	

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The County Attorney reported that several Board members requested he investigate the need for an ordinance to control overgrown grass/weeds and trash on property within the unincorporated areas of the County. A draft ordinance was distributed and a public hearing is scheduled for September 28, 2015. This is in response to the numerous foreclosed properties in the County that are being left in disrepair.

The County Attorney provided an overview of the draft ordinance which states it is illegal to accumulate trash and weeds in excess of twelve (12) inches on any parcel in areas zoned residential, business, commercial or industrial or in areas within the boundaries of platted subdivisions. Any owner or occupant who violates this ordinance shall be subject to a civil penalty of $50.00 for the first violation. If the owner or occupant fails to clean up the property in the time specified, the County Administrator or designee may direct the County personnel or private contractor to do the work. The cost of cleanup plus administrative fee will constitute a lien against the parcel.

The enforcement of this ordinance will be dealt with on a complaint basis as the County does not have the staff to patrol the entire County.

Several Board members asked why twelve inches was chosen. The County Attorney responded that this is in alignment with neighboring localities ordinances.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The County Administrator reported on the following:

Parks and Recreation Master Plan Survey – The New River Valley Regional Commission continues to assist Montgomery County with its Parks and Recreation (MCPR) Master Plan. A community survey will be administered throughout the county and online. The survey is available through September 30, 2015 on the County website or through this link: **http://bit.ly/mcpr2015**

The plan identifies a unified mission of the Montgomery County Parks and Recreation Department, its recreation assets, and what it needs to do over the next 20 years in response to the County's growing population.

Reception for the outgoing School Superintendent Brenda Blackburn will be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

The County Administrator will be attending a two day conference at Virginia Tech on Agriculture and Planning on September 21 & 22, 2015.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS

Supervisor Tuck reported the Planning Commission continues to review a proposed ordinance for the keeping of residential bees.

Supervisor Biggs attended the Greater Montgomery Liaison Group meeting. They discussed several items of interest including the following:

- Installation of Charging Stations for electronic devices at several restaurants/bars in Blacksburg. This is part of the "Help Save the Next Girl" campaign
- A free concert will be held on VT campus as part of Brad Paisley's 2015 "Country Nation College Tour". The tour kicks off on September 6, 2015 at Virginia Tech.

Supervisor Perkins attended the Virginia Tech Montgomery Regional Airport Authority meeting. Several capital projects are ongoing or have been completed, such as the expansion of the runway by 1,000 feet and construction of a new hanger. Supervisor Perkins reported that during the Virginia Tech and Ohio State football game, the Airport had approximately 90-100 planes to land and 362 cars parked at the Airport.

Supervisor Brown reported the new Virginia Tech dairy farm is up and running. He stated that a portion of the milk produced at the dairy farm stays at Virginia Tech while the remainder goes to Fredericksburg.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned to Monday, September 28, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

APPROVED_____ATTEST:_____

William H. Brown	F. Craig Meadows
Chair	County Administrator