

AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA HELD ON THE 23rd DAY OF MAY 2005, AT 5:30 P.M. IN MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM #2, MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, 755 ROANOKE STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA:

PRESENT:	Gary D. Creed	-Chair
	Steve L. Spradlin	-Vice Chair
	Mary W. Biggs	-Supervisors
	Doug Marris	
	John A. Muffo	
	Annette S. Perkins	
	James D. Politis	
	B. Clayton Goodman, III	-County Administrator
	L. Carol Edmonds	-Assistant County Administrator
	Martin M. McMahon	-County Attorney
	Robert C. Parker	-Public Information Officer
	Vickie L. Swinney	-Secretary, Board of Supervisors

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Chair called the meeting to order and welcomed Senator Brandon Bell, Senator John Edwards, Delegate Dave Nutter, and Delegate James Shuler. The Chair also welcomed council members from the Town of Blacksburg and Town of Christiansburg, School Board members, and Constitutional Officers. The Chair noted the purpose of the meeting was to discuss matters of legislative concerns.

INTO WORK SESSION

On a motion by John A. Muffo, seconded by Steve L. Spradlin and carried unanimously,

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

1. Legislative Issues and Priorities
2. VDOT – Compliance with Section 33.1-72.1 of the Code of Virginia – County Subdivision Ordinance pertaining to private streets and the use of Rural Addition funds.
3. Falling Branch Park Access Road
4. Comprehensive Services Act

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

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

VDoT – Compliance with Section 33.1-72.1 of the Code of Virginia

The Chair reported that VDoT has notified Montgomery County and other localities throughout the State that its subdivision ordinance does not meet intent of the cited Code Section and therefore, failure to meet the criteria prior to July 1, 2005 will render the County ineligible to receive Rural Additions funds.

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors' main concern is that the State and the County Code allows VDoT private roads, especially in family subdivisions. To fully comply with VDoT's guidelines and remain fully funding eligible for Rural Addition funds, the County would have to eliminate the VDoT private roads.

The Board of Supervisors is requesting support from the Legislators on this issue. Senator Bell suggested Montgomery County request an Attorney General's opinion. All legislators agreed to write a letter to VDOT on behalf of Montgomery County.

Falling Branch Industrial Access Road

The access road in the Falling Branch Industrial Park was constructed in two phases. Following completion of phase II road, the County generated an investment exceeding \$12 million and over 1,000 jobs (EchoStar). VDOT is now seeking refund for phase I road improvements because they claim that all the investment was in phase II and not phase I, even though phase II couldn't be built without phase I. Montgomery County has requested the Commonwealth Transportation Board to make an exception to the Industrial Access Road Program procedures allowing the job creation and capital investment made by EchoStar be the source to fully satisfy investment criteria for both access road projects.

Montgomery County has been working with Dana Martin, our representative on the Commonwealth Transportation Board, on the County's request. Mr. Martin has requested time on a future Commonwealth Transportation Board agenda regarding the County's request.

The Board of Supervisors is requesting support from the Legislators on this issue.

Comprehensive Services Act

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors has concerns regarding the increasing cost to the State and to localities to fund its Comprehensive Services Act (CSA). Since its inception in 1995, CSA costs for Montgomery County have increased 233%. Ten years ago state dollars for CSA totaled \$560,000 and local dollars totaled \$221,468. In FY 05, the cost to the State is estimated at \$1,863,160 and to the County of \$736,840. While the costs are accelerating dramatically, the number of children served only represent a 39% increase.

Montgomery County does have several suggestions for state legislation/policies to control CSA costs. One recommendation in particular, if enacted, may produce significant cost savings. If the General Assembly were to enact legislation requiring the State agency to establish negotiated state vendor contracts, at least with the residential facilities, and mandated that these contracts be used for services paid through the CSA pool, then cost savings or containment may be achieved. At the present time, vendors have no incentive to negotiate with localities.

OUT OF WORK SESSION

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by James D. Politis 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:

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

RECESS

The Board of Supervisors took a 10 minute recess at 7:05 p.m. in order to reconvene in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room to begin their regularly scheduled meeting at 7:15 p.m.