

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA HELD ON THE 11th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2011 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE BOARD CHAMBERS, MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, 755 ROANOKE STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA:

PRESENT:	James D. Politis	-Chair
	William H. Brown	-Vice Chair
	Mary W. Biggs	-Supervisors
	Gary D. Creed	
	Doug Marrs	
	John A. Muffo	
	Annette S. Perkins	
	F. Craig Meadows	-County Administrator
	L. Carol Edmonds	-Assistant County Administrator
	Martin M. McMahon	-County Attorney
	Ruth L. 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 William H. Brown, seconded by Mary W. Biggs 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. Old Blacksburg Middle School Property
 2. Old Blacksburg High School Property
 3. Surplus property adjacent to 460 in the Mid-County area of Montgomery County

- (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. Local Workforce Investment Board

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

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

OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by William H. Brown 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>
Annette S. Perkins	None
William H. Brown	
Mary W. Biggs	
Doug Marris	
John A. Muffo	
Gary D. Creed	
James D. Politis	

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

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

William H. Brown
Mary W. Biggs
Doug Marrs
John A. Muffo
Gary D. Creed
Annette S. Perkins
James D. Politis

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.

PUBLIC HEARING

New River Valley Regional Water Supply Plan

1. On the proposed New River Valley Regional Water Supply Plan and the Board of Supervisors intent to adopt this Regional Water Plan as the County's Water Supply Plan.
2. An Ordinance Establishing Protocol for Making Drought Declaration and Provisions for Emergency Management of the Public Water Supply.

The County Attorney provided a brief summary on the New River Valley Regional Water Supply Plan. A work session was held on this Plan at the Board's September 26, 2011 meeting. The State has mandated that localities adopt a water supply plan. The locality can either adopt a local plan or join a regional plan. Montgomery County chose to join the New River Valley Regional Water Supply Plan drafted by the New River Valley Planning District Commission. The Plan consists of two parts: 1) Adopt the NRV Regional Water Supply Plan as the County's Water Supply Plan; and 2) Establish a protocol for making drought declarations and provisions for Emergency Management of the Public Water Supply.

William Price spoke in support of the County moving forward with a regional water plan. He is pleased that Montgomery County is working with surrounding localities to address the needs but is disappointed that the Towns of Blacksburg and Christiansburg chose not to participate in the regional plan. Mr. Price also spoke on the current water needs in Montgomery County, particularly in the Merrimac, Prices Mountain and Warm Hearth areas.

Jack Selcovitz urged the Board to use caution when complying with a State mandate as he believes there usually are strings attached when receiving grant funding. He also expressed concern that when compiling information for the Regional Water Supply Plan the number and location of wells were counted. He asked why this information is needed and what it will be used for. He is concerned with the layer of involvement of the Planning District Commission. He believes that a large number of residents want to maintain control of their property rights and not lose these rights to the State. Mr. Selcovitz asked what would happen if the Montgomery County doesn't follow the State mandate.

The County Attorney explained that the Commonwealth of Virginia mandated a Water Supply Plan because of the large drought that occurred in Virginia. Governor Warner put in place a plan for all Virginia localities to create a plan for water supply in the event of future droughts and natural disasters. The regional plan, drafted by the New River Planning District Commission, identifies water sources in Montgomery County, where the water sources are and how to get water in case of a drought.

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

PUBLIC ADDRESS

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

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Annette S. Perkins, seconded by Gary D. Creed and carried unanimously, the Consent Agenda dated October 11, 2011 was approved.

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

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

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Annette S. Perkins, seconded by Gary D. Creed and carried unanimously, the minutes dated May 9 and May 10, 2011 were approved.

Schedule Public Hearing

R-FY-12-32
RESOLUTION SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE INCREASING
THE NET COMBINED FINANCIAL WORTH AND
THE INCOME LIMITS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR
TAX EXEMPTION OR DEFERRAL
FOR THE ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED

On a motion by Annette S. Perkins, seconded by Gary D. Creed and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia, that the Board of Supervisors hereby agrees to schedule a Public Hearing for November 16, 2011 at 7:15 p.m., or as soon thereafter, in the Board Room, Montgomery County Government Center located at 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia to hear citizen comments on the following:

Proposed Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2, Section 2-107, Entitled Tax Exemption and Deferrals for the Elderly and Handicapped.

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Division 5, Section 2-107 of the Code of the County of Montgomery, Virginia Entitled Tax Exemption and Deferrals for Elderly and Handicapped by Increasing the Net Combined Financial Worth and the Income Limits to be Eligible for Relief.

Appropriations and Transfers

**A-FY-12-33
FIRE PROGRAM FUND**

On a motion by Annette S. Perkins, seconded by Gary D. Creed 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:

23311 Fire Program Fund Distribution	\$79,603
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The source of the funds for the foregoing appropriation is as follows:

<u>Revenue Account</u>	
424401 Fire Program Fund Distribution	\$79,603

Said resolution appropriates funds received from the Fire Program Fund for use by volunteer fire departments.

Special Use Permits

**R-FY-12-33
A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE AUTHORIZATION PERIOD
FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT R-FY-10-46 AN ADDITIONAL YEAR
FOR SUBSTANTIAL CONSTRUCTION TO OCCUR
EMERALD INVESTORS, INC.**

On a motion by Annette S. Perkins, seconded by Gary D. Creed and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, In September 2009, the Board of Supervisors granted Emerald Investors, Inc., Special Use Permit R-FY-10-46 for the purpose of allowing a convenience store with motor fuel sales in a General Business Zoning District for Tax Map Parcel 104-A-30 in the Riner Magisterial District; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-54(3)(j) states that a Special Use Permit shall be void after two (2) years unless substantial construction has taken place, however, the Board of Supervisors may extend authorization for an additional one year upon request of the applicant; and

WHEREAS, Emerald Investors, Inc. has not undertaken substantial construction and therefore desires for the Board of Supervisor to extend the period under the Special Use Permit one (1) additional year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia, that the Board of Supervisors hereby agrees to extend the authorization period of Special Use Permit R-FY-10-46 for an additional year for substantial construction to occur.

R-FY-12-34
A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE AUTHORIZATION PERIOD
FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT R-FY-10-45 AN ADDITIONAL YEAR
FOR SUBSTANTIAL CONSTRUCTION TO OCCUR
S&P OF VIRGINIA, LLC

On a motion by Annette S. Perkins, seconded by Gary D. Creed and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, In September 2009, the Board of Supervisors granted S & P of Virginia, LLC, Special Use Permit R-FY-10-45 for the purpose of allowing a convenience store with motor fuel sales in a General Business Zoning District for Tax Map Parcels 104-A-32A, 104-A-32, 104-A-33, and 104-7-A in the Riner Magisterial District; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-54(3)(j) states that a Special Use Permit shall be void after two (2) years unless substantial construction has taken place, however, the Board of Supervisors may extend authorization for an additional one year upon request of the applicant; and

WHEREAS, S & P of Virginia, LLC has not undertaken substantial construction and therefore desires for the Board of Supervisor to extend the period under the Special Use Permit one (1) additional year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia, that the Board of Supervisors hereby agrees to extend the authorization period of Special Use Permit R-FY-10-45 for an additional year for substantial construction to occur.

R-FY-12-35
A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE AUTHORIZATION PERIOD
FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT R-FY-10-47 AN ADDITIONAL YEAR
FOR SUBSTANTIAL CONSTRUCTION TO OCCUR
ROGER WOODY

On a motion by Annette S. Perkins, seconded by Gary D. Creed and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, In September 2009, the Board of Supervisors granted Roger Woody, Special Use Permit R-FY-10-47 for the purpose of allowing a convenience store with motor fuel sales in a General Business Zoning District for Tax Map Parcel 104-4-47 in the Riner Magisterial District; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-54(3)(j) states that a Special Use Permit shall be void after two (2) years unless substantial construction has taken place, however, the Board of Supervisors may extend authorization for an additional one year upon request of the applicant; and

WHEREAS, Roger Woody has not undertaken substantial construction and therefore desires for the Board of Supervisor to extend the period under the Special Use Permit one (1) additional year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia, that the Board of Supervisors hereby agrees to extend the authorization period of Special Use Permit R-FY-10-47 for an additional year for substantial construction to occur.

R-FY-12-36
RESOLUTION AMENDING THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING DATES IN
NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2011

On a motion by Annette S. Perkins, seconded by Gary D. Creed and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby schedules its first meeting in November on Wednesday, **November 16, 2011.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby cancels its second meeting in December due to the holidays.

R-FY-12-37
NEW RIVER VALLEY AGENCY ON AGING
REAPPOINT ROBERT E. GRIBBEN
AND DEENA A. FLINCHUM AS ALTERNATE

On a motion by Annette S. Perkins, seconded by Gary D. Creed and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby reappoints **Robert E. Gribben** to the **New River Valley Agency on Aging** effective October 1, 2011 and expiring September 30, 2012.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors reappoints **Deena A. Flinchum** as an **alternate** to the **New River Valley Agency on Aging** effective October 1, 2011 and expiring September 30, 2012.

R-FY-12-38
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
TIMOTHY Q. NELSON

On a motion by Annette S. Perkins, seconded by Gary D. Creed and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby appoints **Timothy Q. Nelson**, who resides in District B, to the **Parks and Recreation Commission** effective October 12, 2011 and expiring October 11, 2014.

R-FY-12-39
MONTGOMERY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
AMEND APPOINTMENT RESOLUTION R-FY-12-22
TO INCLUDE AN EX-OFFICIO NON-VOTING MEMBER
TO REPRESENT VIRGINIA TECH

On a motion by Annette S. Perkins, seconded by Gary D. Creed and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, Montgomery County entered into a Joint Tourism Agreement with the Towns of Blacksburg and Christiansburg for the purpose of creating and implementing a Joint Tourism Program; and

WHEREAS, Section 4 of the Cooperative Agreement requires that an advisory council be created, and known as the Montgomery Tourism Development Council (MTDC), which shall provide guidance to the operating board and tourism staff in the development and implementation of an ongoing tourism program; and

WHEREAS, Section 4(b) requires that the MTDC include a representative from Virginia Tech be included as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the MTDC, to be designated by Virginia Tech; and

WHEREAS, Appointment of an ex-officio, non-voting representative from Virginia Tech was inadvertently omitted from the appointment resolution R-FY-12-22 adopted by the Board of Supervisors on August 22, 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby amends resolution R-FY-12-22 "Appointments Montgomery Tourism Development Council" to include a representative from Virginia Tech as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the MTDC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, This amendment shall be attached to, and become a part of, resolution R-FY-12-22.

NEW BUSINESS

**R-FY-12-40
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA
APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE AND REFUNDING BONDS
BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA
FOR THE BENEFIT OF VIRGINIA TECH FOUNDATION, INC.**

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

WHEREAS, The Economic Development Authority of Montgomery County, Virginia (the "Authority"), has considered the request of the Virginia Tech Foundation, Inc. (the "Foundation"), a non-profit organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") to issue the Authority's revenue and refunding bonds or other obligations in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$90,000,000 (the "Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, Proceeds of the Bonds will be used, together with other funds provided by or on behalf of the Foundation, to pay related costs of issuance and costs of the following (collectively, the "Projects"):

(a) refunding the entire outstanding principal amount of the Industrial Development Authority of Craig County, Virginia Revenue Bond (Virginia Tech Foundation Research Building XIV Project), Series 2000, which financed, among other things, the costs of a facility referred to as Research Building XIV, an approximately 37,500 square foot facility located at 1770 Forecast Drive in Blacksburg, Virginia, owned by the Foundation for use by Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (the "University"),

(b) refunding a portion of the outstanding principal amount of the Industrial Development Authority of Montgomery County, Virginia Variable Rate Revenue Bonds (Virginia Tech Foundation), Series 2005, which financed, among other things, the costs of (i) a facility referred to as Research Building XV, an approximately 53,000 square foot facility located at 1880 Pratt Drive in Blacksburg, Virginia, owned by the Foundation for use by the

University and various other tenants, and (ii) a facility referred to as VT Knowledge Works Phase II, an approximately 40,000 square foot facility located at 2202 Kraft Drive in Blacksburg, Virginia, owned by the Foundation and leased to the University for research and related purposes,

(c) refunding a portion of the outstanding principal amount of the Industrial Development Authority of Montgomery County, Virginia Revenue Bonds (Virginia Tech Foundation), Series 2009A, which financed, among other things, the costs of a facility referred to as Advanced Materials Characterization Facility, an approximately 34,000 square foot facility located at 1991 Kraft Drive in Blacksburg, Virginia, owned by the Foundation for use by the University,

(d) refunding a portion of the outstanding principal amount of the Industrial Development Authority of Montgomery County, Virginia Taxable Revenue Bonds (Virginia Tech Foundation), Series 2009B (the "Series 2009B Bonds"), which financed, among other things, the costs of a facility referred to as Collegiate Square Phase I, an approximately 79,000 square foot facility located adjacent to the University campus on the 400 block of Turner Street, NW, in Blacksburg, Virginia, owned by the Foundation and leased to the University and other tenants, and

(e) financing or refinancing all or a portion of the costs of constructing and equipping any or all of the following facilities located in Montgomery County, Virginia to be owned by the Foundation and used by the Foundation, the University, or the general public: (i) furniture, fixtures and equipment to be located in a portion of a facility referred to as Virginia Tech Research Center, Arlington, an approximately 144,000 square foot facility located on the 800-900 block of North Glebe Road in Arlington, Virginia, owned by the Foundation and leased to the University and other tenants, (ii) capitalized interest, a portion of the costs of which have originally been financed with the proceeds of the Series 2009B Bonds, relating to the Virginia Tech Research Center, Arlington, described above, (iii) a facility referred to as Research Building XXVI, an approximately 45,000 square foot facility located at 2284 Kraft Drive in Blacksburg, Virginia, owned by the Foundation and leased to the University, (iii) certain infrastructure projects in connection with the Phase II expansion of a facility referred to as the Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center on approximately 97 acres of land located between the Route 460 bypass and Tech Center Drive in Blacksburg, Virginia, owned by the Foundation and used by the University and the Town of Blacksburg, Virginia, (iv) a facility referred to as Turner Street (which consists, in part, of a facility that is referred to as the Noonkester property), an approximately 141,000 square foot facility, along with an 800-space parking deck, located adjacent to the University campus on the 200-300 block of Turner Street, NW, in Blacksburg, Virginia, owned by the Foundation and leased to the University and other tenants, a portion of the costs of which have originally been financed with the proceeds of the Series 2009B Bonds, (v) a facility referred to as Corporate Research Center Phase II Building I, an approximately 40,000 square foot facility to be located in the Corporate Research Center Phase II areas between the Route 460 bypass and Tech Center Drive in Blacksburg, Virginia, owned by the Foundation for lease by the University and other tenants, and (vi) a facility referred to as the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute Expansion, an approximately 17,000 square foot facility located at

3500 Transportation Plaza in Blacksburg, Virginia, owned by the Foundation and leased to the University and other tenants; and

WHEREAS, Section 147(f) of the Code provides that the governmental unit having jurisdiction over the issuer of private activity bonds and over the area in which any facility financed with the proceeds of private activity bonds is located must approve the issuance of the bonds and Section 15.2-4906 of the Industrial Development and Revenue Bond Act, Chapter 49, Title 15.2, Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended (the "Act"), sets forth the procedure for such approval; and

WHEREAS, Since the Authority issues bonds on behalf of Montgomery County, certain of the Projects are located in Montgomery County and the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County (the "Board") constitutes the highest elected governmental unit of Montgomery County, it is required that the Board approve issuance of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, Following a public hearing held on September 27, 2011, the Authority adopted a resolution (the "Authority Resolution") recommending the Board approve the issuance of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, A copy of the Authority Resolution and a Fiscal Impact Statement have been filed with the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA:

1. Approval of the Bonds. The Board approves the issuance by the Authority of the Bonds in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$90,000,000, for the benefit of the Foundation, as required by Section 147(f) of the Code and Section 15.2-4906 of the Virginia Code, to permit the Authority to assist the Foundation in financing or refinancing the Projects.

2. No Endorsement; Bonds are Limited Obligations. The approval of the issuance of the Bonds does not constitute an endorsement to a prospective purchaser of the creditworthiness of the Projects or the Foundation and, as required by Section 15.2-4909 of the Virginia Code, the Bonds shall provide that neither the County nor the Authority shall be obligated to pay the Bonds or the interest thereon or other costs incident thereto except from the revenues and moneys pledged therefor, and neither the faith and credit nor the taxing power of the Commonwealth of Virginia nor any political subdivision thereof, including the County and the Authority, shall be pledged thereto.

3. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The vote on the forgoing resolution was as follows:

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

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. Legislative Priorities For 2012

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

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

Legislative Priorities for 2012

The County Administrator distributed copies of the Board's Legislative Priorities adopted in 2011 and asked the Board to review and make any deletions or additions for their Legislative Priorities for 2012. He recommended that concerns regarding the possibility of shifting the responsibility for secondary roads to localities be added to the Board's priorities.

Supervisor Politis asked if the priority supporting legislation that would grant counties the authority to enact water and sewer availability fees and mandatory water and sewer connection powers was still a priority for the County or could it be deleted. The County Attorney replied that at one time the Board of Supervisors was considering dissolving the Public Service Authority. If this was accomplished then the County would need the ability to enact water and sewer availability fees as they do not have the power do to so unless granted the authority by the General Assembly.

After Board discussion, the County Administrator was instructed to amend the 2011 Legislative Priorities as follows:

Delete: Water and Sewer Availability Fees

Add: Bullet Point #2, Ending Unfunded Mandates on Local Government, The County opposes the shift of cost for maintenance on secondary roads to localities.

OUT OF WORK SESSION

On a motion by Annette S. Perkins, seconded by Doug Marrs 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

Gary D. Creed
Annette S. Perkins
William H. Brown
Mary W. Biggs
Doug Marrs
John A. Muffo
James D. Politis

NAY

None

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The County Administrator reported on the following:

- Blacksburg High School Groundbreaking Ceremony was held on October 11, 2011.

- Legislative Dinner with our elected state representatives will be held Thursday, December 8, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. Only the Board of Supervisors and School Board will be invited in order to keep the focus on issues related to state cuts to the County and Education.
- VDOT Road Update Report was distributed to the Board of Supervisors. David Clarke, Resident Maintenance Manager, was unable to attend the meeting but forwarded the October report for the Board's review.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Supervisor Creed - VDOT Road Update Report – Supervisor Creed stated that the Willis Hollow Road (SR 609) Revenue Sharing project was changed to improve only 0.43 miles from .50 miles. VDOT's reason for not improving .50 miles is that the road has a steep slope beyond the .43 miles that would require extensive right-of-way acquisition or expensive creek relocation. Supervisor Creed asked if the County will receive any money back from this project as they have paid for .50 miles, not .43 miles.

The County Administrator explained that the Willis Hollow Road project was estimated at \$400,000 to widen and surface .50 miles. The County issued a check in the amount of \$200,005 to VDOT for the County's share in December 2010. According to VDOT the revised estimated project cost to widen and surface treat 0.43 miles of non-hardsurfaced roadway is \$405,000.

Supervisor Brown reported he has been advising citizens who call him regarding road concerns or need of repairs to call VDOT's Customer Service Center at 1-800-FOR-ROAD. He has used this number himself and it has proven to be helpful.

McCoy Post Office - A community meeting was held in the McCoy area regarding the possible closing of the McCoy Post Office. There were 55 senior citizens who attended the meeting, all expressing concern with the closing and the hardship it will create. The closest post office is in Blacksburg ten miles away. Supervisor Brown requested his fellow Board members to consider adding to the October 24th agenda a resolution opposing the closing of the McCoy Post Office.

Supervisor Perkins reported the School Board is considering the redistricting of school lines in order to alleviate overcrowding in the schools. A committee will be created to study the districts, oversee community meetings, and make recommendations to the School Board. The School Board hopes that the redistricting process will be finished by March 2012.

School Board Meeting: Branch & Associates, RRMM Architects, and SHW Group presented an update on the design status of the new Auburn High School, new Blacksburg High School and renovated Auburn Middle School. The design development on the new schools is nearing 35% complete.

The Blacksburg High School Design Committee is also considering some major changes to the school. There is a request for a synthetic track with eight lanes and a field house. The School Board requested additional information on this request.

Supervisor Politis announced that Backcountry.com, the largest online specialty retailer of premium outdoor gear, will invest more than \$20 million to establish a fulfillment center in Montgomery County to be located in Falling Branch Corporate Park and will create more than 200 new jobs. He thanked the Board of Supervisors, Economic Development, and the Town of Christiansburg for working together on this project.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Annette S. Perkins, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned to Monday, October 24, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

APPROVED: _____ ATTEST: _____
James D. Politis F. Craig Meadows
Chair, Board of Supervisors County Administrator