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West, Lindsay Butte, 1934-2018

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Biographical Note

Lindsay Butte West (born 1934) was a member of the Montgomery County (Virginia) Board of Supervisors from 1976-1987. One of six new supervisors elected in 1976, she was the first woman elected to the Board. She was vice-chair in 1976-1977 and chair in 1979-80 and 1986-87.

Taking a particular interest in human service and environmental and land-use issues, West represented the Board of Supervisors on the Montgomery County Social Services Board, the New River Community Action Board, and the Montgomery County Public Service Authority (1982-1989; chair, 1984-1985). Shortly after she was elected, West led an unsuccessful effort to reverse the decision of the previous Board to tear down the historic Montgomery County Courthouse building in Christiansburg.

While on the Board of Supervisors, West also served on the state Local Government Advisory Council (1981-1985) and the Local Government Advisory Committee of the Governor's Commission of Transportation (1986-1987). She was Chair of the Montgomery County Democratic Committee from 1988-1997 and has been active in a variety of other community organizations and causes in Montgomery County, including the restoration of the Lyric Theater in Blacksburg. She also served on the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library Blacksburg Branch Building Committee in 1990. Lindsay West was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in 1934 and grew up in New York. She earned a B.A. from Radcliff College in 1956 and moved to Blacksburg in 1962.

Note:

Gina Beasley, "Lindsay West: Long Live the Lyric," *Western Waters*, Winter 2002, 40.

Scope and Contents

The Lindsay West Papers span the years 1975-1996. The bulk of the collection is comprised of subject files West kept while she was serving on the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors in southwest Virginia. These files contain inter- and intra- office county government correspondence and memos, legal opinions, government documents, reports and studies, many of which include maps; and clippings. Most of the correspondence and documents are photocopies of county government documents distributed by the county staff to each member of the Board. The papers document Montgomery County government during a period of rapid growth and change in the New River Valley. Subjects include: annexation actions, the proposed Ingles Mountain Landfill in Radford, a proposed alternate for Route 460, and a proposal to develop a shopping mall along Route 460.

The collection also contains records documenting the following entities: New River Community Action, the New River Valley Workshop, and the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library Board Blacksburg Library Building Committee, including a poster announcing the dedication of the new building in 1996.

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Arrangement

The papers are arranged into the following series: Montgomery County Board of Supervisors (the bulk of the collection), Local Government Advisory Committee to the Commission on Transportation in the Twenty- First Century, Montgomery - Floyd Regional Library Board Blacksburg Area Branch Building Committee, New River Community Action, New River Valley Workshop, Virginia Tech Horticulture Farm Rezoning Request Review Committee, Speeches and Writings, and Personal Papers (two folders comprised primarily of clippings).

Description of Subordinate Components

Montgomery County Board of Supervisors

Unit Date 1975-1987

Arrangement note

This series is arranged into the following subseries: Minutes, Subject Files, and Legal Cases. It is comprised primarily of subject files.

Minutes, Reports, and Agendas

Unit Date August-October 1984

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1-5 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Photocopies of agendas and minutes from Montgomery County Board of Supervisors meetings; includes copies of related correspondence and county documents pertaining to items on the meeting agendas.

Subject Series

Unit Date 1975-1987

Scope and Contents note

This subseries is comprised of subject files kept by Lindsay West in the course of her work as a member of the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors between 1975 and 1987. The files contain photocopies of correspondence, memoranda, and documents that were distributed to members of the Board of Supervisors; reports, studies, publications, clippings, and other materials. Some of the materials include notes made by West.

Arrangement note

Alphabetical by subject. Oversize materials are stored in oversize folder.

Accounting manual, county-government

Unit Date 1980

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Annexation Report**Unit Date** 1985**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Scope and Contents note**

Memo outlining legal issues raised by annexation proceedings involving Radford and Christiansburg and a possible attempt by Blacksburg to attempt to seek city status.

Blacksburg City Status**Unit Date** 1977-1983**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 8-9 (folder)**Scope and Contents note**

Copies of correspondence with County Administrator Betty Thomas, data on Blacksburg schools, Montgomery County social services, a 1977 city- status study, clippings, and other documents pertaining to a possible attempt by Blacksburg to seek city status.

Blacksburg, Goals for**Unit Date** 1975**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 10 (folder)**Scope and Contents note**

Planning Department proposal to involve citizens in discussion of planning issues.

Blacksburg, Government Structures Committee, Report of**Unit Date** 1976**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 11 (folder)**Blacksburg, Government Structure Committee, Subcommittee on Education****Unit Date** 1975**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 12 (folder)**Scope and Contents note**

Survey and summary of findings.

Blacksburg in the '80s: Citizens Planning for Tomorrow**Unit Date** 1980-1981**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 13-14 (folder)**General Physical Description note** 2 folders**Scope and Contents note**

Correspondence, minutes, reports, and other materials documenting a commission established by the Blacksburg Town Council to encourage citizen participation in town planning.

Blacksburg Library Building**Unit Date** 1979-1980**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 15 (folder)**oversize** 1 (folder)**Physical Location** Blueprint stored in oversize folder.**Scope and Contents note**

Documents, correspondence, blueprint, and reports pertaining to construction of a library building for the Blacksburg branch of the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library.

Capital Improvements Program Committee

Unit Date 1977-1978

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Christiansburg Land Sludge Disposal Plan

Unit Date 1983

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Includes copies of the draft plan and request for approval and correspondence pertaining to the request.

Christiansburg-Montgomery County Settlement Agreement

Unit Date 1987

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

oversize 1 (folder)

oversize 2 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Materials include a Statement of Response from Ann Hess, Supervisor, District B; correspondence, clippings and maps pertaining to the agreement between Christiansburg and Montgomery County regarding annexation and implementation of systematic provision of utility service.

Map Exhibits, Montgomery County Annexation Proceedings

Unit Date 1986

oversize 2 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Maps illustrating effects of proposed annexation on the provision of local government services.

Maps of the Town of Christiansburg and Environs showing existing land use for proposed annexation area

Unit Date 1987

oversize 1 (folder)

General Physical Description note 7 maps

Harman Farms/Yellow Sulphur Springs

Unit Date 1976

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 19 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Documents pertaining to a request on the part of Harman Farms for an amendment to the zoning ordinance and a conditional-use permit.

Legal Issues (miscellaneous)

Unit Date 1979-1986

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 20 (folder)

Arrangement note

Memos and correspondence from County Attorneys Roy Thorne and Paul Mahoney with analysis of legal

memos and correspondence from County Attorneys Roy Thorpe and Paul Mahoney with analysis of legal issues of concern to the Board of Supervisors.

Montgomery County Courthouse Renovation

Unit Date 1975-1979

oversize 1 (box)

Container 21-22 (folder)

oversize 1 (folder)

Physical Location Oversize materials in oversize folder.

Scope and Contents note

Correspondence, documents, blueprints and drawings pertaining to the proposed renovation of the Montgomery County Courthouse.

Montgomery County Museum

Unit Date 1984

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 23 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Documents pertaining to construction of the museum.

Montgomery County Public Service Authority, Agreement with the Town of Christiansburg

Unit Date 1977

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 24 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Contract, agreement, and other documents pertaining to the water agreement between the Town of Christiansburg and Montgomery County.

Montgomery Shopping Mall

Unit Date 1978

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 25-26 (folder)

General Physical Description note 2 folders

Scope and Contents note

Development proposal, memo from County Administrator regarding the proposal, and a traffic-impact study.

"The New and Little: A River Access Study," by Edward M. DeTrude, Jr., Mike Birchner, and Tom Bain, Montgomery County Parks and Recreation Department

Unit Date 1985

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 27 (folder)

New River Resource Authority

Unit Date 1985

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 28 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Clippings.

New River Valley Planning District, Grant to Western Virginia EMS Council

Unit Date 1979

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 29 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Report summarizing grant.

Radford, City of

Unit Date 1984-1986

Montgomery County Statement and Answer to Radford City Council

Unit Date 1985-1986

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 30 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Documents pertaining to negotiations over sewage treatment, erosion, and a proposed landfill.

Radford Annexation

Unit Date 1986

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 31 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Documents pertaining to the Montgomery County Annexation Case.

Proposed Settlement Agreement, City of Radford and Montgomery County

Unit Date 1986

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 32 (folder)

Ingles Mountain Landfill (proposed)

Unit Date 1985-1986

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 33-36 (folder)

oversize 1 (folder)

General Physical Description note 4 folders and 1 oversize map

Physical Location Oversize map stored in oversize folder.

Scope and Contents note

Reports, staff analysis, correspondence, clippings, and topographic base map showing site of the proposed Ingles Mountain Landfill.

Roanoke River Upper Basin Public Assistance Committee

Unit Date 1978-1985

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 37-38 (folder)

General Physical Description note 2 folders

Scope and Contents note

Correspondence, memoranda, clippings, and reports, including U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Plan of Study for the Roanoke River Upper Basin.

Planning Brochure, Roanoke River Upper Basin, Virginia Water Resources Study

Unit Date 1979

oversize 2 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers report; includes conceptual and topographic maps.

Route 460 Alternate (proposed), and Blacksburg to Roanoke Connector

Unit Date 1986-1991

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 1-4 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Correspondence, clippings, studies, speeches and writings.

Route 460 Corridor Study, Virginia Department of Transportation

Unit Date 1990

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Blacksburg to Roanoke Connector, Pre-Hearing Publication, Virginia Department of Transportation

Unit Date 1991

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Solar Energy Education and Research Center

Unit Date 1984

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Correspondence and staff analysis of a proposal to build a facility for manufacturing solar homes.

Legal Cases

Unit Date 1975-1977

Allegheny Construction Company v. Graves Construction Company v. Montgomery County

Unit Date 1977

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Peter C. Snyder v. Montgomery County Board of Supervisors

Unit Date 1975

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Commission on Transportation in the Twenty-First Century, Report of the Local Government Advisory Committee to the Commission

Unit Date 1987

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Report and speech notes.

Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library Board, Blacksburg Area Branch Committee

Unit Date 1969-1996

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 10-11 (folder)

oversize 1 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Minutes, Building Program, Report on Collection/Circulation Statistics, Records documenting bond referendum, feasibility study, poster from building dedication, and map showing plot of property on Miller Street to be exchanged between the Town of Blacksburg and Charles N. Liskey.

New River Community Action

Unit Date 1990-1992

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Report, by-laws, publications, journal of World Share visit to Celaya, Guanahuato.

New River Valley Workshop, Inc.

Unit Date 1989-1993

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Goals and Objectives, Long-Range Planning Document, financial statements, and report on New River Valley "Idea" Conference on Creating Spin-off Industries and Jobs Using Recoverable Materials from Solid Waste.

Virginia Tech Horticultural Farm, Re-zoning Request Review Committee

Unit Date 1989-1990

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Personal Papers

Unit Date 1987-1988

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 15-16 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Notes for remarks West made pertaining to a Democratic party meeting, the New River Community Council, and the library; and a file of photocopies of memos, correspondence, and other materials pertaining to a proposal to condemn a portion of Nellie's Cave Road.