

June 12, 2007

The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 12, 2007. The location of the meeting was in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Susan R. Crigger

Charles S. Dix

Lisa R. Eaton

Martha P. Umberger

Danny C. McDaniel

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Wythe B. Sharitz, Chair

James E. Hagee, Vice Chair

**STAFF PRESENT:**

R. Cellell Dalton, County Administrator

Stephen D. Bear, Assistant County Administrator

Scot Farthing, County Attorney

Martha G. Collins, Secretary

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Sam Crockett, Treasurer

Two Citizens

Doug King, Sheriff

**CALL TO ORDER & INVOCATION**

Supervisor Crigger, Acting Chair, determined that a quorum was present and called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The invocation was given by the Reverend Roger Crigger of the Rural Retreat Pentecostal Holiness Church. The Chair led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CITIZEN'S TIME**

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

With no one appearing before the Board to speak, the Chair closed Citizen's Time.

**PUBLIC HEARING - COURTHOUSE SECURITY FEE ORDINANCE, AMENDMENT 1**

In compliance with Section 53.1-120 of the Code of Virginia and amendments thereto, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing at 7:05 p.m. to consider amendment Number 1 to the, "Courthouse Security Fee Ordinance" of Wythe County, Virginia. Notification of the public hearing was published in the *Wytheville Enterprise*. Supervisor Crigger stated that the Board

will hear comments from citizens concerning the adoption of the proposed amendment at this time.

Supervisor Crigger noted that the amendment will change the courthouse security fee from \$5.00 to \$10.00 and shall be assessed as part of the cost against each defendant who is assessed court costs for each violation of a criminal statute or traffic ordinance.

Sheriff Doug King appeared before the Board and expressed the need for the \$5.00 rate increase. He referenced the increase in courts dockets in all three courts and how many officers are needed per courtroom.

Hearing no other comments, Supervisor Crigger closed the public hearing.

Supervisor McDaniel made a motion to adopt Amendment Number 1 to the, "Courthouse Security Fee Ordinance" of Wythe County, Virginia with the effective date of July 1, 2007. Supervisor Dix seconded the motion and the roll call vote is as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT:	James E. Hagee	Wythe B. Sharitz
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**PUBLIC HEARING – 2007 BOARD OF EQUALIZATION DEADLINES, AMENDMENT 1**

Supervisor Crigger stated that in compliance with Section 58.1-3370 – 58.1-3389 of the Code of Virginia and amendments thereto, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing at 7:10 p.m. to consider amendment Number 1 to Ordinance 2007-2 entitled, "2007 Real Estate Board of Equalization Deadlines Ordinance of Wythe County, Virginia". Notification of the public hearing was published in the *Wytheville Enterprise*. Supervisor Crigger stated that the Board will hear comments from citizens concerning the adoption of the proposed amendment at this time.

Supervisor Crigger noted that this amendment will extend the Board of Equalization deadline from June 1, 2007 to June 30, 2007.

Mr. Sam Crockett, Wythe County Treasurer, appeared before the Board and inquired if this time extension will delay the levy.

Mr. Dalton reported that he will have to discuss this matter with the Commissioner of the Revenue.

Supervisor McDaniel inquired if the levy has to be set by June 30, 2007.

Mr. Dalton confirmed the June 30<sup>th</sup> date and explained the benefits of preparing the tax tickets early.

Hearing no other comments at this time, Supervisor Crigger closed the public hearing.

Supervisor Dix made a motion to adopt the Amendment Number 1 to Ordinance 2007-2 entitled, "2007 Real Estate Board of Equalization Deadlines Ordinance of Wythe County, Virginia". Supervisor Umberger seconded the motion and the roll call vote is as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: James E. Hagee  
Wythe B. Sharitz

#### **PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES**

Supervisor Dix made a motion to approve the invoices for June 12, 2007 in the amount of \$1,042,348.34. The invoices for June 12, 2007 were paid on General Warrants 30064333-40064458 as follows:

#### **EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS June 12, 2007**

	<b><u>DESCRIPTION</u></b>		<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
1101	Board of Supervisors	\$	8,286.19
1202	County Administrator's Office		22,759.52
1209	Commissioner of the Revenue		530.51
1210	Assessors		1,728.43
1213	Treasurer		394.75
1302	Registrar		833.84
2102	General District Court		483.94
2102A	Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court		186.91
2103	Magistrate		80.68

2106	Clerk of the Circuit Court	11,398.18
2108	Law Library	583.28
2201	Commonwealth's Attorney	994.71
3102	Enforcement & Traffic Control	16,895.64
3102A	Cops Universal Hiring Grant	4,606.25
3102B	Courtroom Security	665.02
3102D	Dare	5.50
3102J	Cops in Schools Grant	544.13
3202	Volunteer Fire Departments	13,367.91
3301	Correction and Detention	83,189.00
3302A	Victim Witness Assistance	120.95
3303	Probation Office	236.68
3401	Building Inspection	515.92
3501	Animal Control	510.76
3504	E911 Department	3,264.25
3505	Office of Emergency Services	155.98
4203	Refuse Collection	88,578.08
4304A	Landfill Building	13.53
4304C	Courthouse Building	19,720.32
4304D	County Office Building	3,844.56
4304H	Sixth Street Building	44,568.00
4320	B & G Maintenance	1,364.49
4401	Water Department	24,568.01
4401B	Water Transmission System	91,521.38
4402	Wastewater Department	85,586.41
7105	RR Lake Swimming Pool	312.55
7109	Recreation Commission	858.14
7110	RR Lake Campground	4,946.44
7111	Ager Park	274.28
7205	Festivals	4,000.00
8101	Planning Commission	3,140.71
8106A	Wythe County Progress Park	496,172.09
8305	Cooperative Extension Service	197.46
9201	Revenue Refunds	342.96
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$ 1,042,348.34</b>
Wythe County Water Department Fund	\$	24,568.01
Wythe County Wastewater Department Fund		85,586.41
Sixth Street Building (102)		44,568.00
Assessors (098)		1,728.43
Law Library		583.28

E-911 Department	3,264.25
Police Activity Fund	8,202.56
County General Fund	<u>873,847.40</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 1,042,348.34</b>

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT:	James E. Hagee	Wythe B. Sharitz
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**ARTISAN’S CENTER**

Supervisor Umberger stated that the meeting with the Artisan’s Center cannot take place until after July 1, 2007.

**CHAUTAUQUA FESTIVAL**

Supervisor McDaniel reported that the Chautauqua Festival planners have inquired about using a county school bus for tours to during the Chautauqua Festival. After discussions, the Board directed the County Administrator to arrange the use of a county school bus for the festival tours.

**PARKS & RECREATION – COUNTY WEBSITE**

Supervisor Eaton inquired about the Parks & Recreation Department posting sign-up dates on the County website.

Mr. Dalton reported that the Parks & Recreation Department can do this but will need to coordinate sign-up dates with all the Booster Clubs. He noted that this project cannot be addressed until after the new accounting software is underway.

**CONFERENCE CALL MEETINGS**

Supervisor Umberger noted that as of July 1, 2007, members of the Board may meet by conference call per new guidelines through the Freedom of Information Act.

**RECESS**

With no further business to come before the Board at this time, Supervisor Crigger recessed the meeting until 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 19, 2007.

**RECONVENE**

The Board reconvened at approximately 1:13 p.m., Tuesday, June 19, 2007 in the Board Room of the County Office Building, Wytheville, Virginia. Vice Chairman Hagee stated that all members were present except Supervisor Sharitz. Others present were Mr. Dalton, Mr. Bear, Ms. Collins, Doug King, Mary "Sis" Cassell, Mike Hall, Chad Crigger and Justin Harmon.

**TAX RATES – CALENDAR YEAR 2007**

Supervisor Hagee spoke regarding the tax rates for calendar year 2007. He recommended setting the real estate tax rate at \$0.41.

Mr. Dalton referenced the revised Financial Forecast provided by Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates. He referenced page three and the deletion of the capital improvements from the forecast.

Supervisor McDaniel made a motion to set the 2007 real estate tax to \$0.43. Supervisor Dix seconded the motion.

The Board briefly discussed the revenue funds.

The roll call vote on the motion to set the real estate tax to \$0.43 is as follows:

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

ABSENT: Wythe B. Sharitz

Supervisor Dix made a motion to set the additional tax rates for calendar year 2007 as follows:

Machinery & Tools	\$1.50
Merchants Capital	\$0.56
Personal Property	\$2.08

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

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

**YEAR-END MEETING**

Supervisor Hagee reported that several Board members will not be present for the year-end meeting on Thursday, June 28, 2007.

Mr. Dalton stated that staff cannot have the packages prepared prior to Tuesday, June 26 and suggested meeting at 7:00 p.m. on June 26 and defer all non-essential items until after July 1, 2007.

Supervisor McDaniel made a motion to suspend the Rules of Procedures adopted on January 9, 2007. Supervisor Dix seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Supervisor McDaniel made a motion to hold the year-end meeting on Tuesday, June 26, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Supervisor Dix seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Supervisor McDaniel made a motion to adopt the Rules of Procedure to reflect the change in dates of the year-end meeting. Supervisor Crigger seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**FY 2007-08 WYTHE COUNTY BUDGET**

Mr. Dalton briefly explained the items revised in the budget including salary changes and items approved in the June 19, 2007 Committee meetings.

Supervisor McDaniel made a motion to adopt the FY 2007-08 Wythe County Budget including any funds recommended by Water, Budget and Building & Grounds Committees on June 19, 2007. Supervisor Crigger seconded the motion and the roll call vote is as follows:

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business to come before the Board, Supervisor Crigger adjourned the meeting.

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Wythe B. Sharitz, Chair