

The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled day meeting at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 24, 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
Susan R. Crigger
Danny C. McDaniel

Martha P. Umberger
Charles S. Dix
Lisa R. Eaton

STAFF PRESENT:

R. Cellell Dalton, Clerk
Scot Farthing, County Attorney
Martha G. Collins, Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sam Crockett, Treasurer
Mary "Sis" Cassell, Commissioner of the Revenue
Three Citizens

CALL TO ORDER & INVOCATION

The Chair determined that a quorum was present and called the regular meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The invocation was given by Gary Cope, Pastor of Word of Life Ministries. The Chair led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZEN'S 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.

1. Maxine Waller – Ms. Maxine Waller appeared before the Board on behalf of the Southeast Rural Community Assistance Program. Ms. Waller spoke regarding a new initiative by the Governor to have water in every Virginia home this year. She stated that this program is for anyone in Wythe and Bland Counties that meet the requirements. She encouraged the Board to share this information with their constituents.

Ms. Waller additionally referenced the Ivanhoe Industrial Park property and a potential project to build houses on this property.

2. Water Leak – Mr. Bobby Dunn, resident of 203 Turnerville Lane, Max Meadows, Virginia appeared before the Board in regards to a water leak on his property. He reported that he has reported this problem to Mr. Crisp and inquired how long it would take to repair. He indicated that Mr. Crisp

stated he would drive by the property and see if it needed repairs and that it wasn't a property. He stated that he then contacted Mr. Dalton who drove by the property to check the problem.

Mr. Dunn stated that the water department attempted to fix the leak and left a mess for the residents. He distributed pictures of the property from that weekend and indicated that he could not drive his truck and horse trailer out of his driveway that weekend due to the mess. He stated that Mr. Crisp indicated it may take months to repair.

Supervisor Hagee inquired why this leak will take so long to repair.

Mr. Crisp indicated that it would depend on if the road needed boring and contracting that out.

Mr. Dunn stated that he understands road construction and it may take a while but is only asking that stone be put down until the leak can be repaired.

Mr. Crisp reported that stone was not put down previously because maintenance planned to work on the line again the following week. He stated that there may be an existing case which can be patched or else they will have to replace the line and will have to bore under the road. He noted that he only has three men on maintenance currently.

Mr. Dunn stated that the maintenance men came by and dug a swell ditch and it would have only taken a bucket of stone to cover.

Supervisor McDaniel inquired if the maintenance men can't get this fixed this week and put stone down temporarily until it is fixed, if this is an agreeable solution for Mr. Dunn.

Mr. Dunn agreed.

3. Ivanhoe Playground – Mr. Robert Sangster, resident of Ivanhoe, Virginia appeared before the Board and presented a petition with approximately 200 names on it for building a playground in the Ivanhoe community. He stated that the children need a place to play volleyball, basketball and tennis and this will help keep the children out of mischief. He noted that he has potential sites for this project.

Supervisor Crigger requested clarification for what Mr. Sangster is wanting regarding a playground.

Mr. Sangster explained that he is asking for playground equipment, basketball court, anything available. He noted that he hates to see the community disintegrate when it was once such a nice place. He thanked the Board for its consideration of this request.

Being no one else present to address the Board, Chair Sharitz closed Citizen's Time.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board was presented with the March 13 and 27, 2007 minutes for adoption.

Supervisor Hagee made a motion to approve the March 13, 2007 minutes as presented. Supervisor Eaton seconded the motion and the roll call vote is as follows:

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

NAYS: None

Supervisor Umberger referenced a comment by Sam Crockett in the citizen's time of the March 27, 2007 minutes. Staff reviewed the audio and determined Mr. Crockett did not make this comment.

Supervisor Dix made a motion to approve the March 27, 2007 minutes as corrected. Supervisor Umberger seconded the motion and the roll call vote is as follows:

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

NAYS: None

PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

Supervisor Dix made a motion to pay the invoices submitted for approval on April 24, 2007 for the various departments of County government. The invoices for April 24, 2007 were paid on General Warrants 30063546-30063641 as follows:

EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

APRIL 24, 2007

	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
1101	Board of Supervisors	\$	808.47
1202	County Administrator's Office		1,396.10
1209	Commissioner of the Revenue		444.09
1210	Assessors		135.55
1213	Treasurer		127.33
1301	Electoral Board		17.07
1302	Registrar		91.74
2101	Circuit Court		21.45
2102	General District Court		165.17
2106	Clerk of the Circuit Court		114.68
2108	Law Library		33.33
2201	Commonwealth's Attorney		1,024.90
3102	Enforcement & Traffic Control		17,569.19
3102A	Cops Universal Hiring Grant		158.94
3102B	Courtroom Security		83.19
3102C	Vstop		252.84
3102D	Dare		25.91
3102J	Cops in Schools Grant		728.92
3202	Volunteer Fire Departments		44,739.00
3301	Correction and Detention		8,693.00
3302A	Victim Witness Assistance		36.05
3401	Building Inspection		166.68
3501	Animal Control		1,042.22
3503	Medical Examiner		20.00
3504	E911 Department		369.85
3504A	E911 Wireless Grant		35.44
3505	Office of Emergency Services		45.02
4100	Road Construction		5,100.00
4203	Refuse Collection		51,210.96
4304A	Landfill Building		11.63
4304C	Courthouse Building		29,235.74
4304D	County Office Building		1,314.68
4320	B & G Maintenance		238.27
4401	Water Department		18,719.30
4402	Wastewater Department		47,841.73
5101	Local Health Department		72,020.25
7109	Recreation Commission		333.95
7110	RR Lake Campground		356.64
7111	Ager Park		411.56
8101	Planning Commission		461.67

8106A	Wythe County Progress Park	23,756.76
8107	Wythe County Joint IDA	33,750.00
TOTAL:		\$ 363,109.27
	Wythe County Water Department Fund	\$ 18,719.30
	Wythe County Wastewater Department Fund	47,841.73
	Assessors	135.55
	E-911 Department	369.85
	Law Library	33.33
	Police Activity Fund	10,664.39
	County General Fund	285,345.12
TOTAL:		\$ 363,109.27

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

AYES:	Susan R. Crigger	Martha P. Umberger
	James E. Hagee	Wythe B. Sharitz
	Charles S. Dix	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. Trial Balance & Revenue Statement – The Board reviewed and accepted the Bank Statement, Trial Balance and Revenue Statement as submitted Mr. Crockett for month ending March 31, 2007.

2. Dog Tags – Supervisor Umberger inquired about the status of dog tags.

Mr. Crockett indicated that he is still reviewing this matter and may consider a three year dog tag.

Supervisor Umberger inquired how many counties have three year tags.

Mr. Crockett stated that several have and referenced Botetourt County.

COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE REPORT

1. Agape Food Pantry Tax Exemption – Mr. Dalton requested assessment figure for the Agape Food Pantry.

He also noted that the Town of Wytheville will have to develop its own ordinance for this purpose.

SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

1. VACo Meeting – Supervisor McDaniel stated that he was please with Region 12's representation at the recent VACo meeting in Abingdon.
2. Recycling Centers – Supervisor Crigger referenced complaints regarding the requirement for a county decal for disposing of trash at the recycling centers. She reported that one citizen caused an argument at the Apple House due to this and the attendant has requested this citizen not be allowed to use this center in the future. She referenced farm tractors and vehicles with farm use tags.

Supervisor Hagee commented on the strict requirements for disposing of recyclables.

Mr. Dalton reported that recyclables do need to be addressed and referenced restrictions from the recycling companies.

Supervisor Eaton inquired if those with farm use vehicles could present their tax ticket paid receipt.

Mr. Crockett, Treasurer, indicated that some farm trucks are not listed on the tax tickets but the receipt would indicate taxes paid.

Supervisor Crigger asked the Chairman to reiterate the rules the next time he speaks on WYVE.

3. Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing – Chair Sharitz reminded the Board of Comprehensive Plan joint public hearing with the Planning Commission on May 7, 2007 at 7 p.m.
4. Virginia Employment Commission – Chair Sharitz reported that the Virginia Employment Commission is suffering and may close some centers. He stated that the local VEC office has requested support from the Board of Supervisors to allow it remain open. He reported that a hearing will be held on May 2, 2007 at 7 p.m.

Mr. Dalton noted the importance of the VEC in industry recruitment.

Chair Sharitz requested a resolution be presented at the Joint Governing Bodies meeting on April 30, 2007.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. NACo 2007/2008 Conferences – The Board reviewed a letter dated April 13, 2007 from Marilyn Blake, Chairperson of the 2007 NACo Conference Planning Committee. The letter is in regards to
2. Agape Food Pantry – Tax Exemption Ordinance – The Board reviewed a letter from Scot Farthing, County Attorney, regarding the tax exemption ordinance and required public hearing.
3. Joint Governing Bodies Meeting – April 30, 2007 – The Board reviewed the agenda for the April 30, 2007 Joint Governing Bodies meeting.
4. VA Cooperative Extension – Impact of Freeze on Producers – The Board reviewed a memorandum dated April 13, 2007 from Joseph Massey, Wythe County Extension Agent for the Virginia Extension Cooperative. Mr. Massey's letter referenced the recent freeze conditions that have caused farm losses in Wythe County. His letter recommended monitoring the situation for another two weeks to fully grasp the extent of the damage and if the damage is considerable, that the Board request, by way of resolution, for a state declaration of emergency.
5. Reed Creek Interceptor – DLB Substantial Completion – Upon recommendation by Mr. Dalton, Supervisor Umberger made a motion to authorize the DLB Substantial Completion Certification for the Reed Creek Interceptor Project. Supervisor Crigger seconded the motion and the roll call vote is as follows:

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

NAYS:	None
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6. NACo Prescription Drug Discount Card Program – The Board reviewed a 2006-07 Wythe County usage report for the NACo Prescription Drug Program.

Supervisor McDaniel recommended Chair Sharitz report on this the next time he speaks on WYVE.

7. Parks & Recreation – Petty Cash Increase – The Board reviewed a memorandum dated April 20, 2007 from Ray Kohl, Director of the Wythe County Parks & Recreation. The memorandum requested an increase in funds from \$150.00 to \$350.00 for the petty cash and change fund for operation of the Rural Retreat Lake campground, camp store and pool.

Supervisor Crigger made a motion to increase the petty cash fund for the Rural Retreat Lake from \$150.00 to \$350.00. Supervisor Hagee seconded the motion and the roll call vote is as follows:

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

NAYS: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Supervisor McDaniel to approve the Consent Calendar for April 24, 2007 as follows:

1. Salaries for March 2007 –

General County Fund	\$	380,532.75
Water Department		26,129.91
Wythe County Wastewater Fund		9,664.90
Courthouse Security Fund		7,723.97
E-911 Department		6,615.30
Police Activity Fund		65,685.24
TOTAL:	\$	496,352.07

Check Numbers: 30062889-30063044; 30063122-30063265

2. Status Reports –

Animal Control
Building Inspection
Emergency Management
Parks & Recreation
Planning Commission

Refuse Collection & B&G Maintenance
Water & Wastewater

3 Budget Amendments –

1. Library Building (4304F) – Request for appropriation of \$314.00.
2. Law Library (2108-3005) – Request for appropriation of \$3,503.00.

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

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

NAYS: None

BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT

The Board a letter dated March 21, 2007 from Leonard Cooke, Director of the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services. The letter indicated that Wythe County has been awarded a Byrne Justice Assistance Grant in the total amount of \$1,744.

Supervisor Hagee made a motion to accept the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant and to amend and appropriate \$1,744.00 to the proper department. Supervisor Crigger seconded the motion and the roll call vote is as follows:

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

NAYS: None

DISTRICT III – SURPLUS BUS SALE

The Board reviewed a letter dated April 6, 2007 from David Richardson, Transportation Director for the District III Governmental Cooperative. The letter referenced an upcoming surplus bus sale for local government entities only.

Mr. Dalton referenced the variety of uses for the county in regards to trash pick up, Planning Commission and Board site visitations, etc.

Supervisor McDaniel made a motion to authorize the Chairman and Vice Chairman to submit bids on behalf of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Umberger seconded the motion and the roll call vote is as follows:

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

NAYS: None

NRCS – UPPER REED CREEK WATERSHED

The Board reviewed a letter dated April 3, 2007 from John Bricker, State Conservationist with the New River Conservation Services (NRCS). Mr. Bricker's letter indicated that due to a lack of funding for watershed planning and operations, the NRCS is requesting the three local sponsors withdraw their application for watershed planning assistance in the Upper Reed Creek Watershed.

Supervisor McDaniel made a motion to withdraw Wythe County's application for watershed planning assistance. Supervisor Hagee seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

WYTHE COUNTY LANDFILL

The Board reviewed a letter dated March 27, 2007 from Debra Miller, Director for the Virginia Department Office of Solid Waste. The letter granted permission to delete mercury and methozyclor from the list of detected Table 5.1 constituents in accordance with 9 VAC 20-80-300 C.4.e.(4) from the Wythe County landfill groundwater monitoring program.

E-911 ROAD NAME REQUEST

The Board reviewed a memorandum dated March 20, 2007 from Brandy Nichols, Wythe County GIS Mapping Technician, requesting Toby Lane be added as a road name as requested by resident Matthew Ridgaway.

Supervisor Eaton made a motion to approve Toby Lane as a new road name. Supervisor Hagee seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

GIS TECHNICIAN INTERN

Mr. Dalton reported that a Mr. Crawford with Emory & Henry College has requested an internship with the county's GIS department this summer. He reported that grant funding will pay for this internship.

HIGHWAY MATTERS

Mr. Junior Goad, Resident Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), appeared before the Board to address highway matters.

1. Resident Engineer's Report –
 - A. Six-Year Program – Mr. Goad distributed a letter regarding the Six Year Road Program.
 - B. Revenue Sharing – Mr. Goad referenced the Lots Gap Road project and having funds to possibly lower the vertical. He noted that traffic would have to be detoured during construction.

The Board concurred.

2. Supervisors' Requests –
 - A. Cripple Creek & Gleaves Road – Supervisor Crigger inquired when VDOT will begin working on the bridge near Cripple Creek and Gleaves Road. She expressed concerns with Cripple Creek day on May 26, 2007.
 - B. Slate Springs Branch Road – Supervisor Crigger inquired about the signs posted on Slate Springs Branch Road.

Ms. Hallaway indicated that the signs posted refer to the public comment period prior to construction.
 - C. Gleaves Road – Supervisor Crigger referenced the shoulders on Gleaves Road needing repairs.
 - D. Route 607 – Supervisor Hagee referenced the shoulders on Route 607 needing repairs.
 - E. Rickey Road – Supervisor Hagee referenced repairs to pot holes and ditch work needed on Rickey Road.
 - F. Route 619 – Supervisor Hagee inquired about the speed signs on Route 619.

Mr. Cox indicated that he will check the status of this request.

- G. Hager Springs Road – Supervisor Eaton referenced issues with excessive speed on Hager Springs Road and a request for “Children at Play” signs.
- H. Millers Creek Road – Supervisor Eaton referenced sight distance issues on Millers Creek Road near Smith Hollow Road.
- I. Route 667 – Supervisor Dix referenced a large pot hole on Route 667 near Tabernacle Road.
- J. Route 717 – Supervisor Umberger reported that Route 717 is in terrible condition.

Mr. Goad indicated that part of Route 717 is on the maintenance schedule.

- 3. Devolution Guide – The Board reviewed a letter dated April 6, 2007 from Michael Estes, Director, Local Assistance Division, VDOT, in referenced to the creation of a *Devolution Guide* to assist counties in assumption of secondary roads.
- 4. Public Workshop Schedule – The Board reviewed a memorandum from VDOT regarding the Enhancement Byway Program and its public workshop schedule.

RECESS – TOUR OF SPILLER ANNEX

The Board recessed at approximately 11:55 a.m. for lunch and to tour the Spiller Annex.

RECONVENE

The Board reconvened at approximately 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 24, 2007 in the Board Room of the County Office Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – QUARTERLY REPORT

The Board reviewed the Department of Social Service’s Quarterly Report for fiscal year 2006-07.

Mr. Mike Hall, Director of Social Services, addressed the need to additional CSA funds. He requested an increased appropriation in funds for this program.

Supervisor McDaniel made a motion to amend and appropriate \$157,652 in local funds and \$384,653 in state funds to the CSA program. Supervisor Dix seconded the motion and the roll call vote is as follows:

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

NAYS: None

RECESS

At approximately 2:28 p.m. Chair Sharitz recessed the meeting until 9 a.m., Thursday, April 26, 2007 for a budget work session.

RECONVENE

The Board reconvened at approximately 9:05 a.m., Thursday, April 26, 2007 in the Board Room of the County Office Building, Wytheville, Virginia. Chair Sharitz stated that all members were present.

LANE ENTERPRISES

Mr. Dalton distributed a copy of the Performance Agreement with Lane Industries. He reported that the five year allotment will expire April 30, 2007.

Mr. Farthing explained that Lane has ordered equipment but it is not set up here which means the county cannot collect taxes on it.

Mr. Dalton recommended writing a letter to Lane requesting the amount of current investment.

Supervisor McDaniel reminded the Board that its action on this matter sets precedence for future industries.

The Board concurred to direct the County Attorney draft a letter to Lane Industries requesting the current investment amount.

2007 TAX RATE

The Board discussed the tax rate for calendar year 2007, land use, and the handicapped & elderly tax amounts.

After discussion, Supervisor McDaniel made a motion to advertise the tax rate for 2007 at \$0.43. Supervisor Dix seconded the motion and the roll call vote is as follows:

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

NAYS: James E. Hagee

The Board concurred to hold the proposed budget public hearing at 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 5, 2007.

SCHOOL BOARD FY 07-08 BUDGET

The Board discussed the revised School Board budget proposal for fiscal year 2007-08.

Mr. Dalton explained that Dr. Armentrout feels he cannot provide a 4% salary increase with the funds proposed. He reported that in Mr. Armentrout's original presentation he stated that it took \$220,000 for every 1%.

The Board concurred to provide an additional \$220,000 in salary funding and to decrease the total funding by \$80,000 for the school bus driver insurance with the understanding that if any driver accepts the insurance, the county provides the amount of funding needed.

RECESS

With no further business to discuss at this time, Chair Sharitz recessed the meeting until 7:00 p.m., Monday, April 30, 2007. The Board will meet at the Rural Retreat Town Chamber for the Joint Governing Bodies Meeting.

RECONVENE

The Board reconvened at 7:00 p.m., Monday, April 30, 2007 at the Rural Retreat Town Chamber. Chair Sharitz stated that all members were present.

JOINT GOVERNING BODIES MEETING

The Board participated in the Joint Governing Bodies Meeting.

RECESS

Chair Sharitz recessed until 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 7, 2007 for the Joint Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing.

RECONVENE

The Board reconvened at 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 7, 2007 in the Board Room of the County Office Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia. Chair Sharitz stated that all members were present including the Planning Commission members.

PUBLIC HEARING – COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

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 May 7, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. Notification of the public hearing was published in the *Wytheville Enterprise*. The Chair stated that the purpose of the hearing was to hear public comment regarding the proposed Wythe County Comprehensive Plan. The Chair turned the hearing over to Mr. James Huffard, Chairman of the Wythe County Planning Commission

Mr. Huffard opened the hearing for comments at this time.

Mr. Charles Roberts spoke in regards to the trash collection and recycling centers. He stated that the privatization of the centers has not worked efficiently and referenced various issues with Lusk.

Mr. Mark Boenke spoke in regards to land use control & zoning and it was good to see it in the plan. He stated that without controlled growth infrastructure, it is hard to develop and control land uses. He reported that growth is coming to the county and it needs to be prepared and having something in place other than a subdivision ordinance.

Supervisor Hagee noted that the county is addressing the trash collection issues.

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

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Supervisor Hagee made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Dix seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Wythe B. Sharitz, Chair