

February 27 2007

The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled day meeting at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 27, 2007. 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
James E. Hagee, Vice Chair
Lisa R. Eaton
Susan R. Crigger

Charles S. Dix
Martha P. Umberger
Danny C. McDaniel

STAFF PRESENT:

R. Cellell Dalton, Clerk
Stephen D. Bear, Assistant County Administrator
Kim D. Slusher, Grants Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT

Sam Crockett, Treasurer
Doug King, Sheriff
Scott Farthing, County Attorney
Rusty Mullins, Wytheville Baptist Church
Gary Boring, RC&D (Resource Conservation and Development)
Barry Catron, Citizen

CALL TO ORDER & INVOCATION

The Chair determined that a quorum was present and called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The invocation was given by Mr. Rusty Mullins of The Wytheville Baptist Church and the Chair led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZEN'S TIME

Mr. Barry Catron apologized for missing a previous meeting. Mr. Catron spoke regarding his desire to vacate a 15' Right of Way in Max Meadows.

Supervisor McDaniel moved to adopt Ordinance #2007-2. Supervisor Umberger seconded the motion and the roll call vote is as follows:

AYES:	Martha P. Umberger	Susan R. Crigger
	Charles S. Dix	Lisa R. Eaton
	Wythe B. Sharitz	Danny C. McDaniel
	James E. Hagee	

NAYS: NONE

PUBLIC HEARING- SHERIFF DEPARTMENT'S INTENT TO APPLY FOR FUNDING WITH USDA DEVELOPMENT-FUNDING FOR POLICE CAR PROJECT

The Chair stated that pursuant to the Code of Virginia, and amendments thereto, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors would conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, February 27, 2007 at 9:05 a.m. at the Wythe County Board of Supervisor's Meeting. Anyone requesting information on this project or to offer comments should attend this meeting.

Chairman Sharitz recognized Sheriff Doug King who offered specific information regarding the USDA involvement in rural 1st responder equipment, proposing to purchase 6 cars. Discussion was held regarding the vehicle housing and/or location and how it relates to reimbursement percentages. Percentage of reimbursement considers population, income per capita, use of census information. The Ford Crown Victoria's will be ordered in September from a firm in Canada.

Mr. Dalton stated that the County typically budgets to provide for six (6) new vehicles per year and that this grant will provide three (3) additional vehicles (removing the Dodge vehicles) getting back on the scheduled program.

Hearing no other comments, Chair Sharitz closed the public hearing.

Mr. Dalton authorized signature of the grant.

Supervisor James E. Hagee made a motion to authorize signatures to apply for said grant.

Supervisor Charles S. Dix seconded the motion and the roll call vote is as follows:

AYES: Martha P. Umberger	Wythe B. Sharitz
Charles S. Dix	Lisa R. Eaton
Susan R. Crigger	Danny C. McDaniel
James. E. Hagee	

NAYS: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board was presented with the January 9th, 2007 minutes for adoption.

Supervisor James E. Hagee made a motion to approve the January 9th, 2007 minutes as presented. Supervisor Lisa R. Eaton seconded the motion and the roll call vote is as follows:

AYES: Martha P. Umberger	Wythe B. Sharitz
Charles S. Dix	Lisa R. Eaton
Susan R. Crigger	Danny C. McDaniel
James E. Hagee	

NAYS: None

The Board was presented with the January 23, 2007 minutes for adoption.

Supervisor James E. Hagee made a motion to approve the January 23, 2007 minutes as presented. Supervisor Lisa R. Eaton seconded the motion and the roll call vote is as follows:

AYES: Martha P. Umberger	Wythe B. Sharitz
Charles S. Dix	Lisa R. Eaton
Susan R. Crigger	Danny C. McDaniel
James E. Hagee	

NAYS: NONE

PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
February 27, 2007

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1101 Board of Supervisors	\$ 1,537.70
1202 County Administrator's Office	6,743.27
1209 Commissioner of the Revenue	117.62
1213 Treasurer	163.28
1301 Electoral Board	3,049.32
1302 Registrar	168.01
2102 General District Court	256.01
2102A Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court	163.28
2103 Magistrate	48.73

2106	Clerk of the Circuit Court	1,395.10
2108	Law Library	24.48
2201	Commonwealth's Attorney	582.94
3102	Enforcement & Traffic Control	9,181.27
3102A	Cops Universal Hiring Grant	167.61
3202	Volunteer Fire Departments	8,532.50
3302A	Victim Witness Assistance	52.65
3303	Probation Office	11.84
3401	Building Inspection	123.81
3501	Animal Control	608.46
3504	E911 Department	2,517.99
3505	Office of Emergency Services	122.04
4203	Refuse Collection	2,300.12
4304A	Landfill Building	11.57
4304C	Courthouse Building	52,229.23
4304D	County Office Building	1,350.38
4320	B & G Maintenance	226.69
4401	Water Department	7,396.77
4401B	Water Transmission System	1,200.00
4402	Wastewater Department	16,075.97
5101	Local Health Department	72,020.25
7109	Recreation Commission	1,120.16
7111	Ager Park	124.96
7205	Festivals	3,000.00
7302	Wythe-Grayson Regional Library	1,166.50
8101	Planning Commission	912.76
8106A	Wythe County Progress Park	51,503.26
8305	Cooperative Extension Service	197.56
9201	Revenue Refunds	40.00
Total:		\$ 246,444.09

A motion was made by Supervisor Danny C. McDaniel, seconded by Supervisor Charles S. Dix to approve the invoices.

AYES: Martha P. Umberger Wythe B. Sharitz
Charles S. Dix Lisa R. Eaton
Susan R. Crigger Danny C. McDaniel
James Hagee

Nays: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Subdivision Ordinance Amendment: Supervisor Danny C. McDaniel made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Martha P. Umberger to adopt Amendment 7 to Ordinance 99.5.

AYES: Martha P. Umberger
Charles S. Dix
Susan R. Crigger
James E. Hagee

Wythe B. Sharitz
Lisa R. Eaton
Danny C. McDaniel

NAYS: None

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

1. Revenue Statement – Discussion was held regarding land use Also discussed was vehicle sticker enforcement options. The Board reviewed and accepted the Revenue statement as submitted by Mr. Crockett for the month ending January 31, 2007.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sherriff Doug King appeared before the Board and presented the Sheriff's Report as follows:

1. Funding - Mid year funds granted through the Compensation Board in the amount of \$8,000.00. Compensation Board has approved the purchased of five (5) personal computers, four (4) printers and one (1) copier.
2. Court Room Security - Sheriff King reported that the House and Senate have passed a bill to raise court room security fees from \$5.00 to \$10.00.
3. LEOS - Sheriff King reported the passing of state wide LEOS which will have to be address in a future County Ordinance.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS

1. Industrial Park – Supervisor Dix reported that there was a good article in The Current referencing Wythe County and the Industrial Park.

2. Budget Scheduling – Supervisor Dix and Supervisor McDaniel requested minor changes for the scheduling of Budget Hearings.
3. Vaco – Supervisor McDaniel reported that Court House meetings are scheduled for April 16th, 2007 and will be held at The Higher Education Center in Abingdon. Letters will be sent out with specifics.

Mr. Dalton agreed to accommodate scheduling requests taking into consideration upcoming appointments.

4. Road Maintenance – Supervisor Susan R. Crigger addressed the lack of roadside maintenance.

Mr. Dalton discussed Trustee updated eligibility and financial implications as it relates to manpower for trash removal. Mr. Dalton also indicated that information will be provided to the Supervisors in the new County Budget suggesting alternatives for this issue.

5. Virginia First – Chair Sharitz reported that the Virginia First meeting was rescheduled for March due to bad weather.
6. Ag Expo Site Committee – Chair Sharitz indicated that four possible sites have been identified for the Ag Expo.
7. Reassessment – Chair Sharitz discussed the internet site corrections.

RECESS

At approximately 10:30 a.m. Chair Sharitz called for a brief recess.

RECONVENE

The Board reconvened at 10:49 a.m., Tuesday, February 22, 2007 and was called to order by Chair Sharitz.

NEW RIVER HIGHLANDS RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Gary Boring appeared before the Board to report on a few projects completed last year. (Charcoal feasibility study, Fire Wise for woodland communities and the Design a Highway Program). Mr. Boring reported that next years projects include the following; short course on grant writing, Green Infrastructure and Trails Conference with NRVPDC, a livestock processing feasibility study, slaughter facility location potential a grant for stream bank improvement with Wythe County as a possible site. Mr. Boring indicated that the South East RC&D Associations' annual meeting for 2008 will be hosted by New River Highland RC&D anticipating approximately 400 guests. After a brief

discussion regarding the above programs Chair Sharitz thanked Mr. Boring for his attendance and presentation.

HIGHWAY MATTERS

Mr. Junior Goad reported that he is trying to obtain funding for replacing bridges on 749 between Rural Retreat and Speedwell. Discussion held regarding state funding, scheduling, alternate routing and support from the Board approving closure of the road until the bridge can be replaced. Mr. Goad was given a petition indicating support of the six (6) year plan. Mr. Goad was also advised of the concern regarding road side trash and was asked to prepare a schedule for clean up. Discussion was held regarding Exit 60 in Rural Retreat, as the potential Ag Exhibition Center location and the ramification that the site would create. Supervisor Dix addressed the need for Rt. 666 (Tabernacle Road) needing to be re-machined and Rt 778 drainage pipes have been washed out near the shelters. Supervisor Umberger stated that logging trucks have created dangerous road concerns on Fairview and Jake Callahans. Signage and postings were also discussed regarding Rt. 619. Mr. Bear thanked Mr. Goad for the information regarding voting locations, which was passed on to Robert Kegley. Mr. Bear indicated that there is ongoing dialog regarding an outstanding Embarq invoice from Sunny Road. Tractor trailer traffic discussed particularly on Peppers Ferry Road and in Rural Retreat on Rt 11. Signage was also discussed to assist tractor trailer traffic.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Attorney Scot Farthing addressed the Board prior to leaving this meeting for an appointment in Abingdon. Mr. Shaffer intends to develop several small lots in Max Meadow and expressed concern with regard to the adjoining property lines. Permitting for this project was discussed.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Dalton explained the new taxable and non taxable parcel use code further stating that land values, commercial, industrial, and multi family have escalated while single family home (dwelling) values did not increase as much. Discussion pursued regarding interpretation of the Reassessment Notices. Schools, churches, government buildings and/or land would be considered non taxable. A representative from Blue Ridge Mass Appraisal was not present, although Mr. Dalton attempted to reach them by phone prior to this meeting.

Supervisor Danny C. McDaniel moved for the adoption of the consent calendar and was seconded by Supervisor Charles S. Dix.

AYES:

MARTHA P. UMBERGER
CHARLES S. DIX

LISA R. EATON
DANNY C. MCDANIEL

SUSAN R. CRIGGER
JAMES E. HAGEE

NAYES: NONE

Mr. Dalton reported to the Board that the residents will be receiving information regarding wellhead grant protection. Mr. Dalton advised the Board that he will need a letter from Mr. Jerry Miller confirming his inability to serve on the Board of Equalization.

Chair Sharitz was notified by Mr. Stephen Bear that a letter of resignation from Mr. Jerry Langendorfer would be prepared and delivered today.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Supervisor Danny C. McDaniel moved, seconded by Supervisor Marther P. Umberger. Motion passed unanimously.

Wythe B. Sharitz, Chair