

**9. DISCUSSION REGARDING BB&T's PLAN TO
CLOSE BRANCH BANKS IN NEWSOMS AND
COURTLAND**

Supervisor West requested that this matter be added to your agenda for discussion.

As a BB&T customer, the County was notified on September 19 of the bank's intentions to close its Courtland branch effective December 23. You may recall a similar announcement was made regarding the Newsoms branch last month.

Without vocal community leadership, the bank will close these branches as quickly and quietly as possible. Public protests can, however, sometimes be effective.

A local government taking the lead in protest is not unprecedented. To protest Wachovia's closing of a Durham branch, the City of Durham, Durham County and Durham Public Schools all ended their banking relationship with Wachovia.

Based on the number of calls and concerns already received, I've alerted BB&T of our concerns and asked them to reconsider. At this writing, I'm awaiting contact from Mr. Robert Boyd, the Regional President for the Hampton Roads region.

DIRECTION REQUIRED:

**I am open to your direction in responding to
BB&T's announcement.**