

July 10, 2007

The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 10, 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:

Wythe B. Sharitz, Chair
Susan R. Crigger
Lisa R. Eaton
Danny C. McDaniel

James E. Hagee, Vice Chair
Charles S. Dix
Martha P. Umberger

STAFF PRESENT:

R. Cellell Dalton, County Administrator
Stephen D. Bear, Assistant County Administrator
Martha G. Collins, Secretary

STAFF ABSENT:

Scot Farthing, County Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mary "Sis" Cassell
William Watts

Faye Barker
James Cox

CALL TO ORDER & INVOCATION

Chair Sharitz 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 Pastor James Cox, Chaplain for the Wythe County Sheriff's Department. The Chair led in 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. Lead Mines Rescue Squad – Mr. William Watts, Captain of the Lead Mines Rescue Squad, appeared before the Board and referenced a squad member indicating that Lifecare was taking over the entire county rescue services. He inquired if this was true as it had really disrupted the moral of his squad.

Several Board members confirmed that this was not true and had not been discussed in any committee meetings.

Mr. Watts referenced the building program and ambulance replacement plans.

Mr. Dalton indicated that \$25,000 was placed in a reserve account for the rescue squad buildings but no money was budgeted for replacement ambulances. He referenced a \$50,000 grant received from the local Community Foundation to conduct a fire and rescue needs assessment.

Mr. Watts referenced the amount radios per rescue and fire department. He reported that one department received 25 radios and some others only received six.

Mr. Bear explained that each department was asked to turn in how many radios it needed and the radios were distributed based on that response.

Supervisor Eaton reported that "Ikey" Davidson tested a radio throughout the Lead Mines area and indicated that some of the dead spots or problem areas were due to a programming error.

Mr. Watts noted that his squad needs an additional eight radios.

With no one else appearing before the Board to speak, the Chair thanked Mr. Watts and closed Citizen's Time.

PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

Supervisor Dix made a motion to approve the invoices for July 10, 2007 in the amount of \$943,822.87. The invoices for July 10, 2007 were paid on General Warrants 30065001-30065058 as follows:

EXPENDITURES BY CHECK #'S BOARD OF SUPERVISORS July 10, 2007

CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	TOTAL
30065001	07/10/2007	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$ 10.32
30065002	07/10/2007	BREAKELL INC	645,189.83
30065003	07/10/2007	BUSINESS CARD	4,738.37
30065004	07/10/2007	BUSINESS INFORMATION SYST	50.00
30065005	07/10/2007	C W WARTHEN	258.21
30065006	07/10/2007	CHARLES S DIX	84.55
30065007	07/10/2007	CHESTERFIELD INSURERS INC	30,236.00
30065008	07/10/2007	DARONDA COMBS	53.40

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30065009	07/10/2007	DAVIS MARTIN POWELL & ASS	1,482.50
30065010	07/10/2007	DEPT OF MUSEUMS HERITAGE	1,500.00
30065011	07/10/2007	DEPT OF THE TREASURY	3,570.00
30065012	07/10/2007	DONALD T. CRISP, JR	388.35
30065013	07/10/2007	DOUGLAS W. KING	388.74
30065014	07/10/2007	EMBARQ	2,122.90
30065015	07/10/2007	EMBARQ	285.28
30065016	07/10/2007	EMBARQ	2,768.64
30065017	07/10/2007	EMBARQ	3.00
30065018	07/10/2007	EMBARQ	185.62
30065019	07/10/2007	EMBARQ	200.64
30065020	07/10/2007	EMBARQ	64.02
30065021	07/10/2007	ESI	378.50
30065022	07/10/2007	FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER	750.00
30065023	07/10/2007	GE CAPITAL	477.11
30065024	07/10/2007	J P COOKE CO	35.70
30065025	07/10/2007	JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE AUTH	46,848.32
30065026	07/10/2007	KELLY R KINCER	75.00
30065027	07/10/2007	LOWE'S	698.23
30065028	07/10/2007	LOWE'S	80.30
30065029	07/10/2007	MEDIA GENERAL	954.36
30065030	07/10/2007	MOUNT ROGERS COMMUNITY SE	23,175.00
30065031	07/10/2007	NTELOS	30.90
30065032	07/10/2007	PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FIN S	499.59
30065033	07/10/2007	RCI	136.25
30065034	07/10/2007	ROBERT C. DALTON	294.77
30065035	07/10/2007	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	1,686.00
30065036	07/10/2007	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	7,577.00
30065037	07/10/2007	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	1,428.00
30065038	07/10/2007	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	79.00
30065039	07/10/2007	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	330.00
30065040	07/10/2007	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	1,015.00
30065041	07/10/2007	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	345.00
30065042	07/10/2007	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	2,282.00
30065043	07/10/2007	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	2,514.00
30065044	07/10/2007	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	18,319.00
30065045	07/10/2007	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	11,572.00
30065046	07/10/2007	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	2,295.00
30065047	07/10/2007	SCOT S FARTHING	2,500.00
30065048	07/10/2007	SUNTRUST	60,638.68
30065049	07/10/2007	THOMPSON TIRE	414.48
30065050	07/10/2007	THREE RIVERS MEDIA CORP	330.00

30065051	07/10/2007	TOWN POLICE SUPPLY	429.00
30065052	07/10/2007	TWO WAY RADIO	2,211.00
30065053	07/10/2007	VACO	5,565.00
*30065055	07/10/2007	VACOGSIA	52,567.00
30065056	07/10/2007	WESTAFF	366.10
30065057	07/10/2007	WYTHE CO WATER & WASTEWAT	71.00
30065058	07/10/2007	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	1,274.21
TOTAL FUND			\$ 943,822.87
TOTAL REPORT			\$ 943,822.87

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	Wythe B. Sharitz
	James E. Hagee	

NAYS: None

RECREATION COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Supervisor Crigger made a motion to reappoint Mickey Bass to the Recreation Commission. Supervisor Hagee seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

REASSESSMENT

The Board reviewed a letter dated June 12, 2007 from David Hickey, Blue Ridge Mass Appraisal Co., in response to Mr. Dalton's May 8, 2007 letter. The letter addressed items such as: final median assessment ratio, record cards, manufactured housing, new construction, field work, utility easements for gas & electrical transmission lines, and bound reports for large manufacturing properties.

Mr. Dalton and Mrs. Cassell, Commissioner of the Revenue, addressed each item in the letter.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The Board reviewed a letter dated June 29, 2007 from J.B. Willis, Chairman of the Board of Equalization. The letter summarized activities and actions taken by the Board while in session which are as follows:

- 488 Property owners or their representatives seen or interviewed by conference calls.

- 508 Changes made to assessments
- 304 Parcels to which no changes were made
- 812 Parcels considered for equalization
- 30 Days between April 12, 2007 and June 14, 2007 when hearings were scheduled and heard

The Board further reviewed a letter dated June 29, 2007 from J.B. Willis, Chairman of the Board of Equalization, to Honorable Josiah T. Showalter, Jr., Judge for the Twenty-seventh Judicial Circuit Court. The letter certified all business equalizing real estate assessments as directed.

NACO CONFERENCE

The Board and staff discussed travel arrangements for the NACo Conference.

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

Chair Sharitz summarized the Solid Waste Committee meeting held on Monday, July 2, 2007. He summarized the meeting and indicated that items discussed were: revising the county solid waste ordinance, tires, security cameras, and a tire pick-up day.

SMYTH WYTHE AIRPORT COMMISSION

The Board reviewed a letter dated June 26, 2007 from Robert Dix, Secretary/Treasurer for the Smyth-Wythe Airport Commission. Mr. Dix requested the County's annual appropriations in the amount of \$22,346.00 for FY08, \$20,049.00 for FY07, and \$4,106.91 for FY05.

MRPDC REGIONAL WATER

The Board reviewed the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission Regional water Supply Plan dated May 2007.

ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Dalton presented the annual appropriations to the Board for the second through fourth quarters. He indicated that in the past, funds have been appropriated on a quarterly basis but this year he is requesting the entire amount be appropriated due to the setup of the new accounting system. He noted that the first quarter and carryover funds have already been appropriated.

Supervisor Umberger made a motion to appropriate the second through fourth quarter appropriations for fiscal year 2007-08. 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	Wythe B. Sharitz
	James E. Hagee	

NAYS: None

EROSION & SEDIMENT CONTROL

The Board reviewed a letter dated May 16, 2007 from Daniel Repella, Stormwater Compliance Specialist, Virginia Department of Conservation & Recreation. Mr. Repella's letter indicated that the Department of Conservation & Recreation performed the County of Wythe's Corrective Action Agreement (CAA) follow-up review. As part of this review it was determined that the County's Erosion & Sediment Control ordinance was missing required items.

The Board further reviewed a revised Wythe County Erosion & Sediment Control Ordinance.

Mr. Dalton requested a public hearing be set for consideration of this ordinance.

Supervisor Dix made a motion to hold a public hearing for the consideration of adopting the "Erosion & Sediment Control Ordinance" for Wythe County at 7:05 p.m., Tuesday, August 14, 2007. Supervisor Crigger seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The Board reviewed a letter dated June 5, 2007 from Governor Tim Kaine, regarding the workforce development. The letter indicated that workforce development is a top priority of his administration. His letter requested assistance in determining the best designation of regional workforce investment areas to ensure that we have a competitive workforce, a market-driven workforce development system and the greatest amount of regional leadership and cooperation.

WYTHE COUNTY DROUGHT LETTER & RESOLUTION

The Board reviewed a letter dated June 28, 2007 from Joe Massey, Virginia Cooperative Extension Service, requesting consideration that Wythe County be declared a drought disaster area.

Supervisor Crigger made a motion to adopt the following resolution declaring Wythe County a drought disaster area:

RESOLUTION
Drought Relief for County of Wythe Farmers

WHEREAS, drought conditions in the County of Wythe have severely affected farmers; and

WHEREAS, during the first half of this year the County of Wythe has received considerably less rain than normal while experiencing unseasonably high temperatures; and

WHEREAS, the County of Wythe Food and Agriculture Council, made up of the Virginia Cooperative Extension, the Farm Service Agency, and the Natural Resource Conservation Service has reported that approximately 42,200 acres of farm land has been adversely affected within the County at an estimated loss of \$2,500,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the yields of the crops produced in the County of Wythe including pasture, hay, corn, and other crops, and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the County of Wythe Board of Supervisors that the County Administrator is hereby instructed to file with the Governor of Virginia a request that the County of Wythe be designated as a drought disaster area.

Supervisor Hagee 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	Wythe B. Sharitz
	James E. Hagee	

NAYS: None

AGRICULTURAL EXPOSITION CENTER – STAKEHOLDERS SURVEY

The Board reviewed a stakeholders survey regarding the proposed Agricultural Exposition Center. The Board and staff discussed answers and Mr. Dalton indicated he would complete and return the survey.

RURAL RETREAT REQUEST TO RENAME STREET

The Board reviewed a letter dated June 21, 2007 from Ray Matney, Rural Retreat Town Manager. Mr. Matney's letter reported that the Rural Retreat Town Council renamed a portion of Westfield Avenue to Richfield Street.

Supervisor Hagee made a motion to authorize renaming Westfield Avenue at the Town of Rural Retreat's expense. Supervisor Dix seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

LIFE-GUARD LOCATION

The Board reviewed a letter dated July 2, 2007 from Paul Davenport, Senior Program Director for Carilion Patient Transportation Services. The letter indicated that after evaluation of alternate base locations due to the consistent weather pattern and community resource needs; it has been decided to relocate the Carilion Life-Guard medevac bus to the New River Valley area. The relocation will enable Carilion Life-Guard increased availability to requests within the I-711 corridor although response times will change.

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Board reviewed a letter dated June 18, 2007 from Michael Cline, State Coordinator for the Department of Emergency Management, Homeland Security Grant Program. The letter reported the Virginia Department of Emergency Management desires to enter into an agreement with Wythe County for the purpose of delivering statewide training, exercise, planning, and shelter programs.

Supervisor McDaniel made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the Department of Emergency Management, Homeland Security Grant Program. 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	Wythe B. Sharitz
	James E. Hagee	

NAYS: None

ATS INTERNATIONAL – WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS

The Board reviewed a proposal dated July 5, 2007 from Warren Dean, President of ATS International. The proposal provided a scope of work and costs to perform a study to support an increase in the permitted pumping rate for Fort

Chiswell #2 and locate and drill an additional water supply well in the vicinity of the Speedwell wells.

Supervisor Dix made a motion to authorize ATS to provide services for water supply projects. Supervisor Hagee 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	Wythe B. Sharitz
	James E. Hagee	

NAYS: None

AMCOR VARIANCE REQUEST

The Board reviewed a request dated June 29, 2007 from Chuck Schibetta, Warehouse Manager for Amcor PET Packaging. Mr. Schibetta requested a variance to use the Amcor property as a temporary trailer parking area for empty trailers awaiting loading at the Gatorade facility. The request stated that access to this parking area is controlled through the main entrance into the Amcor facility. Truck traffic to this parking area is dedicated to one carrier. The lot will not be paved as this is the only temporary parking for the summer season.

Supervisor McDaniel made a motion to grant a variance for use of Amcor property as a temporary trailer parking area for empty trailers awaiting loading at the Gatorade facility. Supervisor Crigger seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

WYTHE COUNTY SCHOOLS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Board reviewed the Wythe County School Board year end financial statement for Fy06-07.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Wythe B. Sharitz, Chair