

AT AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA HELD ON THE 27th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE BOARD CHAMBERS, MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, 755 ROANOKE STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA:

PRESENT:	James D. Politis	-Chair
	William H. Brown	-Vice Chair
	Mary W. Biggs	-Supervisors
	Gary D. Creed	
	Matthew R. Gabriele	
	Annette S. Perkins	
	Christopher A. Tuck	
	F. Craig Meadows	-County Administrator
	L. Carol Edmonds	-Assistant County Administrator
	Martin M. McMahon	-County Attorney
	Angie Hill	-Financial & Management Services Director
	Dari Jenkins	-Zoning Administrator
	Vickie L. Swinney	-Secretary, Board of Supervisors

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

A moment of silence was led by the Chair.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

DELEGATIONS

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011

John Aldridge with Brown Edwards & Company, L.L.P., presented the County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for FY ended June 30, 2011. Mr. Aldridge provided a summary of the audit findings and commended the County for meeting the standards each year.

Bicycle Friendly Community

David Harrison, Chair of the City of Roanoke Bicycle Advisory Committee, as well as a member of the Roanoke-Alleghany Regional Commission's Bicycle Advisory Committee, provided opening remarks on a Bicycle Friendly Community program. Mr. Harrison reported that the City of Roanoke began work on becoming designated as a Bicycle Friendly Community about three years ago and formed a Bicycle Advisory Committee comprised of citizens and representatives from several City government departments. The City of Roanoke received a Bronze level designation in 2010. Mr. Harrison introduced Bill Nesper with the League of American Bicyclists to make a presentation and answer questions about the League's Bicycle Friendly Community recognition program.

Bill Nesper explained a Bicycle Friendly Community welcomes cyclists by providing well engineered bicycle facilities, creating new places to ride, educating motorists and cyclists on the rules of the road, and encouraging people to bike for transportation and recreation. It inspires communities to improve conditions and opportunities for bicycling. Communities that are committed to creating a bicycle friendly environment have a high quality of life that translates into sustainable development, tourism, business growth and even increased property values. Encouraging bicycling is an effective way to increase physical activity, improve air quality, reduce traffic congestion and foreign oil dependence.

Mr. Nesper encouraged Montgomery County to submit an application to become a Bicycle Friendly Community or pursue a joint endeavor with the towns or the New River Valley Planning District Commission for a regional bicycle friendly community. The County is already taking steps to provide walking/bicycle trails throughout all their communities as outlined in the County's Comprehensive Plan/Village Plans.

The Board of Supervisors thanked Mr. Harrison and Mr. Nesper for the information. The Board agreed that the Bicycle Friendly Community program is worth looking into. The Board requested this information be provided to the Planning Director.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Special Use Permit – Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Virginia Hunters Lodge - Request by Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Virginia Hunters Lodge (Agent: Altizer, Hodges, & Varney, Inc.) for a Special Use Permit on 0.997 acres in an Agriculture (A-1) zoning district for the operation of a civic club. The property is located at 3730 Prices Fork Road and is identified as Tax Parcel No. 52-A-15 (Acct # 000558) in the Prices Fork Magisterial District.

Dari Jenkins, Zoning Administrator, summarized the request. The Ancient Free & Accepted Masons purchased this property on October 26, 2007 for the purpose of constructing a building to hold their meeting and activities. They are now ready to begin the construction of the new facility for their lodge. A special use permit is needed in order to allow the operation of a civic club. The structure will be a 2,900 sq. ft., single-story brick facility and will be built to be compatible with the surrounding residential structures.

Ms. Jenkins stated all adjoining property owners were notified and the Planning Commission received one request from the owners of Sterling Manor Subdivision. The owners of Sterling Manor Subdivision requested the applicants provide landscaping around the proposed building to create a more residential appearance since there is a possibility of two homes being built on neighboring lots with a clear view of the building. It was also requested that the existing mature evergreens not be considered part of the required screening since the area may be cleaned up to remove noxious vegetation. The Planning Commission took this under consideration and added that landscaping shall be provided around the proposed building to provide a residential appearance to the list of proffers.

At their February 8, 2012 meeting, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the request.

Henry Pittard, speaking on behalf of the Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, stated the new lodge to be constructed is designed to blend in with the residential housing. They have revised their plan to include the landscaping around the property. He also assured anyone that may have concerns with a lodge/civic club in the neighborhood that they are a fraternal lodge that holds meetings twice a month. They do not hold dances or serve any alcohol on the premises.

Stan Burke stated he has no objections to the request but urged the Board to take this opportunity to request VDOT to lower the speed limit and create a no passing zone along the section of Prices Fork Road where the Free Masons is proposing to build their new facility for a civic club. He cited safety concerns along this stretch of road.

Brian Altizer, agent for the applicant, reviewed the site plan and design for the proposed structure. Mr. Altizer stated they reviewed several designs and the structure will look residential. He also stated that landscaping has been included in the final plan as recommended by the Planning Commission.

There being no further speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Ordinance Amendment - Zoning, Chapter 10, Floodplain - An ordinance amending Chapter 10 Entitled Zoning, Section 10-37, Article II Section 2.1(a) of the Code of the County of Montgomery, Virginia by amending the language referencing the maps dated September 29, 2009, to include "and any subsequent revisions or amendments thereto"

Dari Jenkins, Zoning Administrator, summarized the proposed amendment. Ms. Jenkins stated the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), after reviewing the County's floodplain ordinance, required a minor change to include "and any subsequent revisions or amendments thereto" to Section 2.1(a). They believe the proposed change will make the regulations more enforceable if challenged in a court of law.

At their February 8, 2012 meeting, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the request.

There being no speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan – Incorporate the Lafayette Route 11/460 Corridor Plan - Montgomery County requests an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan to incorporate the Lafayette Route 11/460 Corridor Plan dated November 2011 into the existing Elliston & Lafayette Village Plan.

The County Administrator reported there was no formal presentation for the public hearing.

Supervisor Creed asked that the map on Page 8 & 30 of the Plan which illustrates the alignment of Cove Hollow Road be amended to show more detail on where the road will go.

There being no speakers, the public hearing was closed.

PUBLIC ADDRESS

Bill Murray spoke in opposition to an increase to the County's real estate tax rate. Mr. Murray expressed concerns with the Montgomery County School Board spending and believes their spending needs to be brought under control. He believes an independent audit of the School Board should be performed. Mr. Murray stated he cannot afford the increase in rent that will be passed on to renters by the landlord if the real estate tax rate is increased by 12 cents.

Jerry Ford supports Montgomery County pursuing the idea to apply to become a Bicycle Friendly Community. Mr. Ford stated the County's Village Plans in the Comprehensive Plan outline the need for walking/bicycle trails. Mr. Ford also expressed concerns with the continuation of receiving less federal and state funding. He stated that the County's real estate tax rate has remained lower than it should have and that the Board did not set aside money for a rainy day to help support needed increases to meet the obligations of the county.

Harlem Miller expressed concerns with the Commonwealth of Virginia continuing to cut funding to the localities and localities having to cover the difference. Mr. Miller explained that he is on a fixed income and that some citizens are willing to support some type of tax increase for the schools.

Jack Selcovitz spoke in opposition to a tax increase. He provided a history lesson on the Boston Tea Party, a protest when the British tried to impose a tax on tea. He stated the Board of Supervisors hasn't learned life's lessons very well by proposing to increase the real estate tax rate by an historical amount. Mr. Selcovitz also expressed concerns that the Board decided on its own to increase the county's debt without first seeking a voter referendum. He noted that taxpayers are irate over the way the county is being mismanaged.

Catherine Kincaid spoke in opposition to a tax increase. Ms. Kincaid believes the County needs to cut unnecessary spending and let the School Board know there is no more money. She is concerned that the Board continues to give money to the School Board without questions, which is totally unacceptable. She suggested the County create a citizens committee to review the budget to see what works and what doesn't.

Sharon Brockman stated she continues to oppose a tax increase. She pointed out that appears before the Board every year to oppose a tax increase, and every year the Board raises taxes. She stated the cost of living continues to increase and citizens cannot continue to pay higher taxes; the Board of Supervisors and School Board needs to start cutting their budgets.

Roger Averhart stated that accountability and trust for the School Board has come to be questionable. He questioned why the School Board used \$1.2 million requested for new school buses and technology upgrades was used elsewhere. He's perplexed that the old Blacksburg Middle School was not maintained and allowed to deteriorate. He believes someone should be held accountable for maintenance not being performed on school buildings. Mr. Averhart urged the Board to vote no on increasing taxes for schools.

Joseph Dowdy expressed concerns on how a tax increase will impact property owners and small businesses. Mr. Dowdy questioned the need for constructing elaborate schools. He suggested the Board operate the county like a business and develop a business plan. The Board cannot continue to raise taxes and keep increasing spending.

Tom Piccariello stated he disagrees with the tax opponents and anti-tax movement. Mr. Piccariello stated the Board of Supervisors has decreased their spending and cuts would mean eliminating services to the citizens. He believes it is important to establish quality education in the county and we need to properly fund education.

Eddie Gallimore, owner of McNeil Realty, stated that the real estate business has been hit hard by the downturn in economy. He had to revise his business budget by reducing spending in order to balance his budget with what revenue was coming in. If the county raises real estate taxes, he will have to revise his budget again to account for the increase in property taxes. Mr. Gallimore also believes that the hundreds of homes on the market will not be sold and become rental properties which will reduce their value and change the salability of homes.

Beth Lavin spoke in support of a tax increase. Ms. Lavine stated the county faced several events that lead to having to borrow money and trusts the Board of Supervisor to make the right decisions. The public school system needs to be funded

Karen Conner stated she is in her third year as a substitute teacher and believes education is very important. Teachers work hard in Montgomery County and they don't go into the profession of teaching for money. Ms. Conner asked that the proposal to change the teacher's benefit plan in the School Board budget be removed.

Diane Richardson understands the frustration at the local level due to the federal and state government always cutting funding. Ms. Richardson stated she has lived in other states that were not run nearly as well as Virginia. They had to pay four times as much in local taxes/sales tax and had to pay a separate school tax. She reminded everyone how important it is to respect each other and remain civil during the county budget deliberations. Ms. Richardson stated Montgomery County is a wonderful place to live, with quality education and wonderful teachers.

Debra Olsen stated she supports a real estate tax increase but not to the magnitude as proposed. Ms. Olsen believes that the capital and operating budgets should be separate. She stated that the Board needs to look into other revenue sources and to look at all possible cuts.

Vickie Linkous expressed concerns with a real estate tax increase and how it will impact financially strapped citizens. Ms. Linkous understands the need for quality education but believes that children also need love that starts at home.

Keith Moore asked how long will the quality of life last in the county if Montgomery County does not invest in the future and education. He is hearing that the school system is a burden to the taxpayers; however, education is needed in order to maintain the quality of life in the county.

A petition with 116 signatures was submitted via e-mail on February 27, 2012 by Norma Lawson to be included in the minutes as follows:

Petition against the Real Estate Tax Increase for 2012

We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors to reject any request for another real estate tax increase as proposed by the Montgomery County School Board.

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

RECESS

The Board took a ten minute recess at 9:00 p.m. and reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Annette S. Perkins, seconded by William H. Brown and carried unanimously, the Consent Agenda dated February 27, 2012 was approved.

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Gary D. Creed	None
Annette S. Perkins	
William H. Brown	
Mary W. Biggs	
Christopher A. Tuck	
Matthew R. Gabriele	
James D. Politis	

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Annette S. Perkins, seconded by William H. Brown and carried unanimously, the minutes dated October 24 and November 7, 2011 were approved.

Appropriations and Transfers

**A-FY-12-61
SCHOOL OPERATING FUND
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**

On a motion by Annette S. Perkins, seconded by William H. Brown and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the School Operating Fund was granted an appropriation in addition to the annual appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, for the function and in the amount as follows:

610000 Instruction	\$345,398
640000 Operations and Maintenance	<u>\$282,708</u>
Total	\$628,106

The sources of funds for the foregoing appropriation are as follows:

Revenue Account:

Donations – Score with Intel Grant	\$25,000
Project Graduation Grant	\$14,099
National Board Certified Teachers	\$65,000
Title II D Technology Grant	\$4,862
Safe and Drug Free Grant	\$12,160
LDS Grants to LEA	\$224,277
Universal Service Discounts (E-Rate)	<u>\$282,708</u>
Total	\$628,106

Said resolution appropriates additional funds for the School Operating Fund.

**A-FY-12-62
FIRE AND RESCUE
CAPITAL PROJECTS
LONG SHOP- MCCOY VOLUNTEER RESCUE**

On a motion by Annette S. Perkins, seconded by William H. Brown and carried unanimously,

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

FROM:

123301 Fire and Rescue Capital Reserve (\$6,795)

TO:

123302LM Long Shop McCoy Rescue Capital Projects \$6,795

Said resolution transfers CIP funds to Long Shop McCoy Rescue to help cover the purchase cost of an ambulance as approved by the Fire and Rescue Commission.

R-FY-12-93
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES
SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT GRANT APPLICATION

On a motion by Annette S. Perkins, seconded by William H. Brown and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office has requested the Board's support for three Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles Selective Enforcement Grants to provide overtime hours, training and equipment totaling an estimated \$31,420; and

WHEREAS, The Grant funds are being passed to the Commonwealth from the U.S. Department of Transportation National Highway Administration; and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff has requested a resolution of support showing that the County approves the submittal of these grant applications by the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, There is a local in-kind match of \$6,284 of vehicle fuel and maintenance for these grants; and

WHEREAS, There is no local cash match for the grants; and

WHEREAS, The goal of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office is to utilize grant funding to provide checkpoints for the Click It or Ticket and Over the Limit Under Arrest programs to enhance the services the Sheriff's Office provides to the citizens of Montgomery County in the most efficient and cost effective way possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia hereby supports the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office grant application for the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles Selective Enforcement Grant to provide overtime hours, training and equipment totaling an estimated \$31,470 with no local cash and an in-kind match of \$6,284.

R-FY-12-94
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES
REGIONAL CRASH TEAM GRANT

On a motion by Annette S. Perkins, seconded by William H. Brown and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office has requested the Board's support for a Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles Regional Crash Team Grant to provide training and equipment totaling an estimated \$29,450; and

WHEREAS, The Grant funds are being passed to the Commonwealth from the U.S. Department of Transportation National Highway Administration; and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff has requested a resolution of support showing that the County approves the submittal of the grant application by the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, There is a local in-kind match of \$5,890 of vehicle maintenance and fuel for this grant; and

WHEREAS, There is no local cash match for this grant; and

WHEREAS, The goal of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office is to utilize grant funding to allow up to 30 sworn officers each attend two DMV approved traffic safety related training events to enhance the services the Sheriff's Office provides to the citizens of Montgomery County in the most efficient and cost effective way possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia hereby supports the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office grant application for the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles Regional Crash Team Grant to provide training and equipment totaling an estimated \$29,450 with no local cash and an in-kind match of \$5,890.

R-FY-12-95
DESIGNATE MT. PLEASANT ROAD (SR 639) AS
A RURAL RUSTIC ROAD

On a motion by Annette S. Perkins, seconded by William H. Brown and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, Section 33.1-70.1 of the Code of Virginia permits the improvement and hard surfacing of certain unpaved roads deemed to qualify for designation as a Rural Rustic Road; and

WHEREAS, Any such road must be located in a low-density development area and have a minimum of 50 vehicles per day (vpd), and have no more than 1000 vpd; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia desires to consider whether Mt. Pleasant Road (SR 639), From: 1.24 miles east of Lavender Road (SR 722) To: 0.10 miles west of Split Rail Road (SR 675), should be designated a Rural Rustic Road; and

WHEREAS The Board is unaware of pending development that will significantly affect the existing traffic on the road; and

WHEREAS, The citizens that utilize this road have been made aware that this road may be paved with minimal improvements; and

WHEREAS, The Board believes that this road should be so designated due to its qualifying characteristics and will endeavor to retain these characteristics through its comprehensive planning process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors hereby designates Mt. Pleasant Road (SR 639) From: 1.24 miles east of Lavender Road (SR 722) To: 0.10 miles west of Split Rail Road (SR 675), a Rural Rustic Road and requests that the Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation concur in the designation.

R-FY-12-96
JUVENILE DETENTION COMMISSION
REAPPOINT WILLIAM H. BROWN

On a motion by Annette S. Perkins, seconded by William H. Brown and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby reappoints **William H. Brown** to the **Juvenile Detention Commission** effective February 28, 2012 and expiring February 27, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The expiration of a Board of Supervisors term in office shall constitute a voluntary resignation from any board/commission/authority appointment as a representative of Montgomery County.

R-FY-12-97
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION-
APPOINT SUSAN MILLER

On a motion by Annette S. Perkins, seconded by William H. Brown and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby appoints **Susan M. Miller**, who resides in District D, to the **Parks and Recreation Commission** effective February 28, 2012 and expiring October 11, 2014.

Said appointment fills the unexpired term of Timothy Q. Nelson, resigned.

R-FY-12-98
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMISSION
REAPPOINT REPRESENTATIVE FOR
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

On a motion by Annette S. Perkins, seconded by William H. Brown and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby reappoints **Rebecca Mummau** to the **Transportation Safety Commission** effective March 10, 2012 and expiring March 9, 2015.

R-FY-12-99
WESTERN VIRGINIA EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES COUNCIL
APPOINTMENT

On a motion by Annette S. Perkins, seconded by William H. Brown and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby appoints **Joe Coyle** to the **Western Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council** and **Robert Heins** as his alternate, effective February 28, 2012 and expiring February 27, 2015.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

Supervisor Gabriele - School Board: At their upcoming February 28th meeting, the School Board will get a construction update. A school redistricting work session has been scheduled for March 5, 2012 and the School Board is planning a retreat in June 2012.

Supervisor Gabriele reported that the School Board will be requesting a joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors be scheduled to discuss long term capital projects. The County Administrator indicated that the School Superintendent has been in contact with him regarding a meeting with the School Board and he suggested that a meeting be scheduled after the budget is adopted.

Supervisor Brown reported the annual Take Back the Night Rally is scheduled for March 29, 2012 in Blacksburg. The Board of Supervisors adopts a proclamation supporting this event every year and he asked the Board if they would consider adopting a proclamation tonight in support of the event.

**R-FY-12-100
PROCLAMATION
TAKE BACK THE NIGHT
RALLY AND MARCH**

On a motion by William H. Brown, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, The first *Take Back the Night* event was held in Germany in 1973 in response to a series of sexual assaults, rapes, and murders; and

WHEREAS, Five years later in the United States, a *Take Back the Night* march was held in San Francisco where over 5,000 women from 30 states participated; and

WHEREAS, Since then, marches have been held throughout the U.S., Canada, Latin America, India, and Europe; and

WHEREAS, *Take Back the Night* marches have been held in Richmond and Charlottesville, and at Hollins University, Radford University, Roanoke College, and Virginia Tech; and

WHEREAS, Marchers have called attention to violence against women—sexual harassment, misogyny, rape, and murder; this violence affects both individuals in the community and the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, The 23rd annual *Take Back the Night* Rally and March will be held Thursday, March 29, 2012 beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the Drillfield in front of the chapel at Virginia Tech to bring our community together to protest violence against women and to promote awareness of attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors which perpetuate this violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia supports the 23rd annual *Take Back the Night* event which is part of Women's Month 2012.

The vote on the forgoing resolution was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Matthew R. Gabriele	None
Christopher A. Tuck	
Mary W. Biggs	
William H. Brown	
Annette S. Perkins	
Gary D. Creed	
James D. Politis	

Board Reports Continued

Supervisor Brown wanted to clarify to the citizens of Montgomery County that the Board is not voting on the County's budget or real estate tax rate yet. He believes there is incorrect information being circulated. The County Administrator and staff are still in the process of

developing the County's budget and will present a proposed budget to the Board of Supervisors on March 1, 2012.

All Board members agreed that more information regarding the budget process, budget meetings, etc. should be advertised or posted more. Send out more informational notices via the County's list serve or posted on the web site. They expressed frustration that citizens are being misinformed regarding the budget process.

Supervisor Biggs stated that the developing a budget is a process. The County Administrator will present his recommended budget on March 1, 2012. Several budget work sessions have been scheduled to discuss the proposed budget. The County is still waiting for the State to adopt the state budget in order to have some concrete figures on how much state funding the county is going to receive.

Supervisor Tuck thanked the Board for sending out a letter to Peter Forney who received his Eagle Scout rank.

Supervisor Perkins reported she attended the following meetings as the County's representative: Social Services Board, New River Valley Planning District Commission, and New River Valley Economic Development Alliance. She is also on the panel to interview possible candidates to serve on the Economic Development Commission.

Supervisor Creed reported on the following:

ProAct Inc. – Prescription Drug Discount Card Program- Supervisor Creed stated that ProAct Inc., is advertising that citizens who use their prescription drug discount card saves an average of 45% versus 24% with NACo. He stated that this is worth checking out and asked staff to review.

Eagle Scout Ranking- Supervisor Creed suggested that the Board recognize all boy scouts who reach the Eagle Scout rank. He asked that staff let the boy scout troops in Montgomery County know to submit information to the Board of Supervisors when they have someone who attains their Eagle Scout rank.

Montgomery County Schools - Supervisor Creed expressed concern about the inequality within the school districts in Montgomery County regarding class selections. A student in Elliston is taking an Advance English Class via virtual class. This was the only way this student could take this class. Supervisor Creed believes that all students in every district should have the ability to take the same classes in their school. He does not believe that one school district should have class choices where another does not.

Supervisor Gary Creed distributed the following information:

2012-13 Tax Plan for Montgomery County

It takes 10 pennies of real estate tax increase to pay for the three new schools being built in Montgomery County. Each penny equals \$700,000.00. Therefore, 10 pennies equal \$7,000,000.00. The citizens are taxed 6 months before the taxes are needed to pay the debt. Therefore, there is a \$3,500,000.00 windfall to the county. Also there is \$1,400,000.00 in revenue in new growth for the county. This gives us a total of \$4,900,000.00 to work with. My suggestion is, we use 8 pennies and carry over 2 pennies for one year. This would take some of the burden off the taxpayers and pay for the 3 new schools, leaving \$3,500,000.00 in new monies for the county to distribute as needed.

Supervisor Politis stated he had an interview with Channel 10 News regarding the FY 2013 Budget. The interview will be aired tonight. He is also scheduled to be a guest speaker for a Long & Foster Realty meeting to discuss the FY 2013 Budget and tax rate.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by William H. Brown, seconded by Matthew R. Gabriele and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned to Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Annette S. Perkins	None
William H. Brown	
Mary W. Biggs	
Christopher A. Tuck	
Matthew R. Gabriele	
Gary D. Creed	
James D. Politis	

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
James D. Politis, Chair
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
F. Craig Meadows
County Administrator