

FOR THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS LEGISLATIVE DINNER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKBRIDGE, VIRGINIA HELD A CONTINUED MEETING AT EVANS HALL, WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY, LEXINGTON VIRGINIA ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2008 AT 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN: R.H. RIEGEL
MEMBERS: C.R. COMSTOCK, R.S. FORD, A.W. LEWIS, JR.
CLERK OF BOARD: CLAIRE A. COLLINS

City of Lexington Mayor, Mimi Elrod welcomed everyone and Dr. Harlan Beckley, Professor of Religion and Director of the Shepherd Program at Washington and Lee University, gave the invocation. The Cities of Lexington and Buena Vista and representatives of Washington and Lee University joined with the Board in a catered dinner.

Dr. Harlan Beckley provided an overview and work of The Shepherd Program for the Interdisciplinary Study of Poverty and Human Capability. He introduced Dr. Don Dailey, Visiting Professor of Education at Washington and Lee and faculty advisor to the community-based research project, Rockbridge Poverty Assessment 2008 and students, Melissa Caron and Chris Martin, program students who performed the study.

Melissa Caron and Chris Martin presented an overview of the study and report with transportation, housing and employment being the three priorities in the key recommendations to be addressed. Following their presentation, questions were posed with emphasis placed on the governing bodies nurturing leadership to address the report recommendations and challenged to address transportation as a manageable goal to work toward as a first step to build capacity for reducing poverty. It was noted that the City Managers and County Administrator would be meeting with representatives of Rockbridge Area Transportation Services in the morning to address establishing a public transportation project with fixed routes.

After much discussion and comments about the study report, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.