

AT AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA HELD ON THE 22nd DAY OF AUGUST, 2011 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE BOARD CHAMBERS, MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, 755 ROANOKE STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA:

PRESENT:	James D. Politis	-Chair
	William H. Brown (arrived 6:10 p.m.)	-Vice Chair
	Mary W. Biggs	-Supervisors
	Gary D. Creed	
	Doug Marrs	
	F. Craig Meadows	-County Administrator
	L. Carol Edmonds	-Assistant County Administrator
	Martin M. McMahon	-County Attorney
	Brian Hamilton	-Economic Development Director
	Vickie L. Swinney	-Secretary, Board of Supervisors
ABSENT:	John A. Muffo	-Supervisors
	Annette S. Perkins	

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

INTO CLOSED MEETING

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by Doug Marrs 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. New Blacksburg High School Property
 2. Old Blacksburg Middle School Property

(29) Discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including interviews of bidders or offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body

1. Discussion of Bond Counsel

(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. County Administrator’s Annual Review

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT DURING VOTE</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Gary D. Creed	None	William H. Brown	John A. Muffo
Mary W. Biggs			Annette S. Perkins
Doug Marris			
James D. Politis			

Supervisor Brown arrived at 6:10 p.m.

OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

On a motion by William H. Brown, seconded by Doug Marris and carried unanimously,

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

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
William H. Brown	None	John A. Muffo
Mary W. Biggs		Annette S. Perkins
Doug Marris		
Gary D. Creed		
James D. Politis		

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

On a motion by Doug Marrs, seconded by Mary W. Biggs 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

Mary W. Biggs
Doug Marrs
Gary D. Creed
William H. Brown
James D. Politis

NAYS

None

ABSENT DURING VOTE

John A. Muffo
Annette S. Perkins

ABSENT DURING MEETING

John A. Muffo
Annette S. Perkins

INVOCATION

A moment of silence was led by the Chair.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENTATION

Montgomery County Ozone All-Stars 2011 District 3 Champions

The Board of Supervisors presented certificates to the Montgomery County League All-Stars for winning the 2011 District 3 Tournament. Congratulations to everyone involved. The team is comprised of Dylan Akers, Ryan Albert, Tanner DeHart, Cole Epperly, Shawn Ferrell, Jake Garren, Trenton Harding, Aaric Huff, Lukas Matthews, Hunter Perkins, Adam Quesenberry, Logan Shepherd, Austin Kirtner and Eli Franklin. The team was managed by David Harding and he is assisted by Alan Ferrell, Jon Akers and Tim Quesenberry.

DELEGATIONS

Animal Management Issues

Mountain View Humane –Waldron-Ricci Spay Neuter Clinic

Kelly Cass with Mountain View Humane updated the Board on the Waldron-Ricci Spay Neuter Clinic in Christiansburg. The Clinic has been in operation for one year and has seen tremendous success. So far, 3,827 sterilization procedures have been performed, 1,987 (52%) of which reside in Montgomery County. Of the 1,987 animals seen from Montgomery County, 587 owners needed additional financial assistance for the spay/neuter procedure. The cost of the procedure is \$61.00 and the average assistance is \$46.40 leaving the owner to pay an average of \$14.50.

Ms. Cass stated their goal is to turn no one away because of their inability to pay. The need for ongoing funding to subsidize the lowest income population cannot be avoided and it is overwhelming. The Mountain View Humane-Waldron-Ricci Spay Neuter Clinic will be submitting a request in the upcoming budget process to request monetary support from Montgomery County to help to subsidize the cost for low income families to spay/neuter their pets.

Ms. Cass reminded the Board that sterilization is the best defense against all sources of overpopulation in the community and helps minimize health risks and the cost of caring for unwanted animals.

Friends of Animal Care and Control

Jason Shelton, Friends of Animal Care and Control (FACC), updated the Board on their activities. FACC efforts have made a big difference to the lives of dogs in Montgomery County as follows:

- Spay/neuter: 98 % success rate on shelter adoptions in 2010
- Reduction in euthanasia rates (2004 = 54%; 2010 = 9.5%)
- Adoption & Owner Reclaim Rates (2004 = 41%; 2010 = 65.4%)
- Transfers to Rescue (2004 = 3%; 2010 = 22.1%)

Mr. Shelton also reported on the inability to pick-up house cats due to the lack of adequate shelter. He presented information on the need for a animal shelter and the need for additional community programs to address animal issues such as spay/neuter services and community education.

Mr. Shelton stated the current Animal Shelter is in urgent need of replacement and expansion. The estimated construction cost for a new shelter is \$2.5 million. He asked that the Board include an animal shelter in their capital needs budget.

Montgomery County Courthouse Construction Update

Ron Riquelmy, Project Manager with ARCADIS, US, Inc., updated the Board of Supervisors on the construction progress of the new courthouse. As of today, the project is 30 days behind schedule. The new estimated project completion date is December 30, 2011; however, he believes the project is four months behind and it will be in the Spring 2012 before completed.

INTO WORK SESSION

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

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

1. American Electric Power – Falling Branch-Merrimac 138 kV Transmission Line

The vote on the forgoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Doug Marrs	None	John A. Muffo
Gary D. Creed		Annette S. Perkins
William H. Brown		
Mary W. Biggs		
James D. Politis		

American Electric Power – Falling Branch-Merrimac 138 kV Transmission Line

Todd Burns, AEP, made a presentation on AEP's Falling Branch-Merrimac 138 kV Transmission Line project. Mr. Burns reported a new line is needed to meet the growing needs for electricity and to ensure reliability. The last major reinforcement in the area was in the early 1990's. Between 2003 and 2010, peak electric demand in the area increased by 34% and is expected to continue to grow steadily.

The project was originally announced in 2008 but was delayed due to the slow economy. Now the demand for electricity is nearing the original loading targets and AEP is moving forward with the project with an estimated service date of 2015.

Mr. Burns presented information on AEP's existing facilities in Montgomery County and the potential new 138kV route. He stated that AEP has begun data gathering from the local governments and will accept comments through August 26, 2011. They will seek comments from the local governments before finalizing the preferred route. The SCC application will be filed in January 2012. The state will review the process and provide additional opportunity for property owners, local governments and other concerned stakeholders to participate.

OUT OF WORK SESSION

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

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

The vote on the forgoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Gary D. Creed	None	John A. Muffo
William H. Brown		Annette S. Perkins
Mary W. Biggs		
Doug MARR		
James D. Politis		

PUBLIC ADDRESS

Steve Brumfield expressed concerns with AEP's proposed routes for the Falling Branch-Merrimac 138 kV Transmission Line. Mr. Brumfield stated that the Proposed Route #B (northern route) will impact his property the most and asked that AEP consider another option. The route will impact his viewshed and his plans to build a house on the property. He has discussed his concerns with AEP and asked them to consider the southern route, which will only require AEP to make a small change in their plans.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Doug MARR, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously, the Consent Agenda dated August 22, 2011 was approved.

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
William H. Brown	None	John A. Muffo
Mary W. Biggs		Annette S. Perkins
Doug Marrs		
Gary D. Creed		
James D. Politis		

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Doug Marrs, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously, the minutes dated March 14, 2011 were approved.

Appropriations and Transfers

A-FY-12-25 VICTIM WITNESS GRANT APPROPRITION

On a motion by Doug Marrs, seconded by Mary W. Biggs 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, 2012 for the function and in the amount as follows:

551	Victim Witness Grant	\$136,879
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The source of the funds for the foregoing appropriation is as follows:

<u>Revenue Account</u>		
25511-424401	Victim Witness Grant	\$136,879

Said resolution appropriates the Victim Witness Grant funds for FY 12.

A-FY-12-26 MONTGOMERY MUSEUM AND LYRIC THEATRE GRANT APPROPRIATION

On a motion by Doug Marrs, 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, 2012, for the function and in the amount as follows:

911	Montgomery Museum Grant	\$2,500
	Lyric Grant	<u>\$2,500</u>
	Total	\$5,000

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

<u>Revenue Account:</u>		
424401	State Grants	\$5,000

Said resolution appropriates grant funds received for the Montgomery Museum and Lyric Theatre.

**R-FY-12-17
RESOLUTION GRANTING
AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER
A UTILITY EASEMENT AT THE
NEW AUBURN HIGH SCHOOL SITE**

On a motion by Doug Marrs, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia hereby authorizes the conveyance of a utility easement at the new Auburn High School site, owned by Montgomery County, located at 4315 Riner Road, Riner, Virginia to American Electric Power in order to remove old electrical poles and install new electrical poles at a new location.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chair of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to execute the above referenced utility easement to American Electric Power on behalf of the Board of Supervisors.

**R-FY-12-18
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES
SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT GRANT APPLICATION**

On a motion by Doug Marrs, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office has requested the Board's support for a Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles Selective Enforcement Grant to provide overtime hours, training and equipment totaling an estimated \$37,704; 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 \$6,234 of vehicle fuel and maintenance 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 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 \$37,704 with no local cash and an in-kind match of \$6,234.

R-FY-12-19
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES
REGIONAL CRASH TEAM GRANT

On a motion by Doug Marrs, seconded by Mary W. Biggs 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 \$35,940; 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 \$5,990 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 \$35,940 with no local cash and an in-kind match of \$5,990.

NEW BUSINESS

R-FY-12-20 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PERCENTAGE FOR 2011

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

WHEREAS, The Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998, Virginia Code §58.1-3523, et seq. ("PPTRA"), has been substantially modified by the enactment of Chapter 1 of the Acts of Assembly, 2004 Special Session I (Senate Bill 5005), and the provisions of Item 503 of Chapter 951 of the 2005 Acts of Assembly (the 2005 revisions to the 2004-06 Appropriations Act, hereinafter cited as the "2005 Appropriations Act"); and

WHEREAS, These legislative enactments required the County of Montgomery, Virginia, to take affirmative steps to implement these changes and to provide for the computation and allocation of relief provided pursuant to the PPTRA as revised; and

WHEREAS, These legislative enactments provide for the appropriation to the County of Montgomery, Virginia, commencing in 2006, of a fixed sum to be used exclusively for the provision of tax relief to owners of qualifying personal use vehicles that are subject to the personal property tax ("PPT") on such vehicles and provide the opportunity for the County of Montgomery, Virginia, to fashion a program of tax relief that serves the best interest of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance to implement the changes to PPTRA affected by legislation adopted during the 2004 Special Session I and the 2005 Regular Session of the General Assembly of Virginia on November 28, 2005.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia, that the rate of 100% of relief shall be applied to each qualifying vehicle valued at \$1,000 or less and that the rate of 54.16% shall be applied to the first \$20,000 in value of each qualifying vehicle with a value above \$1,000. Those rates of relief are estimated to exhaust PPTRA relief funds available to the County of Montgomery, Virginia, by the Commonwealth of Virginia for Tax Year 2011.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That any amount of PPTRA relief not used within the County of Montgomery's Fiscal Year shall be carried forward and used to increase the funds available for personal property tax relief in the following Fiscal Year.

The vote on the forgoing resolution was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mary W. Biggs	None	Annette S. Perkins
Doug Marrs		John A. Muffo
Gary D. Creed		
William H. Brown		
James D. Politis		

R-FY-12-21
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE CONVEYANCE FROM
THE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY
OF THE ELLISTON-LAFAYETTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROPERTY

On a motion by William H. Brown, seconded by Gary D. Creed and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, The County School Board of Montgomery County (the "School Board") adopted a Resolution on April 14, 2011, declaring the Elliston-Lafayette Elementary School Property ("the Property") surplus to its needs and authorized the conveyance of the Property to the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, The School Board has requested the Board of Supervisors to be able to use the proceeds if the Board of Supervisors sells the Property as a portion of the funding for the new Auburn High School, the new Blacksburg High School and the renovation of the existing Auburn High School for use as the new Auburn Middle School ("School Capital Projects"); and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors desires to accept the conveyance of the Elliston-Lafayette Elementary School Property from the School Board and if the Property is sold to authorize the School Board to use the net proceeds from the sale after the County is reimbursed for its costs of selling the Property as a portion of the funding for the School Capital Projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia, that the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes James D. Politis, Chair, to accept from the School Board on behalf of the Board of Supervisors the conveyance of the Elliston-Lafayette Elementary School Property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia, that should the Board of Supervisors sell the Property, the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the School Board subject to future appropriation, to use the net

proceeds from the sale after the County is reimbursed for its costs of selling the Property as a portion of the funding for the School Capital Projects.

The vote on the forgoing resolution was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Doug Marrs	None	Annette S. Perkins
Gary D. Creed		John A. Muffo
William H. Brown		
Mary W. Biggs		
James D. Politis		

R-FY-12-22
APPOINTMENTS
MONTGOMERY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

On a motion by Doug Marrs, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, Montgomery County has entered into a Cooperative Agreement entitled “Organization Cooperative Agreement between Montgomery County and the Towns of Blacksburg and Christiansburg for the Creation and Implementation of a Joint Tourism Program”; and

WHEREAS, Section 4 of the Cooperative Agreement requires that an advisory council be created which shall provide guidance to the operating board and tourism staff in the development and implementation of an ongoing tourism program; and

WHEREAS, This advisory council shall be known as the Montgomery Tourism Development Council (MTDC) and shall be advisory in nature, and shall assist with the elements and components required to maintain the tourism program; and

WHEREAS, The MTDC shall consist of nine members, with the Board of Supervisors, the Blacksburg Town Council, the Christiansburg Town Council, and the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce each making one appointment, with the remaining five appointments being joint appointments approved by the three localities; and

WHEREAS, These five appointees shall be owners, operators, or employees from local hotels, restaurants, and attractions; and

WHEREAS, The members of the MTDC shall serve terms of office of two years, except the initial term for three of the committee appointees and the Board of Supervisors representative shall be for one year to ensure that all terms do not expire at the same time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors hereby agrees to designate the joint appointments of Scott Sink and Tom Norman to be for two-year terms, and the joint appointments of Kathy

Drummond, Zack Kennedy, and Connie Hale to be for one-year terms, subject to the Town Councils of Blacksburg and Christiansburg making the same term designations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors that the effective dates for the above listed appointees are as follows:

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>
Scott Sink	August 23, 2011	August 22, 2013
Tom Norman	August 23, 2011	August 22, 2013
Kathy Drummond	August 23, 2011	August 22, 2012
Zack Kennedy	August 23, 2011	August 22, 2012
Connie Hale	August 23, 2011	August 22, 2012

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors, that the Board of Supervisors hereby appoints James D. Politis as the Board of Supervisors representative effective August 23, 2011 and expiring August 22, 2012.

The vote on the forgoing resolution was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Gary D. Creed	None	Annette S. Perkins
William H. Brown		John A. Muffo
Mary W. Biggs		
Doug Marrs		
James D. Politis		

R-FY-12-23
NATIONAL MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE ON THE 10TH
ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11TH

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

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia expresses their support of the United States Senate regarding coming together as a Nation and ceasing all work or other activity for a moment of remembrance beginning at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on September 11, 2011, in remembrance on the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks committed against the United States on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, At 8:46 a.m. on September 11, 2001, hijacked American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the upper portion of the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City; and

WHEREAS, 17 minutes later at 9:03 a.m., hijacked United Airlines Flight 175 crashed into the South Tower of the World Trade Center; and

WHEREAS, At 9:37 a.m., the west wall of the Pentagon was hit by hijacked American Airlines Flight 77, the impact of which caused immediate and catastrophic damage to the headquarters of the Department of Defense; and

WHEREAS, At approximately 10:00 a.m., the passengers and crew of hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 acted heroically to retake control of the airplane and thwart the taking of additional American lives by crashing the airliner in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and in doing so, gave their lives to save countless others; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 3,000 innocent civilians were killed in the heinous attacks of September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Countless fire departments, police departments, first responders, governmental officials, workers, emergency medical personnel, and volunteers responded immediately and heroically to those horrific events; and

WHEREAS, The Fire Department of New York suffered 343 fatalities on September 11, 2001, the largest loss of life of any emergency response agency in United States history; and

WHEREAS, The Port Authority Police Department suffered 37 fatalities in the attacks, the largest loss of life of any police force in United States history in a single day; and

WHEREAS, The New York Police Department suffered 23 fatalities as a result of the terrorist attacks; and

WHEREAS, The impact of that day on public health continues through 2011, as nearly 90,000 people are at risk of, or suffering from, negative health effects as a result of the events of September 11, 2001, including 14,000 workers and 2,400 community residents who are sick, and tens of thousands of others whose health is being monitored; and

WHEREAS, 10 years later, thousands of men and women in the United States Armed Forces remain in harm's way defending the United States against those who seek to threaten the United States; and

WHEREAS, On the 10th anniversary of this tragic day, the thoughts of the people of the United States are with all of the victims of the events of September 11, 2001 and their families; and

WHEREAS, The lives of Americans were changed forever on September 11, 2001 when events threatened the American way of life; and

WHEREAS, In 2009 Congress and the President joined together to designate September 11 as a National Day of Service and Remembrance under the Serve America Act; and

WHEREAS, September 11 will never, and should never, be just another day in the hearts and minds of all people of the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia

- 1) *hereby recognizes September 11, 2011 as a day of solemn commemoration of the events of September 11, 2001, and a day to come together as a Nation; and*
- 2) *offers its deepest and most sincere condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of the innocent victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks; and*
- 3) *honors the heroic service, actions, and sacrifices of first responders, law enforcement personnel, state and local officials, volunteers, and countless others who aided the innocent victims of those attacks and in doing so, bravely risked and often gave their own lives; and*
- 4) *recognizes the valiant service, actions, and sacrifices of United States personnel, including members of the United States Armed Forces, the United States intelligence agencies, the United States diplomatic service, homeland security and law enforcement personnel, and their families, who have given so much, including their lives and well-being, to support the cause of freedom and defend the security of the United States; and*
- 5) *reaffirms that the people of the United States will never forget the challenges our country endured on and since September 11, 2001 and will work tirelessly to defeat those who attacked the United States.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That on the 10th anniversary of this tragic day in United States history, the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County calls upon all of the people and institutions of the United States to observe a moment of remembrance on September 11, 2011, including (i) media outlets; (ii) houses of worship; (iii) military organizations; (iv) veterans organizations; (v) airlines, (vi) airports; (vii) railroads; (viii) sports teams; (ix) the federal government; (x) state and local governments; (xi) police, fire, and other public institutions; (xii) educational institutions; (xiii) businesses; and (xiv) other public and private institutions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County encourages the observance of the moment of remembrance to last for 1 minute beginning at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time by ceasing all work or other activity, to the maximum extent practicable, and marking the moment in an appropriate manner, including by ringing bells, blowing whistles, or sounding sirens.

The vote on the forgoing resolution was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
William H. Brown	None	Annette S. Perkins
Mary W. Biggs		John A. Muffo
Doug Marrs		
Gary D. Creed		
James D. Politis		

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The County Administrator reported on the following:

- Government Center Security ID Badges: All County Employees were issued security ID badges as part of the security plan at the Government Center. All doors will remain locked except the public entrance doors during normal hours of operation. An ID badge is required to access employee entrances.
- State Budget: A letter from Governor McDonnell was received recognizing the Board of Supervisors resolution requesting restoration of state aid to the localities.
- I-Pad Project: Staff is proceeding with purchasing I-Pad's for the Board members and will be delivered to them by the first part of January.
- Joint Dinner Meeting: A joint dinner meeting with the Town of Blacksburg and Town of Christiansburg is scheduled for Monday, August 29, 2011 at the Elliston Park located behind the Elliston Volunteer Fire Station. This will be an informal meeting with no agenda.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

Supervisor Creed asked if electronic signs could be installed at all access points coming into Montgomery County. The signs could display county activities and meetings.

Supervisor Brown reported he received complaints from several citizens regarding the video sound of the Board meetings. They stated they cannot hear what the Board members are saying. He doesn't know if this is due to the microphone system in the Board Room or from the creation of the video. He asked for staff members to look into this problem.

Supervisors Biggs expressed her pleasure in the use of I-Pad's for future Board meetings. She stated that when the county first moved into the Government Center it was planned that computer laptops were to be used; however, several Board members at that preferred paper agenda packets. She believes that the use of I-Pad's will be cost effective as it will eliminate paper costs.

VACo Board of Directors Meeting - Supervisor Biggs attended the VACo Board of Directors meeting and VACo's Education Steering Committee meeting last week. Main topic of discussion was the lack of future state funding. Supervisor Biggs foresees more tough times ahead as the State will continue to pass cuts down to the local government.

Supervisor Marrs reported he attended the VACO Transportation Steering Committee meeting. One major issue that VACO and localities are concerned about is the State's discussion of turning over the maintenance of secondary roads to the localities. This would be a tremendous cost to local governments.

Supervisor Politis reported that at his request the Board of Supervisors included in their legislative priorities last year to request the General Assembly to adopt legislation to give the State of Virginia authority to grow industrial hemp. He asked his fellow Board members to support his request in asking the Towns of Blacksburg and Christiansburg for their support in this endeavor. He also asked the Board's support in asking VACO to include this request in their legislative priorities.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by William H. Brown and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned to Monday, August 29, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mary W. Biggs	None	Annette S. Perkins
Doug Marrs		John A. Muffo
Gary D. Creed		
William H. Brown		
James D. Politis		

The Board adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
James D. Politis
Chair

ATTEST: _____
F. Craig Meadows
County Administrator