

AT AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA HELD ON THE 25<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2016 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE BOARD CHAMBERS, MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, 755 ROANOKE STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA:

PRESENT:	Christopher A. Tuck	-Chair
	Gary D. Creed	-Vice Chair
	Mary W. Biggs	-Supervisors
	April N. DeMotts	
	M. Todd King	
	Annette S. Perkins	
	Darrell O. Sheppard	
	F. Craig Meadows	-County Administrator
	L. Carol Edmonds	-Deputy County Administrator
	Martin M. McMahon	-County Attorney
	Ruth Richey	-Public Information Officer
	Vickie L. Swinney	-Secretary, Board of Supervisors

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order.

### **ADDENDUM – CLOSED MEETING**

On a motion by Darrel O. Sheppard, seconded by Annette S. Perkins and carried unanimously, the following addendum dated April 25, 2016 was added to the agenda under Closed Meeting:

Section 2.2-3711 (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

2. Former Blacksburg Middle School Property

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

AYE

Darrell O. Sheppard  
April N. DeMotts  
Mary W. Biggs  
Annette S. Perkins  
Gary D. Creed  
M. Todd King  
Christopher A. Tuck

NAY

None

**INTO CLOSED MEETING**

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by April N. DeMotts 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. Former Blacksburg High School Property
  2. Former Blacksburg Middle School Property
- (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. Community Policy & Management Team
  2. Community Services Board
  3. HOME Consortium Board
  4. Library Board
  5. New River Valley Regional Commission
  6. Social Services Board
  7. Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facility Authority

The vote on the forgoing motion was as follows:

AYE

M. Todd King  
Annette S. Perkins  
Gary D. Creed  
Mary W. Biggs  
April N. DeMotts  
Darrell O. Sheppard  
Christopher A. Tuck

NAY

None

**OUT OF CLOSED MEETING**

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by Darrell O. Sheppard 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

Annette S. Perkins  
Gary D. Creed  
Mary W. Biggs  
April N. DeMotts  
Darrell O. Sheppard  
M. Todd King  
Christopher A. Tuck

NAY

None

**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by Gary D. Creed 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

Gary D. Creed  
Mary W. Biggs  
April N. DeMotts  
Darrell O. Sheppard  
M. Todd King  
Annette S. Perkins  
Christopher A. Tuck

NAYS

None

ABSENT DURING VOTE

None

ABSENT DURING MEETING

None

Supervisor DeMotts recused herself from the discussion on the former Blacksburg Middle School Property.

Pursuant to the Virginia Conflict of Interest Act, I, April DeMotts, a member of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia, make the following disclosure:

1. The Board of Supervisors is currently considering proposals that were received in response to the Request for Proposals the Board issued seeking an interested Purchaser of the Old Blacksburg Middle School property. The names of the bidders who submitted proposals in response to the Board RFP have not been released to the public because the Board is still in the process of considering the proposals and has not selected an offeror.
2. I am currently in a long term relationship with a man (I am not married so I will refer to him as "my significant other") whom I reside with along with our children, and I share with him in the day to day household finances.
3. My significant other owns a small business in Montgomery County and has a personal interest in the Old Blacksburg Middle School Property RFP transaction being considered by the Board due to having an on-going business relationship with one of the business entities that has submitted a proposal to purchase the Old Blacksburg Middle School. My Significant other may realize a reasonable foreseeable direct or indirect economic benefit

should the business he has an on-going business relationship with acquires the property from the Board of Supervisors and develops the property.

4. I wanted to be clear in my disclosure that my significant other does not meet the definition of immediate family as that term is currently defined under the Virginia Conflict of Interest Act. However, with the exception of having a marriage license, our relationship is very much like a married couple in that we share a home together, share in the finances and in the raising of our children.
5. Because my significant other has a business relationship with one of the entities bidding on the Old Blacksburg Middle School Property and in order to avoid any appearance of impropriety on my behalf, I will be abstaining from voting on the selection of bidders seeking to purchase the Old Blacksburg Middle School Property at this time and will not be participating in the Old Blacksburg Middle School Property RFP process currently before the Board.

## **INVOCATION**

A moment of silence was led by the Chair.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## **PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS**

### **Resolution of Appreciation – Frank Beamer**

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors presented a Resolution of Appreciation to Frank Beamer, former head football coach for Virginia Tech.

### **Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library**

Paula Alston, Library Director, provided an update on the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library. Ms. Alston provided a list of programs offered by the Library for the month of May 2016 and their Summer Reading Program May 31-July 31. One program worth mentioning is the 1000 Books before Kindergarten program. This program asked parents to read 1000 books to their children before they start Kindergarten. Children who are read to at an early age are more successful in school, have larger vocabularies when they enter school, ability to learn language skills is greatest before the age of six. Ms. Alston reported as of December 1, 2015, the Library became a passport agency and has processed 340 applications to date.

Ms. Alston reported that the Library is in the process of developing a library feasibility study to determine the future needs of the library system. Currently the library facilities are not up to date for wiring for new technology and there are maintenance issues that need to be addressed.

Ms Alston thanked the Board for their continued support and commended the Board for appointing qualified citizens to serve on the MFRL Board.

Supervisor Biggs thanked Ms. Alston for her service and stated that she is a valuable person to the library system.

## **PUBLIC ADDRESS**

Joel Herbein expressed his appreciation to the Board for their attention to the issues at the US 460/North Main Street Intersection in Blacksburg. Mr. Herbein believes that communications between the County and Town is vital in fighting for a proper solution. Currently, the biggest action item is to submit an application for HB2 funding for a grade-separated interchange at US 460 and North Main Street. The Town of Blacksburg has been approved to receive \$3.5 million for a project that will eliminate the left hand turn. This project is a stop-gap measure that does not solve any of the problems. He referenced a Roanoke Times newspaper article regarding how Montvale received money to straighten out an S-curve after citizens rallied to get the project funded.

Julie Rosenberger agrees with Mr. Herbein's comments. Ms. Rosenberger stated she knows something must be done to fix the 460/North Main Street intersection but it must be done the right way the first time. She stated that the Town and County needs to look at the future growth in the area and plan accordingly.

Michael Peterson supports a different project for the 460/North Main intersection than the one originally proposed by the Town. He believes the approved project should be delayed until a proper and correct plan can be proposed.

Jim Price addressed the Board about the homeless situation in Montgomery County. Mr. Price believes the County needs to raise awareness of the dire situation of homelessness in the area. Partnership for Community Outreach is an agency that helps homeless citizens with existing services provided in the area. Mr. Price commented there are some that fall through the cracks, such as people newly released from prison. He also stated that the current homeless shelters provided in the area only provide shelter during the evening and night. People are released during the day and he believes the shelters need to be operated 24/7. Mr. Price asked the Board to consider allocating funds to help with maintenance needs at the existing shelters, as well as future needs.

Charles Safewright addressed the Board regarding the safety issues at US 460/North Main Street Intersection. Mr. Safewright agrees that a permanent solution needs to be found. He asked the Board to look at the entire project which includes Bishop Road, Coal Bank Hollow Road, Farmingdale Lane, Brush Mountain Road and Brush Mountain Estates.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by Annette S. Perkins, seconded by April N. DeMotts and carried unanimously, the Consent Agenda dated April 25, 2016 was approved. The vote was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
April N. DeMotts	None
Darrell O. Sheppard	
M. Todd King	
Annette S. Perkins	
Gary D. Creed	
Mary W. Biggs	
Christopher A. Tuck	

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Annette S. Perkins, seconded by April N. DeMotts and carried unanimously, the minutes dated October 26, 2015 were approved.

Appropriations and Transfers

**A-FY-16-71  
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT  
RECOVERED COSTS**

On a motion by Annette S. Perkins, seconded by April N. DeMotts 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:

250	Clerk of Circuit Court	\$8,000
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The source of the funds for the foregoing appropriation is as follows:

<u>Revenue Account</u>	
419108 Recovered Costs - Copier	\$8,000

Said resolution appropriates revenue received from copier charges at the Clerk of Circuit Court office.

**A-FY-16-73**  
**NEW RIVER VALLEY EMERGENCY**  
**COMMUNICATIONS REGIONAL AUTHORITY**  
**RECOVERED COSTS**

On a motion by Annette S. Perkins, seconded by April N. DeMotts 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:

110	NRV Emergency Communications Regional Authority	\$205,950
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The source of the funds for the foregoing appropriation is as follows:

<u>Revenue Account</u>		
419108	Recovered Costs	\$205,950

Said resolution appropriates funds necessary to cover the costs associated with the NRV Emergency Communications Regional Authority.

**A-FY-16-74**  
**SHERIFF**  
**ASSET FORFEITURE PROGRAM**

On a motion by Annette S. Perkins, seconded by April N. DeMotts 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:

320	Sheriff County	\$2,928
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The source of the funds for the foregoing appropriation is as follows:

<u>Revenue Account</u>		
419104	Confiscations	\$2,928

Said resolution appropriates asset forfeiture funds for use by the Sheriff's Office.

**A-FY-16-75**  
**COUNTY CAPITAL PROJECTS**  
**SURPLUS PROPERTY EXPENSES**

On a motion by Annette S. Perkins, seconded by April N. DeMotts 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	\$28,800
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The source of funds for the foregoing appropriation is as follows:

451500	Undesignated Fund Balance	\$28,800
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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	\$28,800
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The source of funds for the foregoing appropriation is as follows:

451020	Transfer from General Fund	\$28,800
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Said resolution appropriates funds from Fund Balance to County Capital projects to cover costs associated with surplus properties.

**A-FY-16-76**  
**VDOT REVENUE SHARING PROJECT**  
**TYLER ROAD ROUNDABOUT**

On a motion by Annette S. Perkins, seconded by April N. DeMotts and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors 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:

930	VDOT Revenue Sharing	\$5,000
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The source of the funds for the foregoing appropriation is as follows:

Revenue Account

419100 Developer Contributions

\$5,000

Said resolution appropriates developer funds for the Tyler Roundabout project.

### **INTO WORK SESSION**

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

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

1. Discussion of the safety improvements at the intersection of North Main Street and US 460 Bypass in the Town of Blacksburg.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

AYE

Darrell O. Sheppard  
M. Todd King  
Annette S. Perkins  
Gary D. Creed  
Mary W. Biggs  
April N. DeMotts  
Christopher A. Tuck

NAY

None

### **Safety improvements at the intersection of US 460 Bypass and North Main Street in the Town of Blacksburg**

A brief history was provided on the safety improvements to the 460/North Main Street Intersection as proposed by the Town of Blacksburg. In 2014, the Town of Blacksburg completed a safety review of US 460 and North Main Street to Coal Bank Hollow Road. The Town discussed concerns with VDOT and a grade-separated interchange was discussed; however, it was not a financially viable project. In 2015, VDOT developed a safety improvement project to address major safety issues and submitted to the Town for consideration. An “R” cut design to limit left turns was proposed. The Town submitted an application to VDOT for HB2 funding for the “R” cut project. In 2016, the project was approved by the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

Chair Tuck reported that the Town of Blacksburg will be holding a work session on May 3, 2016 to address residents’ concerns with the “R” cut design.

The Board discussed the safety issues with the intersection and believes a more permanent solution is needed. The “R” cut design that will eliminate a left turn will force traffic to go farther up US 460 and make a U-Turn near the Coal Bank Hollow intersection. The US

460/North Main Street intersection in Blacksburg is the 9<sup>th</sup> most dangerous intersection in Salem VDOT's Salem District. The US 460/Coal Bank Hollow intersection is the 6<sup>th</sup> most dangerous intersection in the Salem VDOT District.

The Board agreed that since this is a Town of Blacksburg's project they will support the Town if they choose to submit an application for a grade-separated interchange. They could provide letters of support and keep the communications open.

**OUT OF WORK SESSION**

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

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

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
M. Todd King	None
Annette S. Perkins	
Gary D. Creed	
Mary W. Biggs	
April N. DeMotts	
Darrell O. Sheppard	
Christopher A. Tuck	

**NEW BUSINESS**

**R-FY-16-118**  
**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INTENT TO APPROVE THE REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AND OPTION AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY AND FIDDLER'S GREEN PARTNERS, LLC FOR THE SALE OF THE BACK PORTION OF THE OLD BLACKSBURG MIDDLE SCHOOL PROPERTY ("OBMS") AND THE GRANTING OF AN OPTION TO PURCHASE THE FRONT PORTION OF THE OBMS PROPERTY AND THE SCHEDULING OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED CONVEYANCE**

On a motion by M. Todd King, seconded by Darrell O. Sheppard and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery and Fiddler's Green Partners, LLC are in agreement on the terms and conditions for the sale of the Old Blacksburg Middle School Property ("OBMS") pursuant to a Real Estate Purchase and Option Agreement by and between the County of Montgomery and Fiddler's Green Partners, LLC; and

WHEREAS, The Board desires to schedule a public hearing in order to hear citizen comments on the Board of Supervisors intent to enter into the Real Estate Purchase and Option Agreement with Fiddler's Green Partners, LLC dated April 18, 2016 for the sale by the County of the back portion of the OBMS property, Tax Map Parcel 25-A 94 and the granting of an Option to Purchase the front portion of the OBMS.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors hereby expresses their intent to approve the Real Estate Purchase and Option Agreement between the County of Montgomery and Fiddler's Green Partners, LLC, dated April 18, 2016, for the sale by the County of the back portion of the OBMS property, Tax Map Number Parcel 25-A 94 and the granting of an Option to Purchase the front portion of OBMS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes a Public Hearing to be held on May 9, 2016, at 7:15 p.m. or as soon thereafter to be held at the Board Chambers on the Second Floor of the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to hear citizen comments on the County's proposed conveyance of the OBMS Property.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Mary W. Biggs	None	April N. DeMotts
Darrell O. Sheppard		
M. Todd King		
Annette S. Perkins		
Gary D. Creed		
Christopher A. Tuck		

**R-FY-16-119**  
**ALCOHOL SAFETY ACTION PROGRAM (ASAP)**  
**RE-APPOINT MARY PETTITT**

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by Darrell O. Sheppard and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors hereby reappoints **Mary Pettitt** to the **Alcohol Safety Action (New River Valley)** effective May 1, 2016 and expiring April 30, 2017.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Mary W. Biggs	None	Christopher A. Tuck
April N. DeMotts		
Darrell O. Sheppard		
M. Todd King		
Annette S. Perkins		
Gary D. Creed		

**R-FY-16-120  
RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION  
AUBREY DAVIS**

On a motion by Darrell O. Sheppard, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

**WHEREAS**, On the afternoon of April 4, 2016, *Aubrey Davis*, who is a first grader at Prices Fork Elementary School, and her nine-year old brother, were at their grandmother's house when Aubrey smelled something strange and alerted her grandmother, who looked up to see smoke coming up from underneath the wall; and

**WHEREAS**, *Aubrey*, her brother, and her grandmother each grabbed one of their three dogs and left the house; and

**WHEREAS**, *Aubrey's* quick thinking and heroic actions during this emergency was a huge factor in preventing a family tragedy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors hereby honors and commends *Aubrey Davis* for her heroic actions and proudly wishes her the best in the future.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the original of this resolution be presented to *Aubrey Davis* and that a copy be made a part of the official Minutes of Montgomery County.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
April N. DeMotts	None
Darrell O. Sheppard	
M. Todd King	
Annette S. Perkins	
Gary D. Creed	
Mary W. Biggs	
Christopher A. Tuck	

**R-FY-16-121  
PROCLAMATION  
NATIONAL POLICE WEEK  
MAY 15-21 2016**

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by April N. DeMotts and carried unanimously,

**WHEREAS**, The Congress and the President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week, to pay tribute to the law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and to voice appreciation for all those who currently serve to protect the rights and freedoms of our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, During 2015, 124 Law Enforcement Officers were lost in the line of duty, and to date this year, 32 Officers have died; and

**WHEREAS**, The Law Enforcement Officers of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office play an essential role in protecting the rights and freedoms of the citizens of Montgomery County; and

**WHEREAS**, The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office wishes to honor those Officers who lost their lives during 2015 and remember those from Montgomery County who have also made the ultimate sacrifice: Officer Terry Griffith, Officer Scott Hylton, Security Guard Derrick McFarland, Corporal Eric Sutphin, and Officer Deriek Crouse.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors calls upon all citizens of Montgomery County and all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the week of **May 15-21, 2016** as **National Police Week** with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which all citizens may join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who have bravely dedicated their lives to serving and protecting the citizens in their communities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, The Board of Supervisors calls upon all citizens of Montgomery County to observe **Police Officers' Memorial Day** on **May 15, 2015** *in honor of those Law Enforcement Officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.*

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

AYE

Darrell O. Sheppard  
M. Todd King  
Annette S. Perkins  
Gary D. Creed  
Mary W. Biggs  
April N. DeMotts  
Christopher A. Tuck

NAY

None

**R-FY-16-122**  
**PROCLAIM WEEK OF MAY 15-21, 2016 AS NATIONAL**  
**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK**

On a motion by April N. DeMotts, seconded by M. Todd King and carried unanimously,

**WHEREAS**, In 1973 President Gerald Ford authorized Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week to celebrate EMS practitioners and the important work they do in our nation's communities; and

**WHEREAS**, At that time, EMS was a new profession, and EMS practitioners had just started to be recognized as a critical component of emergency medicine and the public health safety net; and

**WHEREAS**, Emergency Medical Services is now firmly established as an essential public function and a vital component of the medical care continuum; and

**WHEREAS**, On any given day EMS practitioners help save lives by responding to medical emergencies, and may provide both basic and advanced medical care at the scene of an emergency and en route to a hospital, and care for their patients' medical needs and show caring and compassion to their patients in their most difficult moments; and

**WHEREAS**, The development of mobile integrated healthcare and community paramedicine EMS is also increasingly a valued participant in achieving the nation's overall healthcare goals of improved patient health and lowered cost; and

**WHEREAS**, EMS Week brings together local communities and medical personnel to honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services of medicine's "front line" and also an opportunity to publicize those contributions; and

**WHEREAS**, Given the challenges facing our nation's healthcare system and the rapid pace of change, making sure the public and other stakeholders understand what EMS has to offer has never been more important; and

**WHEREAS**, Montgomery County recognizes and honors the 400+ volunteer members of the Blacksburg, Christiansburg, LongShop/McCoy, Riner, and Virginia Tech rescue squads who collectively answered 10,926 in 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Supervisors recognizes the service and sacrifice of local Emergency Medical Service providers in Montgomery County; and

**WHEREAS**, The week of May 15-21, 2016 has been designated National Emergency Medical Services Week.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia, that the Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the week of **May 15-21, 2016** as **National Emergency Medical Services Week** and **urges all citizens to honor our Emergency Medical Services teams who faithfully respond when called upon to render aid to fulfill the greatest creed of all, the service of humanity.**

**Adopted this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.**

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

AYE

Darrell O. Sheppard

M. Todd King

Annette S. Perkins

Gary D. Creed

Mary W. Biggs

April N. DeMotts

Christopher A. Tuck

NAY

None

**R-FY-16-123**

**PROCLAIM MAY 1-7, 2016 AS NATIONAL  
TRAVEL AND TOURISM WEEK**

On a motion by M. Todd King, seconded by April N. DeMotts and carried unanimously,

**WHEREAS**, Travel has a positive effect on Virginia and the nation's economic prosperity and image abroad, it also impacts business productivity and to individual travelers' well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, Travel to and within the United States provides significant economic benefits for the nation, generating more than \$2.1 trillion in economic output in 2014, with \$927.9 billion spent directly by travelers; and

**WHEREAS**, Travel is among the largest private-sector employers in the United States, supporting 15 million jobs in 2014, including 8 million directly in the travel industry and 7 million in other industries; and

**WHEREAS**, Travelers' spending directly generated tax revenues of \$141.5 billion for federal, state and local governments, funds used to support essential services and programs; and

**WHEREAS**, The Virginia Tourism Corporation reported that travelers' spending in Montgomery County, Virginia in 2014 (the most recent full year report), reached \$136.3 million generating combined state and local tax revenues of \$8.1 million and producing 1,330 local tourism-supported jobs with \$25.4 million in payroll; and

**WHEREAS**, International travel to the United States is the nation's No. 1 services export; in 2014 travel generated \$220.6 billion in exports, creating a \$74 billion trade surplus for the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Meetings, events and incentive travel are core business functions that help companies strengthen business performance, educate employees and customers and reward business accomplishments – which in turn boosts economy; and

**WHEREAS**, Leisure travel, which accounts for more than three-quarters of all trips taken in the United States, spurs countless benefits to travelers' health and wellness, creativity, cultural awareness, education, happiness, productivity and relationships; and

**WHEREAS**, Travel is a pillar of economic growth, creating jobs at a faster rate than other sectors.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia does hereby proclaim **May 1-7 2016** as **National Travel and Tourism Week in Montgomery County** and urges the citizens of Montgomery County to join in this special observance with appropriate events and commemorations.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

AYE

M. Todd King  
Annette S. Perkins  
Gary D. Creed  
Mary W. Biggs  
April N. DeMotts  
Darrell O. Sheppard  
Christopher A. Tuck

NAY

None

**R-FY-16-124**  
**PROCLAMATION**  
**VIRGINIA BUSINESS APPRECIATION MONTH**  
**MAY 2016**

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

**WHEREAS**, Governor Terry McAuliffe has proclaimed May 2016 as Business Appreciation Month in the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia businesses play a pivotal role in strengthening our Commonwealth by embracing job creation, innovative technologies, and employing a diverse workforce to preserve the economic well-being of all our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia businesses provide nearly 3.1 million jobs to our citizens throughout the Commonwealth and offer a variety of services and products worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia businesses operate in diverse industries, including advanced manufacturing energy, life sciences, tourism, agribusiness and information technology; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia is currently home to more than 35 Fortune 1,000 firms and more than 70 firms with annual revenues in excess of \$500 million; and

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Supervisors is dedicated to improving the quality of life throughout Montgomery County by encouraging positive economic growth that creates meaningful career opportunities, expands the commercial tax base to support the delivery of vital public services, and protects our quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Supervisors is pleased to recognize the accomplishments of our existing businesses; entrepreneurs, small, minority and women owned businesses; and the major employers that contribute greatly to our economic recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, Investments made or announced by projects supported by Montgomery County topped \$9.5 million in 2015 and will create 170 new jobs and retain 110 existing jobs through Virginia Jobs Investment Program; and

**WHEREAS**, It is fitting to offer the citizens of Montgomery County a unique opportunity to recognize our existing businesses for the essential role they play in driving the new Virginia economy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors recognizes **May 2016** as **BUSINESS APPRECIATION MONTH** in Montgomery County and encourages all citizens to recognize the businesses in Montgomery County that make our community a great place to work, live and play.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

AYE

Gary D. Creed

Mary W. Biggs

April N. DeMotts

Darrell O. Sheppard

M. Todd King

Annette S. Perkins

Christopher A. Tuck

NAY

None

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

The County Administrator reported on the following items:

- FY 2017 County Budget: The County Administrator thanked the Board for their support and approval of the FY 17 County Budget.
- RAAP Commander in Chief, LTC Alicia Masson, is planning to attend the May 23, 2016 Board meeting to address the concern regarding RAAP's Hazardous Waste Open-air Incineration process.
- Attended the dedication of the Radford University's new Business School. President Kyle was honored during the dedication ceremony.
- Attended the Unveiling of Judge Grubb's portrait.

**BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS**

**Supervisor King** thanked the County Administration staff for all their work.

**Supervisor Perkins** commented that it has been a privilege to work with Judge Grubbs over the years.

**Supervisor Creed** reported the Food Pantry located in Shawsville serves 85-125 people each month. They are getting low on provisions and could use more donations.

**Supervisor Biggs** reported on the following:

- Animal Care and Adoption Center is moving forward.
- Business Appreciation Week – Supervisor Biggs stated that a recent discussion with Mike Chandler included if there is more that the County can do to recognize area businesses.

- Homeless Issues – Supervisor Biggs asked that the County keep the issues with homelessness in the Montgomery County on the radar.
- North Main/460 Intersection – Supervisor Biggs thanked the citizens who came to the meeting tonight to speak on the safety issues at this intersection.
- Firefighters- High Cancer Risk: Supervisor Biggs expressed concern with the data that firefighters are at a higher risk to get cancer, after a news report about Roanoke firefighters being exposed because smoke on their gear after fighting a fire. Supervisor King stated that it is vital that all gear be properly washed and cleaned after each fire. He believes there is nothing the Board of Supervisors can do as it is up to each firefighter to take proper care of their equipment.

**Supervisor DeMotts** thanked the citizens who attended the Board meeting and spoke about the issues at the North Main/460 Intersection.

**National Police Week** The Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office will hold their annual memorial service on May 16, 2016 to remember the fallen officers in Montgomery County. Supervisor DeMotts stated in 2013 she had the honor of participating in the bike ride from Roanoke to Washington D.C. to attend the national fallen officers ceremony.

**Mt. Tabor Ruritan Club** starts their monthly Saturday fish fry on May 14, 2016.

**Supervisor Sheppard** thanked the staff for their help during the budget process. This was his first budget experience and the staff made it an easy process.

**Supervisor Tuck** stated he worked with Judge Grubbs over the years and it has been an honor. He remembered one time he had a client that Judge Grubbs found guilty, and later that night the Judge called him and told him he made a mistake. Supervisor Tuck stated that Judge Grubbs is an honorable man.

**Mountain Valley Pipeline** – Supervisor Tuck reported that a phone conference needs to be scheduled to talk with the law firm Water and Powers regarding what kind of services they can provide Montgomery County and if there are any conflicts since Water and Powers already represents Carrol, Giles and Roanoke counties.

At this time Supervisor Tuck presented a drone aerial video showing the gas pipeline that was constructed for the Celanese plant located in Giles County. The video showed the path that was cleared for the construction of the pipeline.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned to May 9, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Christopher A. Tuck F. Craig Meadows  
Chair County Administrator