

AT A CONTINUED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKBRIDGE, VIRGINIA HELD AT VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE, MOODY HALL, LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2010 AT 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT:	CHAIRMAN:	ALBERT W. LEWIS, JR.
	MEMBERS:	C. R. COMSTOCK, RUSSELL S. FORD, M. R. SMITH
	COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:	CLAIRE A. COLLINS
	OTHERS:	MEMBERS, CITY COUNCILS OF LEXINGTON AND BUENA VISTA, CITY MANAGERS OF LEXINGTON AND BUENA VISTA, SENATORS DEEDS AND HANGER AND DELEGATE CLINE
ABSENT:	MEMBER:	R. H. RIEGEL

Chairman Lewis called the meeting to order. The purpose of the meeting resulted from an invitation of the City of Lexington to Rockbridge County and City of Buena Vista to meet with the area state legislative representatives, Senators Deeds and Hanger and Delegate Cline to be briefed on the recent results of the legislative session and to share with them legislative issues of concern and impacting the localities. The issues discussed were aid to localities, regional jail funding, line of duty act, communication sales and use tax, Comprehensive Services Act, the proposed Emergency Medical Services regulations, state budget cuts impacting localities and redistricting. Comments from Senators Deeds and Hanger and Delegate Cline emphasized the need to focus in terms of state and local government relationship as there is not enough money to provide core services making it more important for citizens to tell elected officials what they want and how they want to pay for the services. They also stressed the need to combine services where possible and for regional cooperation to establish efficiencies through cooperation. Comment was also made that the state is working off a reduced base for revenue generation and that reform or reinvention of state government has begun with the Governor's Reform Commission.

Changes in employee and employer share of retirement and the need to re-examine benefits offered by employer to employee was discussed. Local government restrictive taxing authority was mentioned with the recognition that the real estate tax in today's marketplace no longer is a realistic revenue generating source. The change in composite index was discussed

with the need to make sure our region continues to be state funded appropriately for education. With regard to redistricting, the legislators, particularly, Senator Deeds advised that we are about to get "Fairfaxed". Delegate Cline commented that before we consider taking on new projects that has matching funds, we need to make sure that the projects will be sustained in the future without matching funds. Senator Hanger stated that there is an issue with independent cities that needs to be examined in the form of governance and that there is a need to tax internet sales.

The meeting concluded at 9:10 p.m. with the announcement made by the City of Buena Vista that the next meeting intergovernmental meeting will be held in late September with date, time and location to be announced.

There being no further business on a motion of Supervisor Ford, seconded by Supervisor Comstock with a 4-0-1 (Supervisor Riegel absent) vote of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.