

February 26, 2008

The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 26, 2008. The location of the meeting was in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Wythe B. Sharitz, Chair	Charles S. Dix
James E. Hagee	Martha P. Umberger, Vice Chair
Margaret O. "Maggie" Poole	B.G. "Gene" Horney
Danny C. McDaniel	

**STAFF PRESENT:**

R. Cellell Dalton, County Administrator  
Stephen D. Bear, Assistant County Administrator  
Scot Farthing, County Attorney  
Martha G. Collins, Administrative Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Sam Crockett, Treasurer  
Sis Cassell, Commissioner of Revenue  
Nate Hubbard  
Sheriff Doug King  
Sue Crigger  
Pastor N.R. Taylor

**CALL TO ORDER & INVOCATION**

The Chair determined that a quorum was present and called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. The invocation was given by Pastor N.R. Taylor from Max Meadows Pentecostal Holiness Church, and the Chair led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CITIZENS' TIME**

Chair Sharitz welcomed the guests and citizens present at the meeting, and inquired if there was anyone present who wished to address the Board.

Being no one present to address the Board, Chair Sharitz closed Citizens' Time.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The Board was presented with the January 8 and 22, 2008 minutes for adoption.

Vice Chair Umberger made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Poole, to approve the January 08, 2008 minutes as presented. The roll call vote is as follows:

AYES: Martha P. Umberger B.G. "Gene" Horney  
Charles S. Dix M.O. "Maggie" Poole  
Wythe B. Sharitz Danny C. McDaniel  
James E. Hagee

NAYS: None

Supervisor Dix made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hagee, to approve the January 22, 2008 minutes as presented. The roll call vote is as follows:

AYES: Martha P. Umberger B.G. "Gene" Horney  
Charles S. Dix M.O. "Maggie" Poole  
Wythe B. Sharitz Danny C. McDaniel  
James E. Hagee

NAYS: None

**PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES**

Supervisor Dix made a motion to pay the invoices submitted for approval on February 26, 2008 for the various departments of County government. The invoices for February 11 and 26, 2008 were paid on General Warrants 30067355 – 30067399 and 30067429 – 30067597 as follows:

**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT  
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<u>CHECK #</u>	<u>ISSUE DATE</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
30067355	02/11/08	ARNOLD, TERESA A	\$30.00
30067356	02/11/08	BLACKWELL, ELIZABETH	\$30.00
30067357	02/11/08	BOWERS, NANCY J	\$30.00
30067358	02/11/08	BREWER, GERALD	\$60.00
30067359	02/11/08	BURNETTE, DONALD W	\$60.00
30067360	02/11/08	CARRICO, THOMAS M	\$60.00
30067361	02/11/08	CROCKETT, ELIZABETH A	\$60.00
30067362	02/11/08	DAMEREL, GARDNER P SR	\$60.00
30067363	02/11/08	DUNFORD, TIMOTHY E	\$30.00
30067364	02/11/08	EDMONDS, THOMAS F	\$30.00
30067365	02/11/08	GELTER, JACK R	\$60.00
30067366	02/11/08	GILMER, WENDY	\$60.00
30067367	02/11/08	HALL, JAMES L	\$30.00
30067368	02/11/08	HALL, JUDITH D	\$60.00
30067369	02/11/08	HANKS, JEFFREY D	\$60.00
30067370	02/11/08	HAYNES, JAMES M	\$60.00

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30067371	02/11/08	HORNE, DEBORAH S	\$30.00
30067372	02/11/08	HUFFARD, JUNE	\$60.00
30067373	02/11/08	JENKINS, WAYNE R JR	\$60.00
30067374	02/11/08	JONES, CHRISTOPHER	\$30.00
30067375	02/11/08	KEGLEY, ROBERT P	\$60.00
30067376	02/11/08	KELLEY, DEBORAH H	\$30.00
30067377	02/11/08	KENNEDY, JOHN F	\$60.00
30067378	02/11/08	MARTIN, MICHAEL J	\$60.00
30067379	02/11/08	MCDONALD, REBECCA L	\$30.00
30067380	02/11/08	MCHONE, SHIRLEY D	\$30.00
30067381	02/11/08	CHRISTINA M MCMILLAN,	\$30.00
30067382	02/11/08	MOORE-EVERSOLE, DANIELLE L	\$30.00
30067383	02/11/08	MUTSCHLER, WILLIAM H JR	\$60.00
30067384	02/11/08	NEESE, CONNIE H	\$60.00
30067385	02/11/08	PUGH, LANA	\$30.00
30067386	02/11/08	REYNOLDS, DENNIS	\$30.00
30067387	02/11/08	RHODES, TERRY N	\$30.00
30067388	02/11/08	RIDENHOUR, STEVE	\$60.00
30067389	02/11/08	SAGE, LISA B	\$60.00
30067390	02/11/08	SHRADER, JERROL O	\$60.00
30067391	02/11/08	SIMMONS, MARY E	\$30.00
30067392	02/11/08	SINK, ERIC E	\$30.00
30067393	02/11/08	STROTHER, ROBERT T	\$60.00
30067394	02/11/08	TARTER, SANDRA F	\$30.00
30067395	02/11/08	UMBERGER, LARRY D	\$60.00
30067396	02/11/08	WILLIAMS, TIMMIE H	\$30.00
30067397	02/11/08	WILSON, GORDON L	\$60.00
30067398	02/11/08	SUNTRUST	\$36,881.92
30067399	02/11/08	SUNTRUST	\$14,208.34
<b>TOTAL FUND</b>			<b>\$53,070.26</b>
30067429	02/26/08	AFTON COMMUNICATIONS CORP	\$163.45
30067430	02/26/08	AKER, TERESA B	\$125.00
30067431	02/26/08	AKER, THOMAS M	\$181.49
30067432	02/26/08	AKERS, WILLIAM A	\$125.00
30067433	02/26/08	APPALACHIAN JUVENILE COMM.	\$780.00
30067435	02/26/08	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$14,115.06
30067436	02/26/08	ARNOLD, RICKY W	\$125.00
30067437	02/26/08	ASHBY'S INC. T/A CRENSHAW CORP	\$358.43
30067438	02/26/08	ATKINSON, BARBARA R	\$178.28
30067439	02/26/08	AUSTIN, STEPHEN	\$115.00
30067440	02/26/08	BKT UNIFORMS	\$156.00
30067441	02/26/08	BLAIR, MARJORIE J	\$192.37
30067442	02/26/08	BRANSCOME, IVAN C	\$125.00
30067443	02/26/08	BROWN, DOUGLAS E	\$115.00

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30067444	02/26/08	CAMPBELL, JACQUELINE H	\$115.00
30067445	02/26/08	CANDU AUTO SALES & SERVICE	\$970.00
30067446	02/26/08	CARILION HEALTHCARE CORP.	\$85.00
30067447	02/26/08	CASELL, MARY B	\$115.00
30067448	02/26/08	CASELL, MONTEREY L	\$115.00
30067449	02/26/08	CATRON, G W	\$116.94
30067450	02/26/08	COEN, JAMES L JR	\$115.00
30067451	02/26/08	COLLINS AUTO REPAIR	\$16.00
30067452	02/26/08	COMMUNITY ANIMAL CLINIC, INC	\$58.50
30067453	02/26/08	COMMUNITY ANIMAL CLINIC, INC	\$45.02
30067454	02/26/08	COMPTON, BETTY G	\$115.00
30067455	02/26/08	COPENHAVER, JANET F	\$115.00
30067456	02/26/08	CPEAV	\$1,350.00
30067457	02/26/08	CROCKETT, LOUISE J	\$115.00
30067458	02/26/08	DALTON, LINDA J	\$115.00
30067459	02/26/08	DAVIS, FRANCES C	\$125.00
30067460	02/26/08	DEPT OF MOTOR VEHICLES	\$550.00
30067461	02/26/08	DEPT OF MOTOR VEHICLES	\$10.00
30067462	02/26/08	DEPT OF MUSEUMS HERITAGE	\$1,250.00
30067463	02/26/08	DISTRICT THREE	\$9,898.00
30067464	02/26/08	DIX, PATRICIA C	\$174.70
30067465	02/26/08	DLB INC	\$366,002.87
30067466	02/26/08	DOUGLAS W. KING	\$432.21
30067467	02/26/08	DUNCAN, THOMAS W	\$115.00
30067468	02/26/08	DUNFORD, JEAN R	\$186.83
30067469	02/26/08	EDMONDS, BETTY F	\$125.00
30067470	02/26/08	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC	\$67.56
30067471	02/26/08	EMBARQ	\$41.20
30067472	02/26/08	EMBARQ	\$38.43
30067473	02/26/08	EMBARQ	\$41.39
30067474	02/26/08	EMBARQ	\$41.39
30067475	02/26/08	EMBARQ	\$38.43
30067476	02/26/08	EMBARQ	\$38.43
30067477	02/26/08	EMBARQ	\$37.68
30067478	02/26/08	EMBARQ	\$230.65
30067479	02/26/08	EMBARQ	\$38.79
30067480	02/26/08	EMBARQ	\$27.26
30067481	02/26/08	EMBARQ	\$131.89
30067482	02/26/08	EMBARQ	\$39.20
30067483	02/26/08	EMBARQ	\$103.46
30067484	02/26/08	ESI	\$17.83
30067485	02/26/08	ESI	\$48.34
30067486	02/26/08	ETTER, FRED E	\$115.00
30067487	02/26/08	EVANS, DAVID E	\$27.00

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30067488	02/26/08	EVERGREEN ACTIVITY CENTER	\$110.00
30067489	02/26/08	FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER	\$2,250.00
30067490	02/26/08	FARRIS, ANN H	\$115.00
30067491	02/26/08	FEDEX	\$17.05
30067492	02/26/08	FOOD COUNTRY	\$18.40
30067493	02/26/08	FORT CHISWELL BP	\$300.00
30067494	02/26/08	FREEMAN, DEBORAH A	\$115.00
30067495	02/26/08	GILMER, WILLIAM N	\$115.00
30067496	02/26/08	HARRIS, KAREN G	\$115.00
30067497	02/26/08	HAWKINS, GAY Q	\$125.00
30067498	02/26/08	HD SUPPLY WATERWORKS	\$725.36
30067499	02/26/08	HINES, PATRICIA S	\$115.00
30067500	02/26/08	HOLIDAY INN SELECT	\$178.00
30067501	02/26/08	HOUSEMAN'S CITGO	\$35.79
30067502	02/26/08	HOUSTON, NOVELLA S	\$115.00
30067503	02/26/08	HOWERY, ALICE R	\$115.00
30067504	02/26/08	HRIC, PAUL J	\$115.00
30067505	02/26/08	HUDDLE, MARGARET W	\$115.00
30067506	02/26/08	INTERACT PUBLIC SAFETY SYSTEMS	\$24,937.66
30067507	02/26/08	JANPAK	\$47.50
30067508	02/26/08	JARRETT, JENNIFER	\$115.00
30067509	02/26/08	JOHNSON, RICHARD A	\$115.00
30067510	02/26/08	JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY	\$20.00
30067511	02/26/08	JONES, JANIE R	\$115.00
30067512	02/26/08	JONES, JOHN B	\$115.00
30067513	02/26/08	KEGLEY, EDITH B	\$115.00
30067514	02/26/08	KEGLEY, GEORGE A JR	\$165.00
30067515	02/26/08	KING-MOORE, INC	\$279.50
30067516	02/26/08	KMART	\$19.96
30067517	02/26/08	KOLIS, THOMAS S	\$160.17
30067518	02/26/08	LIDDLE, LARRY T	\$115.00
30067519	02/26/08	LINDSEY, PATSY D	\$125.00
30067520	02/26/08	MABE, DONNA U	\$125.00
30067521	02/26/08	MEADE, BILLY H	\$115.00
30067522	02/26/08	MEDIA GENERAL	\$379.21
30067523	02/26/08	MEDIA GENERAL	\$59.61
30067524	02/26/08	MEREDITH'S GARAGE	\$86.00
30067525	02/26/08	MEYER, MARY L	\$115.00
30067526	02/26/08	MILLER, JERRY G	\$145.00
30067527	02/26/08	MILLS, HAROLD G	\$125.00
30067528	02/26/08	MOORE, MARTHA N	\$174.40
30067529	02/26/08	MOUNT ROGERS PLANNING DISTRICT	\$3,603.75
30067530	02/26/08	NADA USED CAR GUIDE	\$600.00
30067531	02/26/08	NATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT TECH INC	\$576.15

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30067532	02/26/08	NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL JAIL	\$88,642.00
30067533	02/26/08	NEWBERRY, ALBERT L	\$125.00
30067534	02/26/08	NEXTEL	\$519.66
30067535	02/26/08	NEXTEL	\$468.23
30067536	02/26/08	NTELOS	\$150.00
30067537	02/26/08	OFFICE OF CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINE	\$20.00
30067538	02/26/08	OGLE, BOBBY L	\$203.80
30067539	02/26/08	PORTER, HOWARD W JR	\$115.00
30067540	02/26/08	PROCHEM ANALYTICAL INC	\$1,012.50
30067541	02/26/08	RAYMOND EARL KOHL	\$733.80
30067542	02/26/08	RCI	\$175.00
30067543	02/26/08	RICHARDSON, JOHN P	\$115.00
30067544	02/26/08	RICHARDSON, MARY U	\$174.70
30067545	02/26/08	RICHARDSON, WILLIAM R JR	\$165.00
30067546	02/26/08	ROBINETTE, GLEN C JR	\$115.00
30067547	02/26/08	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$1,686.00
30067548	02/26/08	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$7,577.00
30067549	02/26/08	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$1,428.00
30067550	02/26/08	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$79.00
30067551	02/26/08	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$330.00
30067552	02/26/08	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$1,015.00
30067553	02/26/08	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$345.00
30067554	02/26/08	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$2,282.00
30067555	02/26/08	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$2,514.00
30067556	02/26/08	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$18,319.00
30067557	02/26/08	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$11,572.00
30067558	02/26/08	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$2,295.00
30067559	02/26/08	SAWYERS, BROOKLYN	\$115.00
30067560	02/26/08	SCHREIBER, GEORGE F	\$115.00
30067561	02/26/08	SCOT S FARTHING	\$2,500.00
30067562	02/26/08	SELECT AUTO PARTS	\$63.14
30067563	02/26/08	SHEFFEY, SANDRA M	\$115.00
30067564	02/26/08	STANSELL, DONALD E	\$115.00
30067565	02/26/08	STEVE'S AUTO SALES & REPAIR	\$82.85
30067566	02/26/08	TARTER, SANDRA F	\$115.00
30067567	02/26/08	THOMPSON TIRE	\$107.76
30067568	02/26/08	TODD, SUSAN Q	\$125.00
30067569	02/26/08	TOTAL BILLINGS	\$871.03
30067570	02/26/08	TOWN OF RURAL RETREAT	\$21.88
30067571	02/26/08	TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE	\$375.60
30067572	02/26/08	TOWN POLICE SUPPLY	\$1,080.00
30067573	02/26/08	TROPHYS PLUS	\$258.00
30067574	02/26/08	TUCK, W DOUG	\$262.19
30067575	02/26/08	TWO WAY RADIO	\$208.00

30067576	02/26/08	UMBERGER, ELIZABETH M	\$125.00
30067577	02/26/08	UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	\$104.00
30067578	02/26/08	UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA	\$31.00
30067579	02/26/08	USA BLUE BOOK	\$257.98
30067580	02/26/08	VA DPOR	\$80.00
30067581	02/26/08	VAAO	\$20.00
30067582	02/26/08	VEBA	\$100.00
30067583	02/26/08	VERIZON	\$13.61
30067584	02/26/08	VIRGINIA STATE POLICE	\$360.00
30067585	02/26/08	VUPS	\$43.00
30067586	02/26/08	WALTER S. CROCKETT	\$210.18
30067587	02/26/08	WARD, EVERETT C SR	\$125.00
30067588	02/26/08	WATSON, PATSY H	\$188.28
30067589	02/26/08	WESSINGER, GLORIA S	\$115.00
30067590	02/26/08	WHITE, LINDA T	\$115.00
30067591	02/26/08	WYTHE COUNTY HEALTH DEPT	\$58.43
30067592	02/26/08	WYTHE COUNTY HEALTH DEPT	\$73.00
30067593	02/26/08	WYTHE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD	\$10.00
30067594	02/26/08	WYTHE MEDICAL ASSOCIATES	\$147.00
30067595	02/26/08	WYTHENET INC	\$400.00
30067596	02/26/08	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	\$211.48
30067597	02/26/08	YOUNG, CAROLYN Y	\$115.00
<b>TOTAL FUND</b>			<b>\$ 589,363.69</b>
<b>TOTAL REPORT</b>			<b>\$ 642,433.95</b>

Supervisor Hagee seconded the motion and the roll call vote is as follows:

AYES: Martha P. Umberger      B.G. "Gene" Horney  
 Charles S. Dix                  M.O. "Maggie" Poole  
 Wythe B. Sharitz                Danny C. McDaniel  
 James E. Hagee

NAYS: None

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Sam Crockett, Wythe County Treasurer, appeared before the Board and presented the Treasurer's Report as follows:

1. Trial Balance & Revenue Statement – The Board reviewed and accepted the Bank Statement, Trial Balance and Revenue Statement as submitted by Mr. Crockett for the month ending January 31, 2008.

Mr. Crockett distributed an updated Revenue Report as of February 25, 2008. He stated that collections for this month are about 102% of the

budgeted projections. In addition to the sums paid for taxes, he stated that about 25 people have come in to sign new contracts for payment after receiving the mailed notices.

Supervisor Umberger stated Mr. Crockett should be commended for his efforts in collections.

### **SHERIFF'S REPORT**

1. Grants – Sheriff King conveyed to the Board that the Sheriff's Department is currently pursuing a number of grants. He stated that the two DMV Grants in process would reimburse the Department for projects already in place. He said that he is working on a School Security and Assessment Grant that is administered by the DCJS but still federal money. He implied that a Drug Interdiction Grant is also being considered. He told the Board that the USDA notified him that the grant for \$33,000 reimbursement is almost complete. This will enable the Sheriff's Department to replace four patrol vehicles. Sheriff King commented that next year he hopes to concentrate on replacing four 4WD vehicles.

Supervisor Hagee inquired if adding those vehicles is necessary.

Sheriff King explained that these vehicles would replace current 4WD vehicles that have high mileage and are in poor condition.

2. K-9 Unit – Sheriff King informed the Board that they have proceeded with the sale of the K-9 Unit, Boscoe. The Grayson County Sheriff's Office purchased the dog and his accessories for \$1550.00. Grayson County has been invoiced for the purchase, and they are arranging for Boscoe's pick-up.
3. Surplus Equipment – Sheriff King stated that, should the Department be approved for the DMV Grants, there will be equipment, such as radar detectors, to be declared as surplus.
4. Trash Pick-Up – Mr. Dalton requested the Sheriff brief the Board of Supervisors on previous conversations about trash pick-ups.

Sheriff King stated that he has talked with the superintendent at the New River Valley Regional Jail. He was informed that NRVJRJ fired 13 trustees. The superintendent stated that they still plan to put together a team in the spring, but the trustees will have to be guarded. Should this materialize, the Sheriff will need a list of priority roads from the Board.

Chair Sharitz reiterated that the Board wished to proceed with steps to start this project. He stated that cleaning up the County roads is a priority.

Vice Chair Umberger expressed concerns with people taking trash to the collection centers and not securing their loads. This results in trash blowing everywhere and hitting following vehicles. Sheriff King indicated that if they can supply the tag numbers of the vehicles, the matter could be investigated by the Ordinance Officer.

5. State Budget – Sheriff King expressed concerns regarding State budget cuts. He stated that fortunately, there are no cuts for the Sheriff's Offices in the House or Senate budgets. However, there are some differences in the House and Senate budgets over the hiring freeze.

Supervisor Hagee inquired if the State put any money in the budget for guards at the Regional Jail. The Sheriff implied that he did not have that information.

#### **SUPERVISORS' REPORTS**

1. VACO - REGION 12 – Mr. McDaniel informed fellow Supervisors that he is trying to arrange the Courthouse meetings with other County Supervisors that make up Region 12 of VACO. He referenced discussions on legislation concerning transportation districts. Previously there was no support on this idea, but he feels that the Region 12 meetings would be a starting point in gaining regional and district support. Supervisor McDaniel suggested having a work session to consider the point of community transportation needs to discuss at the meetings.

The Board agreed to pursue this idea.

2. Roadside Clean Up – Chair Sharitz stated that he had received complaints about trash blowing off trucks, also. He explained that the citizen suggested having a two-week clean up period to encourage businesses and clubs to clear roadsides of trash before mowing season.

Vice Chair Umberger stated that most roads are already declared by clubs and organizations.

Supervisor Hagee commented that his only concern was the safety issue. Sheriff King said that signs and vests should be provided if this idea is pursued.

Chair Sharitz inquired about recognizing the organizations as an incentive for helping to clean the roads.

3. Appointments – Local Emergency Planning Commission – Chair Sharitz stated that Mike Hall, as Chair of the LEPC, requested to remove Becky Hudson and Jerry Davis from the Commission, and he recommended appointing Judy Cooling, J.C. Lewis, Louis Westfall, Chuck Mumpower, and David Jones to the LEPC.

Supervisor Poole made a motion to make accept the recommended changes to the Local Emergency Planning Commission. Supervisor Hagee seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **ROAD COMMITTEE**

1. Revenue Sharing Funds - Supervisor Hagee made a motion, as recommended by the Road Committee, to apply for \$1 million in Revenue Sharing Funds.

Mr. Dalton explained prior to submitting an application for funding, the Board of Supervisors would have to designate which roads would receive funds. There have been several requests from citizens to have roads become state maintained, and there are local roads that are on the six-year plan that require maintenance.

The roll call vote is as follows:

AYES:	Martha P. Umberger	B.G. "Gene" Horney
	Charles S. Dix	M.O. "Maggie" Poole
	Wythe B. Sharitz	Danny C. McDaniel
	James E. Hagee	

NAYS: None

### **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

1. Clerk of Circuit Court – Supervisor Dix informed the Board that the Budget Committee reviewed the Clerk of Circuit Court's excess fees.
2. Wal-Mart Foundation – Supervisor Dix made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to accept a \$2000 donation from the Wal-Mart Foundation; and, to amend and appropriate the amount from the Special Police Activity Fund to Police Supplies, budget line 3102-46010.

The roll call vote is as follows:

AYES:	Martha P. Umberger	B.G. "Gene" Horney
	Charles S. Dix	M.O. "Maggie" Poole

Wythe B. Sharitz  
James E. Hagee

Danny C. McDaniel

NAYS: None

3. Highway Safety Grant – Supervisor Dix made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to amend and appropriate \$5,125 received from the Highway Safety Grant program to Enforcement & Traffic Control’s Police Supplies, budget line 3102-46010.

The roll call vote is as follows:

AYES:	Martha P. Umberger	B.G. “Gene” Horney
	Charles S. Dix	M.O. “Maggie” Poole
	Wythe B. Sharitz	Danny C. McDaniel
	James E. Hagee	

NAYS: None

#### **WATER COMMITTEE**

1. Feasibility Study – Countywide Water System – Supervisor Hagee made a motion, as recommended by the Water Committee, to include in next years budget up to \$25,000 for a feasibility study of a countywide water system; and to support a joint application to the Virginia Department of Health for this study.

Mr. Dalton explained that the Health Department would only provide \$25,000 for a preliminary engineering or feasibility study. He stated that the remaining cost of the \$75,000 for the study would need to be incorporated in each of the three groups’ budgets for next year.

The roll call vote is as follows:

AYES:	Martha P. Umberger	B.G. “Gene” Horney
	Charles S. Dix	M.O. “Maggie” Poole
	Wythe B. Sharitz	Danny C. McDaniel
	James E. Hagee	

NAYS: None

*Note: Dr Al Armentrout and several School Board members and staff joined the meeting at this time.*

#### **WYTHE COUNTY SCHOOLS – DR. ARMENTROUT**

Dr. Armentrout approached the Board to present information on the Rural Retreat High School renovations. He referenced his previous presentation and the Board's agreement to fund \$7.5 Million for the RRHS renovation project. He stated that the School Board feels the best expenditure of the money is to put it toward the main building and academic wing. He described some other considerations. Instead of turning the old agriculture building into a fine arts building, the School Board now plans to re-roof the building at \$21,000 and use one room for the storage of teaching supplies. Another section of that building will be used for the storage of furniture for the school. The renovations for the kitchen and cafeteria will be put on hold until more funding is available.

Dr. Armentrout explained that the School Board requested the Board seek a Public School Authority loan for the balance of the money. At this point, the auditorium and gymnasium will not be addressed until additional money is accessible; however, the School Board did ask that obtaining air conditioning units be looked into for each of those facilities.

Dr. Armentrout summed up his portion of the School Board presentation with two requests.

1. He requested that the Board approve the application for the literary loan of \$7.5 Million, the cap of funding amounts for which one can apply.
2. He asked the Board for the supplemental appropriation of \$268,450 for the architects to begin developing specifications of renovation plan.

Supervisor Hagee inquired if there are any literary loan funds available.

Dr. Armentrout explained that there have not been any funds in the literary loans for years. He referenced the State using literary loan money for the Virginia Public School Authority. Dr. Armentrout explained the process of rerouting applications from literary loans to the Public School Authority. He indicated that the money from this process should be available to the Wythe County School Board.

Randy Jones approached the Board to address the second portion of the School Board presentation. Mr. Jones distributed a handout on the proposed RRHS renovations. Mr. Jones reviewed the revised plans with the Board of Supervisors.

Vice Chair Umberger inquired about window replacements several years ago and asked if Rural Retreat was one of the schools who underwent the updates. Dr. Armentrout stated that the middle school was the only building to receive

new windows. It is in the plans for the School Board to replace windows throughout the County Schools as funds become available.

With no further inquiries or comments, Supervisor McDaniel made a motion to apply for a \$7.5 million Literary Loan. Vice Chair Umberger seconded the motion and the roll call vote is as follows:

AYES:     Martha P. Umberger     B.G. "Gene" Horney  
          Charles S. Dix           M.O. "Maggie" Poole  
          Wythe B. Sharitz         Danny C. McDaniel  
          James E. Hagee

NAYS:     None

Supervisor McDaniel made a motion for the supplemental appropriation of \$268,450 for architectural services. Supervisor Dix seconded the motion and the roll call vote is as follows:

AYES:     Martha P. Umberger     B.G. "Gene" Horney  
          Charles S. Dix           M.O. "Maggie" Poole  
          Wythe B. Sharitz         Danny C. McDaniel  
          James E. Hagee

NAYS:     None

Mr. Dalton indicated that the bond is only for \$5 million, which leaves the Board \$2.5 million short of the \$7.5 million allotted for the RRHS renovation project. He indicated that the Board needed to make plans for obtaining additional finances. He suggested advertising and starting the process to get the funds.

Dr. Armentrout noted that the money would not be needed until the final phase of the project.

Supervisor McDaniel made a motion to authorize staff to pursue avenues for the additional \$2.5 million in financing. Supervisor Poole seconded the motion and the roll call vote is as follows:

AYES:     Martha P. Umberger     B.G. "Gene" Horney  
          Charles S. Dix           M.O. "Maggie" Poole  
          Wythe B. Sharitz         Danny C. McDaniel  
          James E. Hagee

NAYS:     None

## **RECESS**

Chair Sharitz called for a short recess at approximately 10:22 a.m.

## **RECONVENE**

Chair Sharitz reconvened the meeting at approximately 10:33 a.m., Tuesday, February 26, 2008. All Board members were present.

## **ELECTORAL BOARD**

The Board reviewed a letter, dated February 5, 2008, from the Electoral Board. The letter referenced the previous year, when it was necessary to move the Royal Oak Precinct to the VDOT Garage. The letter stated that the new location at VDOT was unsatisfactory.

G.W. Catron approached the Board of Supervisors to explain the correspondence. He requested that the Electoral Board be granted permission to start the process of applying with the Justice Department to move the Royal Oak Precinct to George Wythe High School's gymnasium. Mr. Catron stated that the current environment at VDOT's Headquarters is unsuitable.

Supervisor Poole made a motion to advertise for a public hearing on moving the Royal Oak Precinct and to set the public hearing for April 8, 2008.. Vice Chair Umberger seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

1. DEQ – 2007 Groundwater Monitoring Results Review – Mr. Dalton reviewed a letter from the Department of Environmental Quality, dated February 14, 2008, with the Board. He explained that the DEQ had completed a review of the Wythe County Landfill's groundwater monitoring report. The letter stated that based on the analytical data and the fact that no exceedances of Groundwater Protection Standards were noted; the landfill may continue its current monitoring program.
2. Department of Transportation – Mr. Dalton informed the Board that VDOT had written to invite Wythe County staff to attend information sessions on Traffic Impact Analysis. He stated that these sessions would be held in Bristol on March 6, 2008, from 10 A.M. to 12 P.M. The implementation of these regulations in the Department of Transportation's Bristol District will begin July 1, 2008. Mr. Dalton encouraged any Supervisors that are able to do so, to attend the information meetings.
3. SERCAP – Mr. Dalton reviewed a letter and brochure from the Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project, Inc. SERCAP would like Wythe County to identify 10 homes, within County perimeters, that are without

indoor plumbing. SERCAP would like to assist in bringing water and plumbing to the people and families in these homes.

4. House of Delegates – House Bill 1564 – Mr. Dalton reviewed a letter, sent February 14, 2008, from Delegate Crockett-Stark regarding Wythe County House Bill 1564. Delegate Crockett-Stark explained that she carried the Bill to the County, Cities, and Towns subcommittee. The subcommittee recommended that the Board inform the other jurisdictions of the Bill and request written acceptance of Wythe County’s decision to withdraw from VA’s First Regional Industrial Facility Authority.

The Board discussed comments in the Delegate’s letter regarding the surprise and disappointment of other jurisdictions about not being informed of this decision. Most felt that there should have been a discussion in one of the Authority’s meetings.

In Delegate Crockett-Stark’s letter, she expressed her sorrow and explained that she pulled the bill due to the reaction and in fairness to the other jurisdictions involved.

The Board discussed the VA First Regional Industrial Facility Authority’s membership and the participation of Wythe County in the Authority.

Mr. Dalton recommended drafting a letter to the Authority requesting to be removed from membership and copying it to members of the Authority. The Board of Supervisors concurred with this idea.

***Note: Supervisor McDaniel exited the meeting at 11:03 a.m.***

5. New River-Highlands RC&D – Mr. Dalton informed that Board that the New River-Highlands Spring Forestry Committee would be meeting at Virginia Tech on March 20, 2008.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Supervisor Dix made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar for February 26, 2008:

1. SALARIES - January 2008

Water Department	\$ 23,194.04
Wythe County Wastewater Fund	10,189.28
Police Activity Fund	55,184.17
Courthouse Security Fund	9,540.37
E-911 Department	6,843.96

General County Fund	392,508.86
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 497,460.68</b>

Check Numbers: 30067077-30067092; 30067217-30067239

Voucher Numbers: V801000-V801134; V802000-V802139

2. STATUS REPORTS -

Animal Control – Arlan Dunford  
Building Inspection – Kenny Hurst  
Emergency Services – Ikey Davidson  
Parks and Recreation – Raymond Kohl  
Planning Commission – Michelle Cassell

3. PERSONNEL -

- A. Redd, Mary Lou (1209 – Commissioner of the Revenue Office) – Hired, Full-Time Secretary, Annual Salary \$20,288, Effective February 1, 2008.
- B. Lawrence, Clay (8101 – Planning Commission) – Remove from Payroll, Effective January 31, 2008
- C. Randal C. Wright (8101 – Planning Commission) – Add to Payroll, Monthly Salary of \$100.00, Effective February 1, 2008
- D. Akers, Jason S. (31024-41100 – D.A.R.E.) – Promoted to Full-Time D.A.R.E. Officer, Annual Salary \$23,888.00, Effective January 16, 2008
- E. Smith, Mary (31025-41100 – School Resource Officer) – Promoted to Full-Time School Resource Officer, Annual Salary \$27,708.00, Effective January 16, 2008
- F. Cornett, Greg (4401 – Water Department) – Resigned Full-Time Maintenance Position, Effective January 31, 2008

4. BUDGET AMENDMENTS -

- A. Board of Supervisors (1101-45540) – VACo Reimbursement for Registration Fees, VACo Legislative Day February 7, 2008; \$80.00
- B. Sheriff's Department (3102-46009) – VACoRP Reimbursement for Auto Claim on 12/14/07, 2007 Ford Crown Victoria VIN#6555; \$1,300.00

Supervisor Hagee seconded the motion and the roll call vote is as follows:

AYES:	Martha P. Umberger	B.G. "Gene" Horney
	Charles S. Dix	M.O. "Maggie" Poole

Wythe B. Sharitz

James E. Hagee

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Danny C. McDaniel

### **RECESS**

Chair Sharitz recessed at approximately 11:09 a.m.

### **RECONVENE**

Chair Sharitz reconvened the meeting at approximately 1:11 p.m., Tuesday, February 26, 2008. All Board members were present except for Supervisor McDaniel and Supervisor Hagee. Others present were Matthew Cox and Brandi Halloway with VDOT. Supervisor Hagee later entered the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

### **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Mr. Matthew Cox, Assistant Resident Engineer with the Virginia Department of Transportation, appeared before the Board to discuss Highway Matters.

1. Assistant Resident Engineer's Report -

- A. Public Hearing – Mr. Cox discussed scheduling a Public Hearing for the six-year plan. Mr. Cox stated that there must be at least two weeks before meeting for advertising purposes.

After some discussion on dates, the Board agreed to hold a Public Hearing on March 18, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

- B. Speed Studies – Mr. Cox stated that he had results of some of the previous speed study requests. The first was Route 613, Locust Hill Road, and the second one was for Route 634, Rickey Road. In both cases, the recommendations were not to post 35 mph speed limit signs. Instead, it was suggested to post chevrons and maximum safe speed signs for curves. Mr. Cox said that this would improve the safety and aid in slowing traffic on both routes.

Mr. Dalton added that after July 1, 2008, all rural and rustic roads would be posted as 35 mph. He commented that this law has passed with the Virginia House and Senate. Mr. Dalton stated that these roads will be posted at 35 mph unless there has been a speed study conducted.

2. Supervisors' Requests –

- A. Pleasant Pines Drive – Supervisor Poole referenced Pleasant Pines Drive, State Route 104. She requested another “slow – children at play” sign to be placed at the end of the road.
- B. Danner Road - Supervisor Poole asked that a 35 mph speed limit sign be moved closer to where Danner Road meets Route 52. She stated that she has had many complaints about speeders on Danner Road.

Mr. Cox stated that typically they would not move a sign that has been placed based on a speed study, but he would check into it.

- C. Lots Gap Road – Supervisor Poole referenced the section of Lots Gap Road that is near Viars Road. She stated that it was her understanding that this problem area has been brought to VDOT’s attention before. She investigated and saw that it was a dangerous area. In this vicinity, there is a sharp curve and a bank next to the road. It was reported to her that traffic comes through there too rapidly, and it has resulted in several accidents. She suggested that if they are able to get rid of the bank to reduce the curve, they should go ahead and remove the large cedar tree from the corner of the yard, as well.
- D. Signs at Culverts – Vice Chair Umberger referenced several delineator signs down near large culverts on Route 52, north of Laurel Run.
- E. Blackberry Drive – Supervisor Hagee referenced Blackberry Drive and explained that the road is in very poor condition.
- F. Route 659 – Chair Sharitz stated that he had received information that a section on Route 659 is coming apart. He said that patching this area would be appreciated.
- G. Chainy Branch Road – Supervisor Dix reported that Chainy Branch Road needs work.
- H. Brim Lane – The Board discussed Brim Lane’s issues regarding abandonment. Mr. Bear reported that letters have been sent out to citizens about this matter.
- I. Trash Pick-Up – Chair Sharitz referenced the requested prisoner help with local trash pick-up along roadsides. He explained that a citizen suggested designating a clean-up week. He said that the

Board could also initiate an appreciation program or incentive program to encourage organizations to take part in this. Chair Sharitz asked for suggestions or input from Mr. Cox.

Mr. Cox referenced several counties instituting a program several years ago where certain misdemeanor offenders were sentenced and designated to trash pick-up as part of community service. He said that he would follow-up on the counties that had implemented the program, and he would check the progress of the program. He reported that if the County still needed orange bags and safety vests for trash pick-ups to contact Kim Salts at the local VDOT office.

3. Six Year Plan Work Session – Secondary Roads - Mr. Cox reviewed the proposed Wythe County Six Year Plan. He discussed statewide budget cuts for transportation. He stated that VDOT could face up to a 44% decrease in funds, which could affect the current preliminary plan and figures.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Sharitz adjourned the meeting.

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Wythe B. Sharitz, Chair