

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA HELD ON THE 12TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1997 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE BOARD CHAMBERS, COUNTY COURTHOUSE, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA:

PRESENT:	Joseph V. Gorman, Jr.	-Chairman
	Henry F. Jablonski	-Vice Chairman (8:05)
	Mary W. Biggs	-Supervisors
	Ira D. Long	
	James M. Moore	
	Larry N. Rush	
	Joe C. Stewart	
	Annette S. Perkins	-Supervisor-elect
	James D. Politis	-Supervisor-elect
	Jeffrey D. Johnson	-County Administrator
	L. Carol Edmonds	-Assistant County Administrator
	Martin M. McMahon	-County Attorney
	T. C. Powers, Jr.	-Planning Director
	Steve Phillips	-Public Facilities Director
	Judy W. Kiser	-Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER AND JOINT PUBLIC HEARING**

Chairman Gorman called the joint public hearing with the Board of Supervisors and the Virginia Department of Transportation to order for the purpose of receiving citizens' comments on the following:

Proposed Six-Year Plan

**-For Improvement of the State Secondary Highway System in Montgomery County** and establishment of priorities for the 1998-99 budget year. Rural Addition requests will also be received at this public hearing.

Dan Brugh, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Resident Engineer, briefly reviewed the Secondary System Construction Program.

Blue Springs Road Dan Weston, Larry Hollandsworth, Regina Bonds and Daniel Morris addressed their concerns about this road. Although a section in the middle has been widened, the rest of the road needs to be widened and the curves need to be taken out. Dan Brugh, The Department of Transportation's Resident Engineer said the reason the middle section of the road was repaired was because VDOT did not have the right-of-way on either end of the road.

Craig Creek Road Houston Caldwell and J. E. Waller asked that repairs be completed on Craig Creek Road. Since this road runs through national recreation areas, there are hunters, fishermen, hikers, bikers, campers, etc., using the road, with gravel constantly being thrown off the road.

Bow Hill Road Mark Dominesey said a creek crosses this road three different times, and asked that VDOT provide culverts so vehicles won't be stranded during rain or snow.

Indian Valley Road Rachel White said Indian Valley Road is a commuter road receiving traffic from Floyd, Galax, Willis, Union Valley Road, Forest Ridge, White Rock, Alum Ridge, Copper Valley and Piney Woods. The road runs parallel with Little River, with several curves and a dangerous hill that badly needs guardrails. The Resident Engineer assured Ms. White that guardrails would be installed in the near future.

Georges Run Road Richard Vaught expressed his appreciation that Georges Run Road is listed on

the Priority List. VDOT plans to obtain rights-of-way this winter, after which advertisement can be placed for bids.

Camp Carysbrook Road Charlie Bowles said guardrails are needed at the top of this road where there is a 30' drop into a ravine. Also, there is a tree hanging over into the road at one point, and rocks are not removed when they fall onto the road. Since the Riner area is growing so rapidly, Mr. Bowles suggested that VDOT needs to look at all the roads in this area.

Chrisman Mill Road Jeffrey Scott Hosp said he was not asking for repairs on this road, but voiced his concern about the large number of deer killed on the road. During a four-day period, he hit two deer causing in excess of \$3,000 damage to two vehicles.

Vicker Switch Road Elmer Sheppard said this road has dangerous curves that need to be straightened and guardrails need to be erected.

Blue Springs Road and Mountain Pride Road It was requested that the following letter be read into the record:

“4613 Mountain Pride Road  
Hiwassee, VA 24347  
November 12, 1997

Board of Supervisors  
Montgomery County Courthouse  
Franklin & Main Streets  
Christiansburg, VA 24073

RE: Blue Springs Road and Mountain Pride Road

Gentlemen:

In deference to the many citizens who need your time to voice their concerns regarding the safety of Route 114, we are submitting this letter to become part of public record for tonight's proceedings.

Although we purchased 4613 Mountain Pride in July 1996 and are not long-time residents, we *have* lived here long enough to have *valid opinions* on our local roads.

Regarding Mountain Pride Road:

1. We stand **not** in favor of paving Mountain Pride Road. Highway dollars can be better spent elsewhere in the county than paving a half-mile access road for only three farms.
2. Mountain Pride does **not** need to be widened with the following exceptions:
  - re-establish original fill level around underground drainage pipes where they empty into the gully
  - provide enough room for two cars to pass on blind turn near top of hill
  - ideally provide one or two additional pull-off areas, so that vehicles would not need to back up a great distance in order to have enough room for two cars to pass safely
3. Provide ditches along south side where road banks toward the north. Water runs across road and cuts deep gouges in the road during heavy runoff.
4. Clean and maintain all ditches along the road throughout the year. There are also several large rocks which have fallen from the high south embankment near the base of Mountain Pride which should be moved.
5. We **do not** support any wholesale cutting of trees, or major trimming. There is one large dead hemlock on the high south embankment approximately 2/10 miles up Mountain Pride from Blue Springs Road which could be a potential problem in

the near future.

Regarding Blue Springs Road:

1. We feel that paving the remainder of Blue Springs Road out to Route 693 is **not** necessary. Again, highway dollars can be better spent elsewhere in the county. We would only favor if paving can significantly lower maintenance costs.
2. To increase safety, an effort should be made to restrict low foliage during summer months from both approaches to the bridge over Little River. Visibility there (heading south) has been especially poor this past summer.

Thank you for your time to consider our opinions on these issues.

Sincerely,

(s) Suzanne F. Pletcher      (s) I. C. Modrick      (s) Patricia K. Modrick”

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

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **PUBLIC ADDRESS SESSION**

Marcy H. Schnitzer-Office on Youth As Chair of the Office on Youth Advisory Board, Ms. Schnitzer asked the status on filling the position of Director of the Office on Youth. (This matter is discussed during Board Members’ Reports later in this meeting).

American Electric Power Company’s Proposed 765kV Power Line The following citizens spoke in opposition to the above referenced matter: Richard Rich, William Dougherty, Jack Cranford, Randolph Broce, Joyce Smith, Kathleen Pantaleo, Jim Gaines, Elaine Gaines, Justin Mosby, Bill Richardson, Carol Meacham, Andrea Kelso and John Kelso.

The Chairman explained that this matter would be listed on the Board’s next agenda in the form of a resolution requesting that prior to the State Corporation Commission’s final determination on a compelling need that issues be addressed that were brought up at this meeting.

### **Motion to Extend Public Address Session**

On a motion by Ira D. Long, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously, the Board extended the public address session until all those present to address their concerns related to State Route 114 were allowed to speak.

### **PUBLIC ADDRESS SESSION (cont’d)**

Concerns Regarding State Route 114 (Pepper’s Ferry Road) The following citizens addressed the Board about the above referenced matter: Joe Painter, John Miller, Allen Miller, Dan Haga, Christine Dennis, Lillian Shephard and Jeffrey Scott Hosp.

The following petition, with 32 signatures, was presented to the Board:

“We, the undersigned (users or residents of Peppers Ferry Road), demand an immediate solution to the recent traffic accidents. We request that the speed limit be decreased from 55 mph to 45 mph. In addition, we request that funds be increased to speed up the plan to make the road four lanes.”

The following petition, with 111 signatures, was also presented to the Board:

“We the residents of Rt. 114, Peppers Ferry Road, do hereby petition the Virginia Department of Highways, the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission to take charge and action on making Rt. 114 a safer highway.

For over twenty years there has been different plans for Rt. 114 and these plans always ended with the residents being told there wasn't enough funds. Yet there are enough funds for the new Smart Road.

We are tired of being pushed aside as if we didn't count. We are tired of wondering if we will be able to pull in and out of our driveways safely everyday. We are tired of worrying if one of us will become the next fatality.

Immediate action would be to lower the Speed Limit and to have the County and State Police on the road more to catch those that are endangering other drivers.

As everyone knows three more lost their lives on Halloween night on this road, which has been renamed “DEATH ROW.” In the past three years alone there has been seven accidents which claimed ten victims. That does not include the number of accidents that fortunately no one became another fatality.

According to the Christiansburg Rescue Squad and Fire Department about 65% of the accidents of Montgomery County rural routes occur on Rt. 114. This is way too high. Something must be done!

Will another ten lives have to be lost before action is taken? Do something immediately to prevent anymore from being lost. Don't put us on the “Back Burner” again.

Respectfully,  
The Residents of Route 114  
and  
Concerned Citizens of Montgomery Co.”

There will be a citizen meeting on November 20, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at the Belview Elementary School. Board members were invited to attend.

The Chairman explained that the petitions presented at this meeting will be submitted at VDOT's Preallocation Hearing in Salem in the Spring of the year, and encouraged the citizens to attend that hearing.

Supervisor Moore asked that a resolution be on the Board's next agenda requesting that the Department of Transportation conduct a speed study on Route 114. Supervisor Rush asked that the resolution reaffirm the Board's support for safety features and refer the matter to the County's Transportation Safety Commission and to the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

The Chairman asked that a transcript of citizens' comments made at the meeting on this date also be forwarded to the Commonwealth Transportation Board as an attachment to the resolution.

**At this point, the Board reconvened in the Board Chambers.**

#### **Minutes of October 14, 1997**

The above listed Minutes were pulled from the Consent Agenda at the request of Supervisor Moore.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by Henry F. Jablonski, seconded by Ira D. Long and carried unanimously, the Consent Agenda dated November 12, 1997 were approved. The vote was as follows:

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7001-00 Designated Fund Balance	\$1,431
1901-02 VPA Refunds	<u>\$ 124</u>
Total:	\$1,555

Said resolution appropriates recovered costs for the Medicaid and Adult Care Residency pre-screening monies for other public assistance services.

**Grant Appropriation-Sheriff**

On a motion by Henry F. Jablonski, seconded by Ira D. Long 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 ended June 30, 1998, for the function and in the amount as follows:

510 <u>Grants</u>	\$19,197
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The sources of the funds for the foregoing appropriation is as follows:

Revenue Account

240428	Selective Traffic Enforcement	\$ 7,500
240455	Local Law Enforcement Block Grant	<u>\$11,697</u>
	Total:	\$19,197

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That a transfer is hereby authorized as follows:

FROM:

550 General Contingencies	(\$1,300)
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TO:

510 Grants	\$1,300
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Said resolution appropriates monies from the state Selective Traffic Enforcement Grant and the federal Local Law Enforcement Block Grant and local match.

**Commonwealth's Attorney-Transfer from Contingencies**

On a motion by Henry F. Jablonski, seconded by Ira D. Long and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, BY the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that a transfer is hereby authorized, as follows:

FROM:

550 General Contingencies	(\$326)
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TO:

330 Commonwealth Attorney	\$326
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Said resolution transfers funds from general contingencies to pay for advertising to fill Assistant Commonwealth Attorney and receptionist positions for the Commonwealth Attorney's office.

**Schools-Authorization to Use Bond Proceeds**

On a motion by Henry F. Jablonski, seconded by Ira D. Long and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby authorizes the use of \$16,800 of VPSA bond proceeds for construction drawings and bidding of the auxiliary gymnasium at the New High School at the Elliston site.

Said resolution authorizes the use of \$16,800 of bond proceeds for drawings for an auxiliary gym at the new high school at the Elliston site, pursuant to the School Board's October 21, 1997 request.

#### **Authorization of Expenditure to NACo**

On a motion by Henry F. Jablonski, seconded by Ira D. Long and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby authorizes the County Administrator to issue a check to the National Association of Counties (NACo) for the legal defense fund to coordinate the representation of local governments before the Federal Communications Commission and in courts regarding the preemption of local zoning authority.

#### **Vehicle Purchases from State Contract**

On a motion by Henry F. Jablonski, seconded by Ira D. Long and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby agrees to award a purchase order to **Capital Pontiac - GMC Truck** of Richmond, Virginia for the purchase of two (2), 1998, GMC, ½ Ton Pickup Trucks for Parks & Recreation and for Solid Waste Collections for a total of **\$31,492**, or **15,746** each, under the terms and conditions of State Contract 212-DS for 2 Ton Pickup Trucks.

#### **Paving Services-Plum Creek Park**

On a motion by Henry F. Jablonski, seconded by Ira D. Long and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby agrees to award a purchase order to **Stanley R. Cupp, Inc.** of Christiansburg, Virginia for paving services for Plum Creek Park basketball court for \$13,985 as a result of IRB #98-12(rebid).

#### **Agreement to Purchase Electricity from American Electric Power (AEP)**

On a motion by Henry F. Jablonski, seconded by Ira D. Long and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Board to sign the documents contracting the County with American Electric Power (AEP) for AEP to provide electric service in the County.

#### **Appointments-Office on Youth**

On a motion by Henry F. Jablonski, seconded by Ira D. Long and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia, hereby appoints **Craig M. Hudgins** as representative to the Office on Youth Advisory Board, effective November 12, 1997 and expiring June 30, 1998.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia, hereby appoints **Jessica N. Taylor** as representative to the Office on Youth Advisory Board, effective November 12, 1997 and expiring June 30, 1998.

#### **Resolution of Recognition-Retired Teachers Association**

On a motion by Henry F. Jablonski, seconded by Ira D. Long and carried unanimously,

*WHEREAS, The National Retired Teachers Association is celebrating its 50 year*

anniversary; and

*WHEREAS, The Retired Teachers Association of Montgomery County provides invaluable service to the community through countless hours donated by dedicated volunteers; and*

*WHEREAS, 13 volunteers of the Retired Teachers Association provided 2,136 hours of volunteer work in the County ; and*

*WHEREAS, These volunteers provided 315 hours of service in educational activities such as, teaching students to read; 839 hours of services in health activities such as, working at the free clinic and the hospitals; and 982 hours of services in a variety of other community activities; and*

*WHEREAS, These volunteer hours would equal at least \$27,768 provided to community programs in Montgomery County.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia, on behalf of its citizens, proudly congratulates the Retired Teachers Association on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and commends their volunteer efforts.*

*FURTHER, That the original of this resolution be presented to Retired Teachers Association and that a copy be part of the official minutes of Montgomery County.*

### **December Board Meeting and Employee Holidays**

On a motion by Henry F. Jablonski, seconded by Ira D. Long and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors hereby declares the Thanksgiving holiday to begin at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, November 26th and to include the regularly scheduled days of November 27th and 28th; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Christmas Holiday will begin on Wednesday, December 24th at noon, the regularly scheduled day of Thursday, December 25th, and including Friday, December 26, 1997.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the New Year's holiday will include the regularly scheduled day of Thursday, January 1st, and include Friday, January 2nd.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby cancels its second meeting for the month of December, as the second Monday falls three days prior to Christmas Day.

### **Approval of Minutes of October 14, 1997**

On a motion by Larry N. Rush, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously, the Minutes of October 14, 1997 were approved. The vote was as follows:

#### **AYE**

Mary W. Biggs  
Henry F. Jablonski  
Ira D. Long  
Larry N. Rush  
Joe C. Stewart  
Joseph V. Gorman, Jr.

#### **ABSTAIN**

James M. Moore

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Contract-Janitorial Services**

On a motion by Ira D. Long, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby agrees to award a renewable term contract for janitorial services to **Triad Cleaning Services, Inc.** of Roanoke, Virginia for services for four (4) County owned buildings for the monthly fee of **\$6,125** or **\$73,500** per year, under the terms and conditions in RFP #98-08, dated September 24, 1997.

**Authorization to Pursue Value Analysis Study on Courthouse Space**

On a motion by Ira D. Long, seconded by Henry F. Jablonski and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby authorizes the County Administrator to ask MarshWitt Associates for a proposal to conduct a value analysis/engineering study of the cost effectiveness of building a new courthouse vs. building a new county administration building as a method to address the County's long-term space needs.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Appointments-Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Committee**

On a motion by Ira D. Long, seconded by Larry N. Rush and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby appoints **Larry N. Rush** as its representative and **Henry F. Jablonski** as the alternate representative on the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Committee.

**Blacksburg Volunteer Rescue Squad-Award of Contract for Ambulances**

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by Joe C. Stewart and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby agrees to award a purchase order to **Blue Ridge Emergency** for the purchase of two ambulances for the Blacksburg Volunteer Rescue Squad, for an amount not to exceed \$167,786 resulting from an Invitation for Bid issued by the Town of Blacksburg.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a transfer is hereby authorized as follows:

**FROM:**

550 General Contingencies (\$27,786)

**TO:**

976 Blacksburg VRS CIP \$27,786  
Ambulance Replacement

**Schedule Public Hearing-G. Douglas & Helene B. Jones/W.W. Hall Rezoning Request**

On a motion by Ira D. Long, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia refers the G. Douglas and Helene B. Jones/W.W. Hall request to rezone approximately 18 acres from Agriculture (A-1) to General Business (GB) back to the Planning Commission for the Planning Commission to receive and review a written proffer for a development plan showing internal access to a street with a maximum of two entrances onto Yellow Sulphur Road and showing provisions for public water and sewer, and make a recommendation back to the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County hereby schedules a public hearing on Monday, December 8, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. in Courtroom B, County Courthouse, Christiansburg, Virginia to hear citizens comments on the following:

**Rezoning Request**

**-G. Douglas and Helene B. Jones/W.W. Hall** request to rezone approximately 18 acres (Tax Parcels Nos. 67-A-184,185, and 186) from A-1 (Agriculture) to GB (General Business). Property is located on the east side of Yellow Sulphur Road, between Jennelle Road and the Blacksburg Town Limits. The Comprehensive Plan designates this area for urban expansion.

Said hearing is subject to written proffers from the applicant having been reviewed by the Planning Commission, with a recommendation to the Board.

## **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Government Finance Office Association Montgomery County has once again won the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

Meeting with State Legislators A meeting with Montgomery County's state legislators has been scheduled for December 3rd at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers.

Coles Road has been taken into the state's secondary highway system.

Bridge at Elliston/Lafayette Elementary School The Department of Transportation has been requested by the County Administrator to transfer \$30,000 from VDOT to the Montgomery County Treasurer to maintain the bridge at Elliston which crosses the railroad tracks adjacent to Elliston/Lafayette Elementary School. \$30,000 is the amount VDOT would have budgeted for the demolition of the bridge and has offered to transfer to the County to help toward maintenance of the bridge.

## **BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Supervisor Biggs-School Board So far, the School has held two public hearings on the budget. At the hearing in Shawsville, parents expressed interest in programs for at-risk and gifted children, keeping the class sizes low and the school building program. At the hearing in Riner, there was interest in keeping current programs, especially in art, music and physical education; and in teacher compensation. A hearing for the Christiansburg area will be held tomorrow (Thursday, November 13) at the School Board Office at 7:00 p.m. The hearing for the Blacksburg area will be held on November 17 at the Blacksburg High School.

Resolution from School Board At their meeting on November 6th, the School Board passed a resolution stating, that in consideration of Dr. Earthman's enrollment projections, the maximum size of middle schools and the need for more land, that the Board of Supervisors should purchase land sufficient for a new middle school and a new high school in the Blacksburg area.

The School Board discussed 70 acres as being the approximate size for the two buildings. The FUSS study indicated 30 preferred acres for a middle school and 50 preferred acres for a high school.

Office on Youth Advisory Board During the public address session earlier in this meeting, Marcy Schnetzer, Chair of the Office on Youth Advisory Board, asked about the status of the Office on Youth Director vacancy. The County Administrator explained that this is a part of the staffing evaluation the County is undergoing. By November 30th the County Administrator will have a recommendation regarding this position.

Supervisor Long-Virginia Association of Counties Annual Conference Supervisor Long said the conference was enjoyable and educational for the most part. He asked that the County Attorney be invited to attend future VACo conferences.

Supervisor Rush-Deer on Route 114 During the public address session earlier in this meeting, Jeffrey Hosp addressed the Board about deer being killed by motorists on and near Route 114. He asked if there was a way to get the legal limit increased on how many deer could be killed during hunting season. Supervisor Rush asked that the County Attorney research the matter and formulate a response to Mr. Hosp.

Radford Hospital-Rezoning Request Withdrawn Supervisor Rush said he was disappointed that Radford Hospital has withdrawn their PUD-COM rezoning request; and wonders if the Board of

Supervisors is sending out mixed signals about the County's efforts to attract economic development to the area. The Chairman explained that the withdrawal was not the result of any actions taken by Montgomery County.

**Supervisor Jablonski-Complaints about cats** Supervisor Jablonski had a telephone call from a gentleman complaining about cats in his neighborhood getting out of hand. When he called the Animal Control Office he was told the County does not have facilities to shelter cats. He asked Supervisor Jablonski about an ordinance that was passed in Roanoke that allows a maximum of two cats per owner. The County Attorney was asked to research similar ordinances that have been enacted in other counties. It was also suggested that the Animal Control Officer could write polite letters to the cat owners when a complaint is received about the cats roaming at large.

**Commerce Park** There will be two meetings tomorrow (Thursday) related to the commerce park. One will be at 1:30 p.m. at the NRV Airport, and another one at 7:00 p.m. at the Planning District Commission office in Radford. Due to a prior commitment, Supervisor Jablonski will be unable to attend. Stressing the importance of these meetings, he asked that another Supervisor attend in his stead. There will be a presentation on the results of a study on the feasibility of this partnership.

Special legislation was passed by the General Assembly authorizing such a partnership in the New Century region, to form an authority for creating commerce parks to attract larger industries, and to share in their revenues. The plan is for six 2,000 acre parks over a period of time made possible by local government partnerships.

The Chairman said he plans to attend this meeting, as well as a follow-up meeting scheduled for November 20th. The follow-up meeting will be for the purpose of taking the results from the first meeting to start preparing a working document that will allow the establishment of an authority in order to enter into an agreement for sharing tax revenues, etc. The Chairman asked that Supervisor Rush and the County Administrator represent Montgomery County on the working committee.

**Supervisor Moore-School Site Selection Committee** The County Administrator has been asked to assess another property regarding the Christiansburg Middle School. Now that the Earthman Study has been received, Supervisor Moore suggested that communication is needed between the Board of Supervisors and the School Board as to how the information should be used.

The FUSS study was used for the decision to renovate the Blacksburg Middle School. Since this study is four years old, the School Superintendent has suggested that the Facilities Use and Space Study (FUSS) be updated every two years.

As a result of the Earthman Study, the School Board expects to have a recommendation on the Blacksburg Middle School by December 1st.

**State Corporation Commission Recommendation** During attendance at VACo's annual conference, VACo staff provided a copy of the SCC recommendation on electric utilities reorganization recommendation, which VACo interprets as "deregulation". Supervisor Moore will forward his copy to the County Administrator.

**Telecommunications Meeting** VACo had drafted an ordinance for counties to use in answer to the federal government's telecommunications law giving the federal government land use rights over counties.

**Chairman Gorman-Designation of the New River in the National Wild and Scenic River System** Montgomery County has made a request to Congressman Boucher's office for assistance in having the segment of the New River that flows between the McCoy area in Montgomery County north to the Pembroke area in Giles County designated in the National Wild and Scenic River System. Letters have been sent to Giles and Pulaski Counties asking for their support in this request to the Congressman's office.

**765kV Power Line** the Chairman said the resolution the Board adopted regarding the 765kV power line was carefully crafted, and is definitely not an AEP resolution. The Chairman has received information regarding the SCC ruling which defines what Montgomery County has to do to intervene. To date, no correspondence has been received from Congressman Boucher.



executive 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 2.1-344.1 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board that such executive 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 executive meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion conveying the executive meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.

VOTE

AYES

Mary W. Biggs  
Henry F. Jablonski  
Ira D. Long  
James M. Moore  
Joe C. Stewart  
Joseph V. Gorman, Jr.

NAYS

None

ABSENT DURING VOTE

Larry N. Rush

ABSENT DURING MEETING

Larry N. Rush

**Payment to Assistance County Administrator**

On a motion by Ira D. Long, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby authorizes payment to the Assistant County Administrator \$1,456 which equates to 6.75 days, for annual leave days accrued and unable to be taken due to performing the job of the Finance Director as well as Assistant County Administrator over a 6-month period.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Henry F. Jablonski, seconded by Ira D. Long and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned to Monday, November 24, 1997 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 11:01 p.m.

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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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CHAIRMAN

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR