

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA HELD ON THE 14TH DAY OF MARCH, 2016 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE BOARD CHAMBERS, MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, 755 ROANOKE STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA:

PRESENT:	Christopher A. Tuck	-Chair
	Gary D. Creed	-Vice Chair
	Mary W. Biggs	-Supervisors
	April N. DeMotts	
	M. Todd King	
	Annette S. Perkins (arrived at 6:40 p.m.)	
	Darrell O. Sheppard	
	F. Craig Meadows	-County Administrator
	L. Carol Edmonds	-Deputy County Administrator
	Martin M. McMahon	-County Attorney
	Angie Hill	-Financial & Management Services Director
	Marc Magruder	-Budget Manager
	Ruth Richey	-Public Information Officer
	Vickie L. Swinney	-Secretary, Board of Supervisors

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

INTO CLOSED MEETING

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

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

- Section 2.2-3711 (3) Discussion or Consideration of the Acquisition of Real Property for Public Purpose, or of the Disposition of Publicly Held Real Property, Where Discussion in an Open Meeting Would Adversely Affect the Bargaining Position or Negotiating Strategy of the Public Body
1. Falling Branch Corporate Park
 2. Former Blacksburg Middle School Property
 3. Former Blacksburg High School Property

The vote on the forgoing motion was as follows:

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

OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

On a motion by Darrell O. Sheppard, seconded by April N. DeMotts and carried unanimously,

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

The vote on the forgoing motion was as follows:

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

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

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

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County has convened a Closed Meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board that such Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion conveying the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.

VOTE

AYES

Gary D. Creed

Mary W. Biggs

April N. DeMotts (certified for time present)

Darrell O. Sheppard

M. Todd King

Annette S. Perkins

Christopher A. Tuck

NAYS

None

ABSENT DURING VOTE

None

ABSENT DURING MEETING

None

Supervisor DeMotts excused herself from Closed Meeting during discussion on the former Blacksburg Middle School property. She made the following statement:

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

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

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

INVOCATION

A moment of silence was led by the Chair.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

Snowville Volunteer Fire Department

The Board of Supervisors presented a Resolution of Appreciation to the Snowville Volunteer Fire Department for their assistance to the Riner Volunteer Fire Department on a fire call on February 15, 2016.

Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce

The Board of Directors for the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce made a presentation on expanding existing internet and communications infrastructure in Montgomery County.

John Tuttle, Chamber Board Member, and Avery Grabenstein, Chamber Legislative Coordinator, provided information on the need to expand internet bandwidth in Montgomery County.

Mr. Tuttle stated that fiber broadband is critical for economic vitality and community well-being. Currently the business community shares cable bandwidth and that fewer than 27% of the community has access to fiber bandwidth. The need for internet bandwidth is growing exponentially. He reported that there are numerous business in the County that cannot secure fast and reasonably priced internet service.

Mr. Tuttle stated that as elected leaders they should think about the future of the community. The growth and expansion of business, sale of homes, and building a business community that is vibrant and healthy. He requested the Board allocate \$1.5 million, half of the projected revenue from proration, toward the expansion of fiber broadband in Montgomery County.

Environmental Patriots of the New River Valley

Alan Moore, Environmental Patriots of the New River Valley, made a presentation regarding environmental issues with the Radford Army Ammunition Plant (RAAP). Their mission is to collaborate with neighbors and supportive partners to identify, understand and address environmental threats to our air, water, and soil in the New River Valley. His presentation pointed out the following issues:

- Radford Arsenal has for 75 years employed the primitive practices of open burning of hazardous munitions waste along the bank of the New River, and directly releases into groundwater and the New River, resulting in the needless release of toxins into the air, water and soil of Montgomery County and surrounding areas.
- Provided a history of Radford Arsenal's reports of toxin releases and violations. According to an article in the Richmond Times Dispatch dated March 27, 2015, Montgomery County was ranked #1 in Virginia localities in toxic emissions and Bae Systems (RAAP) was ranked #1 in Virginia plants and factories in toxic emissions.
- Concern that Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Riner and Radford are all within a 10 miles radius of the open burning ground. He reported on the concerns of the disposal of toxins in the groundwater. He reported that perchlorate has been found in water samples through-out the years and the affects of ingestion of contaminated drinking water. He stated that the National Cancer Institute reports thyroid cancer rates in the New River Valley are among the highest in the Commonwealth. Thyroid disease is almost exclusively caused by environmental toxins.
- Radford Arsenal has used the process of open burning since 1941. Open burning is an open-air site used to burn waste that cannot be put in waste incinerators on site. The hazardous waste is placed on wooden pallets and soaked with diesel fuel before igniting. He questioned the need to continue with open-air burning as there are alternate disposal methods.
- Provided information and concerns to the location of the open burning ground. The area is located within the 100 year flood plain, less than 100 feet from a navigable water way (New River), less than one mile from the Pulaski Thrust Fault Line, approximately one mile upwind of the Belveiw Elementary School. Along with these conditions and the fact the area is karst topography, proves that this site is inappropriate for the siting of hazardous waste.

Mr. Moore requested the Board's leadership in holding RAAP accountable by requesting the following:

- Specify the time period (1 year) in which the Radford Arsenal will terminate all open burning and convert to only the safe, contained burn of toxic chemicals.
- Eliminate non-defense commercial toxic waste production.
- Commit to reduce the ranking of Montgomery County as the #1 toxic area in Virginia.
- Commit to significant reduction in the overall quantity of toxic chemicals released into groundwater and the New River.
- Collaborate with local university experts and other engaged citizens to adequately test air, water, and soil within AND outside arsenal property, and establish best practices to clean up all ongoing and legacy waste management operations. All actions shall meet or exceed the standards of the National Priorities List
- Share all non-classified environmental data with the community, and establish a public data center to access, organize, and analyze this taxpayer-owned data.

Mr. Moore also requested the Board consider providing \$5,000 in the FY 2017 Budget to cover the cost of a technical advisor to review RAAP's environmental permit application.

The Board discussed the information that was provided and agreed that an invitation be forwarded to the plant commander, Lt. Col. Alicia Masson, inviting her to a Board meeting in April to discuss RAAP's environmental issues, such as open burning of hazardous waste.

Supervisor DeMotts asked staff to look into the possibility of mapping the karst terrain in Montgomery County. She also asked that the vacant long-range planner position in the Planning Department be filled as this is one of the projects that can be handled by this position.

RECESS

The Board took a fifteen minute recess at 8:15 p.m. and reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

INTO WORK SESSION

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

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

1. FY 2017 Budget
 - Sheriff
 - Officer of Election- Compensation

The vote on the following motion was as follows:

AYE

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

NAY

None

FY 2017 Budget

The County Administrator reported that the several topics will be summarized and then open the floor for discussion.

Montgomery County Sheriff Office

Sheriff Hank Partin gave a presentation on the need for state-of-the art sensor panels to be worn with the protective vests that will alert dispatchers if a Deputy's protective vest has been shot or stabbed. The panels are Bluetooth enabled that can transmit information from the panel to the dispatch that will immediately pinpoint the officer's location and can also send medical information to hospital.

Sheriff Partin explained the need to replace the current personal radios that are more than two years old and no longer available for upgrades due to the Federal Communications Commission mandates planned effective in 2017. The newer radio models will be compatible with the sensor panels.

Sheriff Partin requested \$76,000 to purchase the sensor panels and radios. He stated that the company, JGW Group, will donate 150 panels to outfit 70 deputies. The county will also receive a significant discount on the purchase of the radios if purchased by Friday.

The Deputy County Administrator reported that funding for the radios and sensor panels could be funded in the current budget from cost savings from payments to the Western Virginia Regional Jail which can be transferred to the Sheriff's Office to cover the cost of the new equipment.

Officers of Election- Compensation

Deputy County Administrator Carol Edmonds provided information on the Officers of Election compensation. The Electoral Board has requested that the Board of Supervisor consider increasing the pay for the Officers of Election as they are having a difficult time recruiting new people. They also stated the current workers needed to be rewarded for working up to 15 hours on the day of election.

Ms. Edmonds provided a chart showing surrounding localities' compensation rates for their Officers of Election and that Montgomery County is comparable. She provided different options for increase in compensation for the Officers of Election ranging from \$5 to \$10.00. The annual cost to increase the daily rate would be approximately \$5,600.

The Board discussed the request to increase the pay for the Officers of Election. They all agreed that an increase was justified and agreed to increase the daily fee by \$25.00

Other Budget Issues:

The Board discussed other budget items and directed staff to adjust the proposed budget as follows:

- Add \$5,000 for the NRV Children's Trust.
- Delete – Sheriff's Department request to purchase a transport van (will revisit before budget is final. The Sheriff stated this item could wait until FY 18 Budget if he had to prioritize his requests in FY 17).

The Board also directed staff to invite the School Board to May 21st Board of Supervisors meeting to update the Board on the School Board budget, and how the County Administrator's proposed budget impacted the School's budget.

OUT OF WORK SESSION

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

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

The vote on the following motion was as follows:

AYE

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

NAY

None

PUBLIC ADDRESS

Cindy Turner spoke in support of funding the new sensor detection panels and radios for the Sheriff's Department. Ms. Turner stated there is not a way to calculate the value of the lives of public safety employees and she urged the Board to find a way to fund the purchase of the panels and radios.

Bill Turner stated the County is extremely blessed to have a leader such as Sheriff Hank Partin. Mr. Turner stated that the Sheriff's deputies put their lives on the line every day and if there is anything the Board can do to protect them then they should. Mr. Turner also addressed the issue of pollution at RAAP. He stated that it is the EPA's job to regulate the pollution but it seems they are not doing their job; therefore, the Board may have to step up to see what needs to be done.

Bruce Harper spoke in support of an increase in compensation for the Officers of Election. He stated an Officer of Election can work up to 15 hours on Election Day. Mr. Harper stated they are not in it for the money, as it is their civic duty, but an increase in pay would be appreciated.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by M. Todd King, seconded by April N. DeMotts and carried unanimously, the Consent Agenda dated March 14, 2016 was approved. The vote was as follows:

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

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by M. Todd King, seconded by April N. DeMotts and carried unanimously, the minutes dated September 14, 2015 were approved.

Appropriations and Transfers

**A-FY-16-65
COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY
VICTIM WITNESS GRANT**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors that the General Fund was granted an appropriation in addition to the annual appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 for the function and in the amount as follows:

551	Victim Witness Grant	\$21,148
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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	\$21,148

Said resolution appropriates additional Victim Witness Grant funds awarded for FY 16.

**A-FY-16-66
FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE RESERVE TRANSFER**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the General Fund was granted an appropriation in addition to the annual appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, for the function and in the amount as follows:

400	General Services	\$25,000
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The source of funds for the foregoing appropriation is as follows:

451205	Designated Fund Balance – Facilities & Main. Reserve	\$25,000
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Said resolution transfer funds from the Facilities and Maintenance Reserve for a refurbishment of the roof on the Riner Fire Department building.

A-FY-16-67
PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY
SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY APPROPRIATION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the General Fund was granted an appropriation in addition to the annual appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 for the function and in the amount as follows:

910	Outside Agencies - PSA	\$8,742
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The source of the funds for the foregoing appropriation is as follows:

<u>Revenue Account</u>		
415207	Sale of Surplus Property	\$8,742

Said resolution appropriates funds received from the sale of surplus property for use by the Public Service Authority.

Appointments

R-FY-16-94
APPOINTMENT
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMISSION
VIRGINIA STATE POLICE REPRESENTATIVE

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

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors hereby re-appoints **1st Sergeant Jerry Smith** as the **Virginia State Police** representative to the **Transportation Safety Commission** effective March 15, 2016 and expiring March 14, 2019.

R-FY-16-95
APPOINTMENT
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMISSION
DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES REPRESENTATIVE

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

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors hereby re-appoints **Monty Mills** as the **Division of Motor Vehicles** representative to the **Transportation Safety Commission** effective March 15, 2016 and expiring March 14, 2019.

**R-FY-16-96
APPOINTMENT
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMISSION
VDOT REPRESENTATIVE**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors hereby re-appoints **David Clarke** as the **Virginia Department of Transportation** representative to the **Transportation Safety Commission** effective March 15, 2016 and expiring March 14, 2019.

**R-FY-16-97
APPOINTMENT
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMISSION
MPO REPRESENTATIVE**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors hereby re-appoints **Dan Brugh** as the **Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)** representative to the **Transportation Safety Commission** effective March 15, 2016 and expiring March 14, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS

**R-FY-16-98
SPECIAL USE PERMIT
APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY
TO ALLOW EXPANSION OF A 138 KV ELECTRIC SUBSTATION TO
UPGRADE EQUIPMENT FOR RELIABILITY
IN THE MOUNT TABOR MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT (DISTRICT A)
PARCEL ID #032009, TAX MAP NUMBER 029-A-6**

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

WHEREAS, Appalachian Power Company (“AEP”) currently operates a 138 kV Electric Power Station as a non-conforming use at 1214 Panorama Drive, Tax Parcel No. 029- A 6 (Account No. 032009) in the Mount Tabor Magisterial District in the County of Montgomery, Virginia (“the Property”); and

WHEREAS, AEP desires to expand their current 138 kV electric substation on the Property in order to upgrade equipment for reliability as shown more particularly on Exhibit 1 entitled “Appalachian Power Company’s Proposed North Blacksburg Substation Improvements” which would require a Special Use Permit; and

WHEREAS, AEP has filed an application for a SUP in order to expand their 138 kV electric substation and bring the current use into conformance with the County zoning ordinances.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors hereby finds that AEP’s request for a Special Use Permit to allow expansion of its current 138 kV electric substation located at 1214 Panorama Drive, Tax Parcel No. 029- A 6 in the Mount Tabor Magisterial District in the County of Montgomery, Virginia shown more particularly on Exhibit 1 entitled “Appalachian Power Company’s Proposed North Blacksburg Substation Improvements”, in order to upgrade equipment for reliability is consistent with the County’s Comprehensive Plan and is hereby approved.

This property currently lies in an area designated as Resource Stewardship in the 2025 Comprehensive Plan.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

AYE

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

NAY

None

NEW BUSINESS

**R-FY-16-99
PROCLAMATION
TAKE BACK THE NIGHT
RALLY AND MARCH**

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

WHEREAS, The first *Take Back the Night* event was held in Germany in 1973 in response to a series of sexual assaults, rapes, and murders; and

WHEREAS, Five years later in the United States, a *Take Back the Night* march was held in San Francisco where over 5,000 women from 30 states participated; and

WHEREAS, Since then, marches have been held throughout the U.S., Canada, Latin America, India, and Europe; and

WHEREAS, *Take Back the Night* marches have been held in Richmond and Charlottesville, and at Hollins University, Radford University, Roanoke College, and Virginia Tech; and

WHEREAS, Marchers have called attention to violence against women—sexual harassment, misogyny, rape, and murder; this violence affects both individuals in the community and the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, The 27th annual *Take Back the Night* Rally and March will be held Wednesday, March 30, 2016 beginning at 7:00 p.m., participants will gather on the Henderson Lawn at Virginia Tech to bring our community together to protest violence against women and to promote awareness of attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors which perpetuate this violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia supports the 27th annual *Take Back the Night* event which is part of Women’s Month 2016.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

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

**R-FY-16-100
PROCLAMATION
LOCAL GOVERNMENT EDUCATION WEEK
APRIL1-7, 2016**

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

WHEREAS, Local governments throughout the Commonwealth provide valuable services to the residents of the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, Local governments and their employees play a vital role in the health and vitality of communities through the enforcement of state and local laws, promotion of public health and safety, provision of recreational opportunities, and education of local children; and

WHEREAS, Local government officials across the Commonwealth promote civic education and engagement to help citizens better understand their local government, foster a positive sense of community, and prepare the next generation of local government managers; and

WHEREAS, The designation of a statewide week devoted to educating individuals as to the role that local government plays in their life would more effectively recognize and promote civic education within school systems and in the larger community; and

WHEREAS, The first week in April is an appropriate week to designate, as it was on April 2, 1908 that the Council-Manager form of government was created in the City of Staunton.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County that **April 1-7, 2016** is hereby designated as **Local Government Education Week**.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, That the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County will promote civic education and engagement in an effort to educate citizens about their local government, strengthen the sense of community, and engage the next generation of local government managers.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

AYE

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

NAY

None

**R-FY-16-101
RESOLUTION OF COMMEMORATION
THE HONORABLE MADISON E. MARYE
FORMER STATE SENATOR**

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

WHEREAS, The recent death of **Madison E. Marye** has touched and saddened all those who knew and loved him; and

WHEREAS, A native of Montgomery County, **Madison E. Marye** served his country during World War 11, the Korean War, and the Vietnam war, rising to the rank of major in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Following his service in the U.S. Army, **Madison E. Marye** served in the Virginia State Senate from 1973-2002 as representative of the 37th Senatorial District which includes Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, **Senator Marye** served on the Senate's Agriculture, Conservation, and Natural Resources Committee, Commerce and Labor Committee, Finance Committee, General Laws Committee, Local Government Committee, Privileges and Elections Committee, Rules Committee, and the Transportation Committee; and

WHEREAS, **Senator Marye** was a staunch advocate of Cooperative Extension and its programs throughout his career; and

WHEREAS, **Senator Marye** sponsored legislation to create the Virginia Tech/Montgomery Regional Airport Authority; and

WHEREAS, **Senator Marye** retired from public office in 2002 and returned to running his family-owned farm in Shawsville where he continued to promote environmental causes such as land conservation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors recognizes the many contributions **Madison E. Marye** made to Montgomery County and its citizens, and leaves a lasting legacy of service to the community for having so truly defined for others the meaning of public service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors extends to his family sincere sympathy upon his passing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the original of this resolution be presented to the family of **Madison E. Marye** and that a copy be made a part of the official minutes of Montgomery County as an expression of the high regard in which his memory is held by the members of the Board of Supervisors.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The County Administrator reported he just got word that the Blacksburg Middle School roof is on fire. While the cause of the fire will be investigated it appears it may have been caused by lightning. Firefighters are at the scene now and he will head that way after the meeting to access the situation.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Supervisor Biggs reminded fellow Board members of the public official reception on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at the Christiansburg Library hosted by the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library.

Karst Terrain Mapping – Supervisor Biggs stated that she thought Montgomery County had maps of the karst terrain in Montgomery County and asked staff to check.

Supervisor DeMotts stated that she did ask staff and the County does not have maps. This is one of the reasons she asked that the long-range planner position be filled in order to help map out the karst terrain in the County.

Supervisor Biggs asked staff if they knew what the cost for internet services were for the Montgomery County Public Schools. The County Administrator reported he would check with the Schools.

Homeless Population in Montgomery County – Supervisor Biggs asked if the County had a record of the number of homeless people in the County. The County Administrator reported the County does not have the information but he will check with Social Services. He stated that the Schools may have some information as they have to keep reports in order to receive funds from the Homeless Grant.

Supervisor DeMotts reported that the Planning Commission has requested a joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors after the budget season is over. She also asked staff to keep the Board updated on her request to fill the long-range planner position.

The **“Facts for Voters” Brochure** published by the League of Women Voters is now available.

Supervisor DeMotts reported that she was on the interview committee for the vacant position on the **Park and Recreation** Commission, and she was impressed with the interview.

Supervisor Perkins reported that Research Center Drive will be temporarily closed due to the construction at the Airport to extend the runway. The Authority is also working on some safety policies due to an incident where a vehicle crashed through a gate and drove onto the runway. The Airport Authority is also dealing with drones in the airport fly zone.

Supervisor Tuck reported that the Planning Commission is working on an ordinance to lay groundwork for solar energy. He stated that a company has expressed interest in bringing a large scale solar energy project to Montgomery County and the Planning Commission will forward an ordinance to the Board for consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned to March 21, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

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