

AT AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA HELD ON THE 23rd DAY OF MAY, 2016 AT 6:00 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 (arrived 6:30 p.m.)	
	Darrell O. Sheppard	
	F. Craig Meadows	-County Administrator
	L. Carol Edmonds	-Deputy County Administrator
	Martin M. McMahon	-County Attorney
	Neal Turner	-Emergency Services Coordinator
	Ruth Richey	-Public Information Officer
	Vickie L. Swinney	-Secretary, Board of Supervisors

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

INTO CLOSED MEETING

On a motion by M. Todd King, seconded by Darrell O. Sheppard 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 AEP Property
 3. State Street 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. Library Board
2. Social Services Board

The vote on the forgoing motion was as follows:

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

Supervisor Perkins arrived at 6:30 p.m.

OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

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

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

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

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

INVOCATION

A moment of silence was led by the Chair.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

Radford Army Ammunition Plant – Reschedule to June 13, 2016

LTC Alicia Masson, Commander of the Radford Army Ammunition Plant, had a work emergency, therefore, this presentation will be rescheduled to June 13, 2016.

Citizens Alert

Neal Turner, Montgomery County Emergency Services Coordinator, made a presentation on the new Citizens Alert. The County has launched an emergency alert system to provide emergency notifications quickly to your cell, work or home phone, by email or text messages. Alerts may be sent to provide news about road closures, severe weather, water service interruptions and other potential safety hazards or concerns.

PUBLIC ADDRESS

Kenneth Hester reported on the newly formed Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Citizen Support Group. Mr. Hester stated the mission is to support and recognize the individuals and organizations within the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office that continuously support the residents and businesses of Montgomery County. The Citizen Support Group will support community events to foster better county resident awareness of MCSO duties and activities, acknowledge the Sheriff's employees life events and assist the Sheriff's Office as requested. Mr. Hester thanked the Christiansburg Police Department Citizen Support Group, Bill and Cindy Turner and Rhonda Rash for their help in getting the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Citizen Support Group started.

Joel Herbein spoke in support of the resolution listed on the Board's agenda supporting efforts to obtain additional funding for a grade separated interchange as a permanent solution to the safety issues at the U.S. 460 and North Main Street interchange. He thanked the Board of Supervisors for their support.

Mode Johnson requested the Board of Supervisors to petition the Virginia Department of Transportation to restrict through tractor-trailer trucks and other long-load vehicles on Mount Tabor Road for health, safety and welfare of its citizens. Ms. Johnson stated over the years many tractor trailers, mobile home and other long-load vehicles were not able to safely complete the hairpin turn, blocking the road to traffic in both directions for hours. VDOT did place signs at each end of the road warning tractor trailers drivers that through traffic is not recommended. This has reduced the number of trucks; however, it has not solved the problem. Ms. Johnson stated that public safety is affected since first responders cannot pass a tractor trailer incident and must respond to 911 calls via Dry Run Road or Gallion Ridge Road, which adds to the response time. Ms. Johnson submitted a map of Mt. Tabor showing the hairpin turn location and photographs showing the damages to the road and guardrail of the most recent incident on May 12, 2016.

Sandy Schlaudecker expressed concern with discrepancies in the information that Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) has sent to FERC. She asked if anyone from Montgomery County is reviewing the information MVP has submitted regarding Montgomery County. Ms. Schlaudecker also spoke in favor of a grade interchange at the North Main Street/US 460 intersection, and restricting truck traffic on Mt. Tabor Road.

Diane Richardson expressed her appreciation to the Board for considering hiring outside legal counsel in the fight against the Mountain Valley Pipeline. She understands there may be conflicts in considering Water & Powers law firm due to the resolutions adopted by Montgomery County may differ from other localities' position on the pipeline. Ms. Richardson believes that these differences may be worked out as it is best to work as a region and there may be cost savings to hire the same legal counsel.

Linda Majors spoke in support of restricting truck traffic on Mt. Tabor Road. There is a hairpin turn that is steep and the majority of the trucks are not able to make the turn. She stated that during the construction of the proposed pipeline the company will use Mt. Tabor Road. Ms. Majors also supports a grade separated interchange at the North Main Street/US 460 intersection.

Javad Torabinejad thanked the Board for supporting a grade separated interchange at the North Main Street/US 460 intersection. He believes it would be beneficial for the Town of Blacksburg to take into consideration the concerns by the County and the citizens before making a decision on type of upgrade it needs at this intersection. Mr. Torabinejad also asked the Board to make careful decisions regarding the former Blacksburg High School property.

Bill Turner supports restricting truck traffic on Mt. Tabor Road. Mr. Turner stated he does a lot of work along Mt. Tabor Road and it is hard to navigate a large truck on this road. He also expressed his support for a grade separated interchange at the North Main Street/US 460 intersection. Mr. Turner thanked Mr. Hester for recognizing him and Cindy for helping with the creation of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Citizen Support Group. He credits all law enforcement and first responders for all they do as many don't understand what they go through on a daily basis and putting their lives on the line.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by M. Todd King, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously, the Consent Agenda dated May 23, 2016 was approved. The vote was as follows:

AYE

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

NAY

None

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by M. Todd King, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously, the minutes dated December 14, 2015 and January 4, 2016 were approved.

Appropriations and Transfers

**A-FY-16-79
MONTGOMERY-FLOYD REGIONAL LIBRARY
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**

On a motion by M. Todd King, 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:

710	Montgomery Library	\$36,149
711	Library Grants	19,298
720	Floyd Library	<u>19,309</u>
	Total	\$74,756

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

<u>Revenue Account</u>		
027101-416158	Lost/Damaged Materials	\$4,727
027101-416010	Passport Fees	2,736
027102-416158	Donations - Montgomery	28,686
997111-419011	E Rate	19,298
027201-415211	Sale of Photocopies	1,753
027201-416010	Passport Fees	1,528
027202-416158	Donations- Floyd	<u>16,028</u>
	Total	\$74,756

Said resolution appropriates additional revenue that was collected by the Library in FY 2016.

A-FY-16-80
SHERIFF
GRANT APPROPRIATION
AND TRANSFER FROM GENERAL CONTINGENCIES

On a motion by M. Todd King, 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:

321	Sheriff Grants	\$1,667
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The source of the funds for the foregoing appropriation is as follows:

<u>Revenue Account</u>		
434401	Federal Grants	\$1,667

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a transfer of appropriation is hereby authorized, as follows:

<u>FROM:</u>		
950	General Contingencies	(\$185)

<u>TO:</u>		
321	Sheriff Grants	\$185

Said resolution appropriates monies from a Byrne Justice Assistance Grant and transfers the local match from General Contingencies.

A-FY-16-81
EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM – MAPPING DATA
TRANSFER FROM GENERAL CONTINGENCIES

On a motion by M. Todd King, 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:

<u>FROM:</u>		
950	General Contingencies	(\$1,600)

<u>TO:</u>		
110	Emergency Services	\$1,600

Said resolution transfers funds from General Contingencies to cover the cost of importing the County's 911 mapping data into the new emergency alert system and five months cost of the annual software subscription.

Appointments

R-FY-16-135
COMMUNITY POLICY & MANAGEMENT TEAM (CPMT)
RE-APPOINT LAURA TAYLOR

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

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby re-appoints **Laura Taylor** to the **Community Policy and Management Team (CPMT)** effective July 1, 2016 and expiring June 30, 2018.

R-FY-16-134
COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
RE-APPOINT SUSAN RICHARDSON

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

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby re-appoints **Susan Richardson** to the **Community Services Board** effective July 1, 2016 and expiring June 30, 2019.

INTO WORK SESSION

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

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

1. Mount Tabor Road – Prohibition of Tractor Trailer Trucks

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

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

Mount Tabor Road – Prohibition of Tractor Trailer Trucks

Chair Tuck reported that residents who live on Mt. Tabor Road (SR 624) have requested that tractor trailers be restricted from use of the road. According to the residents' tractor-trailers, mobile homes and other long-load vehicles were not able to safely complete the hairpin turn on Mt. Tabor Road, blocking the road to traffic in both directions. A list of issues that could arise was submitted as follows:

- All traffic can be blocked in both directions for hours.
- Public safety is affected since first responders cannot pass the tractor-trailer truck incident and must respond to 911 calls via Dry Run Road or Gallion Ridge Road which increases the response time.
- Health of residents could be affected if hazardous materials are spilled into Mill Creek that flows under the hairpin curve.
- Family welfare could be affected if residents cannot reach work, school, daycare, appointments, etc. in a timely manner.
- Repeated repair to the guardrail and road could cost thousands of dollars to taxpayers.
- Expense to truck owner for repair of the guardrail and road.
- Expense to truck owner to have truck extricated and repaired.

Chair Tuck stated that the Virginia Department of Transportation has guidelines for considering requests to restrict through trucks on primary and secondary roads. A copy of the guidelines was provided to the Board members. Reasonable alternate routing must be provided.

The County Administrator reported there was discussion with Dan Brugh, MPO Executive Director, regarding the history of the road. Mr. Brugh suggested that the County request information from VDOT on history of accidents and type of trucks involved in accidents.

The Board discussed the concerns and issues the residents have expressed to them regarding Mt. Tabor Road. By consensus, the Board agreed to pursue restricting tractor trailers on Mt. Tabor Road. Staff was instructed to request data from VDOT, Sheriff's Office and State Police on the number of accidents on Mt. Tabor Road. Also, Supervisor Biggs asked staff to contact VDOT and request that the guardrail that was damaged from a recent wreck be repaired as soon as possible.

OUT OF WORK SESSION

On a motion by Annette S. Perkins, seconded by M. Todd King 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

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

NAY

None

RECESS

The Board took a fifteen minute recess at 8:30 p.m. and reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

R-FY-16-136

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE TOWN OF BLACKSBURG, SENATOR EDWARDS AND DELEGATE YOST'S EFFORTS TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR A GRADE SEPARATED INTERCHANGE AS A PERMANENT SOLUTION TO THE SAFETY ISSUES AT THE U.S. 460 AND NORTH MAIN STREET INTERCHANGE

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

WHEREAS, The U.S. 460/North Main intersection is ranked number 9 out of 100 of the most dangerous intersections in the District, and the U.S. 460/Coal Bank Hollow intersection is ranked number 6 out of 100 of the most dangerous intersections in the District; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors recognizes the need for safety improvements at the U.S. 460/North Main Intersection as did the Town of Blacksburg in adopting their Comprehensive Plan which envisioned a grade separated interchange at this intersection; and

WHEREAS, The Board recognizes the Town of Blacksburg's thoughtful efforts in developing an interim solution for safety improvements at the U.S. 460/North Main Intersection within the funding constraints presented to them by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT); and

WHEREAS, Citizens have voiced concerns to the Board of Supervisors and Town Council that the proposed interim solution will cause safety issues at the U.S. 460/Coal Bank Hollow intersection located outside of the Town of Blacksburg limits and within the unincorporated area of Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, Neighborhood leaders are organizing in support of a long-term solution for safety improvements due to their concerns that the proposed interim solution will cause greater safety problems at both the U.S. 460/North Main intersection and the U.S. 460/Coal Bank Hollow intersection; and

WHEREAS, Senator John Edwards and Delegate Joseph Yost have committed to work with the Town of Blacksburg, VDOT and the Commonwealth Transportation Board to pursue a permanent solution to the safety issues at the U.S. 460/North Main intersection; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Blacksburg in an effort to improve the safety along the U.S. 460 corridor will request VDOT to reduce the speed limit in the vicinity of the North Main intersection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the Board hereby supports the Town of Blacksburg, Senator Edwards and Delegate Yosts' efforts to obtain additional funding for a grade separated interchange as a permanent solution to the safety issues at the U.S. 460 and North Main Street interchange thereby avoiding additional safety issues at the U.S. 460/Coal Bank Hollow intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors that the Board hereby supports the Town of Blacksburg in their request for a lower speed limit in the U.S. 460 corridor in the vicinity of the North Main intersection.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

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

A-FY-16-82
TREASURER
DMV STOP FEES AND TRANSFER FROM GENERAL CONTINGENCIES
FOR POSTAGE AND BANK FEE OVERAGES

On a motion by April N. DeMotts, 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 appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 for the function and in the amount as follows:

162	Treasurer	\$2,860
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The source of funds for the foregoing appropriation is as follows:

<u>Revenue Account:</u>		
02 411605	DMV Stop Fees	\$2,860

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a transfer of appropriation is hereby authorized, as follows:

<u>FROM:</u>		
950	General Contingencies	(\$12,140)

<u>TO:</u>		
162	Treasurer	\$12,140

Said resolution appropriates DMV Stop Fees to pay the associated fee to the DMV and transfers funds from General Contingencies to cover postage costs and bank fee overages.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The County Administrator reported that the New River Valley Emergency Communications Regional Authority announced that the consolidated 911 Center will be operating within 60 days.

The Montgomery County Fallen Officer Memorial Ceremony was held on Monday, May 16, 2016.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Supervisor Biggs attended the Workforce Investment Board meeting. She is still learning as she is new to the Board. She also attended the Library Board meeting where the Library Director Paula Alston submitted her resignation. Supervisor Biggs stated that Ms. Alston has done an outstanding job as the director.

Supervisor Biggs asked if the County is going to move forward in hiring outside legal counsel to help with Mountain Valley Pipeline.

Supervisor DeMotts attended the Christiansburg High School graduation ceremony to celebrate her step-daughter graduating. She hopes to attend all the graduation ceremonies next year. Supervisor DeMotts congratulated all Montgomery County graduates.

Supervisor DeMotts thanked the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Citizen Support Group for their presentation tonight and their support to the Sheriff's Office.

Supervisor King reported he had the opportunity to attend several graduation ceremonies in Montgomery County. He stated that Auburn High School had 91 graduates this year.

Supervisor Perkins reported the annual New River Valley Regional Commission meeting was held on May 11, 2016 at the Draper Mercantile. The annual meeting rotates each year in the different counties the NRVRC represents. The 2016 NRVRC annual award recipients were as follows:

- Citizen of the Valley Award - Penelope Kyle, President of Radford University
- Champion of the Valley Award – William “Bill” Brown, retired Montgomery County Board of Supervisor and Joseph Yost, 12th District Virginia House of Delegates
- Friend of the Valley Award – Mary Moody, Northern Endowment

Supervisor Tuck reported that there has been a discussion with Waters and Power law firm and he was impressed; however, there is a conflict with Water and Power representing Montgomery County due to the County's stance in opposing the pipeline while the other counties have stated they will support alternative routes. The County is still looking into hiring an outside legal counsel.

Supervisor Tuck reported the opening of the new Blacksburg Volunteer Rescue Squad station located at 1300 Progress Street, Blacksburg. Thanks were given to all the volunteers in the County for the services they provide.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned to June 6, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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