Special Council Meeting
March 18, 1999

A Special meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held March 18, 1999, in the council chambers with the Mayor Millard L. Dearing presiding. The roll call was as follows:

PRESENT

F. A. Bennett
R. C. Davis
C. E. Dean
B. B. Horne
W. E. Printz
R. L. Snow

A special council meeting was called to hear plans for a new recreation facility in Elkton.

Attending the meeting to represent the Community Center Development Committee was Connie Weyrick, George McDaniel, Rick Workman, Bobbie Rae Monger, Diane Dean, Randall Snow, Charlie Dean, and Gerald Monger. Other members not present were Lynn Meadows and Bobby Lawson.

Each committee member spoke on different aspects of what the community center could do for our area. The community center would serve this end of Rockingham County. The community center would be multipurpose with youth services, senior services and exercise. The community service will be for all ages and income.

Bobbie Rae Monger stated that in the spring and summer of 1998 a survey was done so as to have the community input to the services that a community center would offer. Survey responses were for basketball, a weight room, arts & crafts, swimming and tutoring. Out of the 367 surveys returned 1/3 of the people responding stated they would offer financial support.

Rick Workman stated that they were being careful not to duplicate services. Mr. Workman stated that we now have in place preschool/child care for 132 children. Mr. Workman stated that according to their study there are 750 preschool/child care age children within five mile radius of Elkton and 2,200 within a ten mile radius. All data was passed out to council with statistical information.

According to surveys received people have requested teen center, senior citizen activities, before/after school care, adult day care, physical fitness programs, etc.

George McDaniel stated that after looking around there is so much that is needed. Mr. McDaniel stated that Merck and Coors are behind the day care for seniors and children. Mr. McDaniel stated that committee members have recently toured other facilities in the area.

There was much discussion and all information was passed out to council members present.

Councilman W. E. Printz moved second by F. A. Bennett and carried as follows to support the efforts of the committee to move forward, offered the councils help in any way and gave permission for them to evaluate using some of the land the town acquired from M. E. Kite.

YEAS: F. A. Bennett, R. C. Davis, C. E. Dean, B. B. Horne, W. E. Printz and R. L. Snow

Motion carried (6-0)

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

MAYOR: _____
M. Lee Dearing, Mayor

RECORDER: _____
Julia M. Smith, Clerk