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The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held a Budget Work Session on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 5:00 p.m., followed by its regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. The location of the meetings was in the Boardroom of the County Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair
 Joe F. Hale, Vice Chair
 B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
 Ryan M. Lawson

Charlie G. Lester
 Coy L. McRoberts
 Brian W. Vaught

STAFF PRESENT:

Stephen D. Bear, County Administrator
 Martha Collins, Administrative Assistant/Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT:

Josh Blevins
 Maggie Bowers
 Peyton Brewer
 Kevin Buller
 Josh Carter
 Anthony Cline
 Chris Coleman
 Roland Cook
 Stacy Dixon
 Keith & Tammy Dunagan
 Charles Foster
 Tonya Freeman
 Joey Kincer
 Brian Lawson

Dalton Marshall
 David Meredith
 Zack Puckett
 Eric Queen
 Joseph Quesenberry
 Millie Rothrock
 Jerrod Sadler
 Stacy Terry
 John Thompson
 Chad Trivett
 Stu Vaught
 Clayton Wright

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Reeves determined that a quorum was present and called the budget work session to order at approximately 5:00 p.m.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

Mr. Bear shared the latest draft revenue and expenditure budget with the Board that currently shows an estimated shortfall of around \$650k. Some reductions include the elimination of the Assistant County Administrator position, and the School Board has

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reduced their \$611k budget by \$165k. There is also a decrease of one SRO vehicle. Mr. Bear stated that these are the major decreases in the budget. The current proposed budget includes a minimum 3% increase for all employees, 4% or more for those making less than \$40k, and higher percentages for certain positions with salaries in the upper teens and 20's. These figures do not include the Sheriff's Office supplemental pay but Mr. Bear has included debt service figures for capital improvements (APEX and Exit 77). Although there is still a \$650k shortfall, Mr. Bear believes that it can be balanced through surplus funds.

Supervisor Vaught read the following disclosure statement, "I, Brian Vaught, as a member of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors, declare pursuant to the Virginia Conflict of Interest Act, that regarding this matter of budget involving the Wythe County Sheriff's Office and the Wythe County Public Schools, that I have a personal interest because I am a full-time employee of the Wythe County Sheriff's Office and my wife is a full-time employee of the Wythe County Public Schools which may be affected by the matters discussed today, and I declare that I am able to participate in this matter fairly, objectively and in the public interest, and these discussions will affect three or more people."

Supervisor Lawson read the following disclosure statement, "I, Ryan Lawson, as a member of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors, declare pursuant to the Virginia Conflict of Interest Act, that regarding the matters of the budget discussion involving the Wythe County Sheriff's Office or regarding the Wythe County Sheriff's Office matters only agenda being discussed today, I have a personal interest because my husband is a full-time employee of the Wythe County Sheriff's Office which may be affected by the matters of budget discussions to be discussed in our meeting today. And I declare that I am able to participate in this matter fairly, objectively and in the public interest."

Supervisor Horney read the following disclosure statement, "I, Gene Horney, as a member of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors, declare pursuant to the Virginia Conflict of Interest Act, that regarding the matters of budget involving the Wythe County School Board, I have a personal interest because I am a part-time employee of the Wythe County School Board and my wife is a full-time employee which will be affected by the matters discussed today, and I declare that I am able to participate in this matter fairly, objectively and in the public interest."

SALARIES

Mr. Bear provided salary and benefit information to the Board and explained that some custodial/maintenance and constitutional officer positions are at the higher percentages to raise up the lower starting salaries.

Mr. Bear said that employees making under \$40k are looking at a 4% increase. Those above \$40k are at a minimum of 3%. These are the numbers in the current proposed budget which puts us within a manageable level of revenues over expenditures.

The Sheriff's Office payroll does not include the 4% increase, and that this past year the Sheriff had some turnover/vacancy savings that he redistributed to various employees.

Supervisor Horney asked if other surrounding counties supplement their officers.

Mr. Bear said in the Sheriff's Office proposal, the Sheriff provided figures from other counties supplementing their officers. Those supplements are coming from various sources among those counties. Mr. Bear said these figures do not include the hazardous duty supplement which is \$2,500 paid to every officer from the PAF.

Supervisor Vaught asked what were the Comp Board raises were from 2007 to 2013?

Mr. Bear would have to go back and research.

Supervisor Vaught stated that in 2013, there was a 3% raise, in 2015 he believes it was 2%. He added that last year, constitutional officers got the same 2% as the rest of the County and, in his opinion, we've got some catching up to do.

Supervisor Lawson said if we don't give them the 3-4% along with the supplement, it takes away from what the supplement is supposed to be about.

Supervisor Lester said he believes the supplement is supposed to be an incentive to give the officers something to work towards.

Chairman Reeves said we will continue to fight with Richmond for more support.

Mr. Bear said the Sheriff's Office supplements range from \$1,500 to \$6,500 but that the Sheriff would like to build up the PAF before he considers using it towards supplements.

Supervisor Vaught asked what the starting salary is for the open SRO position.

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Mr. Bear believes it's around \$31k. He added that this was the recommended salary given to us last year when we established the SRO position. Mr. Bear stated that the Sheriff's budget this year did not include any increase for SROs so Mr. Bear went ahead and put a 4% increase in there.

Supervisor Lawson asked with a 4% increase and the supplements, where would that put us with the budget?

Mr. Bear responded that it would be an additional \$125-130k. He understands the officer's face daily hazards, hence the supplements.

Supervisor Vaught asked what the total is that goes to Sheriff's Office from General Fund (not PAF or Comp Board money).

Mr. Bear responded that of the \$2.4MM budget, currently the Comp Board pays \$1,482,984 of the budget and the County funds \$700,063. When you add the SRO budget on top of that, you add another \$531k.

Mr. Bear reported that last year when they moved the SROs out of the Sheriff's budget, it was a \$230k annual budget coming out of the PAF for the full-time positions. When part-time positions were added on top of it, that increased the budget to just short of a half million dollars.

The Board of Supervisors reviewed the salary structure for the rest of the County employees, averaging 3-4% for most, with higher increases for the lowest salaries. Mr. Bear said that other than Water/Wastewater and IT, no other changes were discussed at our last meeting to full-time employees.

Supervisor Vaught reiterated his disagreement with a 4% increase for IT.

The Chairman asked how many County employees are currently making less than \$25k, and with a 3-4% increase (without supplements), how much of a budget shortfall are we looking at?

There are approximately 17 employees making less than \$25k. Mr. Bear said that the budget shortfall is between \$650-660k. If we add supplements (FICA, VRS, etc.), that would be another \$130k.

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As for the revenue budget, Mr. Bear said the PAF and Court Fines/Forfeitures is currently estimated at \$800k for Sheriff's Office and \$200k for County. Last year, Sheriff's PAF collection was around \$1.2MM. Currently they're at \$846k through the end of March. The Sheriff feels that \$900k is a safe number so there's another \$100k, but only \$20k to the General Fund because of the 80/20 split.

Chairman Reeves commented that if the Board approves this budget, then we'd be looking at taking \$900k out of the General Fund reserves. He asked what the estimated total is of recurring costs that come out of the General Fund each year.

Mr. Bear responded that with supplements, he estimates \$780-800k would come out of the General Fund reserves. In addition, he estimated total recurring costs coming out of the General Fund each year to be around \$200-300k.

Supervisor Vaught asked if supplements can be done on a yearly basis.

Mr. Bear said if you process the supplement as an annual bonus, it works better, but it's still difficult. He said once you put it into someone's salary, you're never going to take it out. A bonus gives the Board the ability to decide how much in bonuses will go into next year's budget.

Supervisor Vaught said bonuses don't help with respect to retirement.

Mr. Bear will be meeting with Mr. Jones (Wytheville PD) to see how they budget and structure their compensation.

Mr. Bear said he appreciates the School Board cutting \$165k but he would still like to see more.

The Chairman said he and Supervisor Hale asked them to fund the position at Speedwell without increasing their budget and they will look into it.

Mr. Bear said that after the Board's regular meeting on April 23rd, they should be finalizing the budget and making recommendations (expenditures, revenues and tax levy).

Chairman Reeves said they are all in agreement to leave the tax levy the same.

Supervisor Hale commented that Board of Supervisors' pay has stayed the same, as well as the mileage rate. There are significant time and travel commitments that take us away

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from full-time jobs and family. He said they haven't raised the mileage rate in a long time and the cost of fuel is increasing.

Mr. Bear said that Supervisor Vaught previously raised the issue of increasing the mileage pay up to the IRS rate.

Chairman Reeves said they had discussed raising it back up to \$.50 per mile.

Supervisor Hale also recommended a 4% raise to all the Supervisors.

Mr. Bear said if they can finalize the numbers on April 23rd, they will advertise the budget on May 4th and hold a public hearing on May 14th.

Mr. Bear said if the Board can't finalize the budget after the Board meeting on April 23rd, they can recess to a day later that week.

Supervisor Lawson asked about IT for the Sheriff's Office and if that is coming out of the PAF.

Mr. Bear recommends keeping it under the PAF, but it's up to the Board of Supervisors. He said the position was originally funded 50/50 because time was split between the County and the Sheriff. But since 100% of the time is spent in the Sheriff's Office, the position was moved to a PAF-funded position.

RECESS

The Board recessed at 6:21 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

RECONVENE

The Board reconvened at 7:00 p.m. for its regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors' meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair
 Joe F. Hale, Vice Chair
 B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
 Ryan M. Lawson

Charlie G. Lester
 Coy L. McRoberts
 Brian W. Vaught

STAFF PRESENT:

Stephen D. Bear, County Administrator

Scot Farthing, County Attorney
Martha Collins, Administrative Assistant/Clerk
Billy Bowers, Building & Grounds Department Head
Curtis Crawford, Emergency Services Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT:

Roland Cook	Jeff Russell
Mike Forrest	Jamie Smith
Tim Irving	Stacy Terry
Matt & Sue Lamrouex	Steve Willis
Sebastian Lamrouex	Clayton Wright
Millie Rothrock	and two others

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Tim Irving, Wytheville Baptist Church, provided the invocation and Chair Reeves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION OF SPORTS RESOLUTION – SEBASTIAN LAMROUEX

Supervisor Lawson congratulated Sebastian Lamrouex and read the following:

**WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2019-07 HONORING
SEBASTIAN LAMROUEX
OF THE GEORGE WYTHE HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM**

WHEREAS, junior Sebastian Lamrouex completed his 2018-2019 wrestling season with an overall record of 34-4; and,

WHEREAS, Sebastian advanced to the 2018-2019 Virginia High School League Group 1A State Wrestling Championship; and,

WHEREAS, Sebastian defeated the competition capturing the 2018-2019 State Championship title in the 120 pound weight class, earning his third consecutive State title and his 100th career win; and,

WHEREAS, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors officially commends Sebastian Lamrouex for his outstanding dedication, athletic ability, and sportsmanship.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors presents this resolution to Sebastian Lamrouex in recognition of his 2018-2019, 120 pound weight class individual Wrestling State Championship title; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be incorporated into the official minutes of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors.

Adopted this 9th day of April 2019.

Supervisor Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester to adopt Resolution 2019-07 honoring Sebastian Lamrouex. The vote was unanimous.

CITIZENS' TIME

Chair Reeves inquired if anyone present wished to address the Board.

1. FY20 Budget – Mr. Mike Forrest appeared before the Board and stated “I live on East Withers Road in Wytheville and I would like to comment on the budget. I was unable to attend the last meeting but after reading the minutes online, a lot of discussion about funding for the schools and Sheriff’s department, a lot of talk about cuts to both those departments; however, no cuts were mentioned to the APEX Center. It appears the Board of Supervisors are more concerned with demolition derbies, Titans of the Cage and motocross events than they are about our schools and our public safety. The APEX Center has a current budget of \$2,390,000. In addition, the APEX committee has requested \$200k to make up for a loss in their current budget. They are projecting \$320k in revenue and \$202k in expenses. Also, their budget does not include any debt service for the APEX Center. There’s an additional \$1MM for more capital expenditures for the center and that alone will add \$70k to the County’s debt service. There’s an estimated \$2MM for the improvement of five lots that the County hopes to sell some time in the future. That will add \$140k to the County’s debt service. Total debt service now will be in excess of \$500k and if any more additions are added, which are likely looking at the history, that number will increase. There was a lengthy discussion at the last board meeting about a \$788k budget cost and the only thing I read that you discussed major cuts in were salaries for teachers and Sheriff’s department. That’s a shame.”

Chairman Reeves interjected and clarified that no cuts to salaries were suggested for the Sheriff’s Office or school officials.

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Mr. Forrest revised his previous statement and said that cuts were discussed to the proposed budget requests. He went on to say "Also, there was a comment about raising taxes too. I think the APEX was not well thought out. There's been multiple additions to the budget, the management company has departed, but there's been no replacement for management. Getting a bookkeeping service to keep their records was discussed and evidently that hasn't been done. There's all types of other issues with parking, ventilation, landscaping and additional electrical for concession areas, floor covering and it does not appear from reading the minutes from their meeting that there's any type of set plan for fees. One thing that really bothered me, they have a contract for a circus that was supposed to happen on March 21st and nine days before the circus their board was discussing canceling that contract. From their minutes, Mr. Litton added that it seems the circus is making all the money while we're sitting on the sideline; he felt the buyout arrangement was ridiculous; he also said we can't really trust anyone with the numbers/revenue coming through the door. Due diligence should have been done well before then, not nine days. There was even a motion made by Mr. Topham, seconded by Mr. Hughes, not to honor the contract and cancel it. Somebody had the good sense to mention that it may cost them more money canceling the contract after tickets had already been sold. That's not good management of the center. There's \$10-15MM of the County's money, the taxpayer's money, invested and it needs to be better managed.

Chairman Reeves corrected Mr. Forrest and stated there is not \$10-15MM of the County's money invested in the APEX.

Mr. Forrest replied that the budget indicates \$10,360,00.

The Chairman responded that \$1.2MM came from the Tobacco Commission.

Mr. Forrest added that it is the taxpayer's money.

Chairman Reeves said that it did not come from the County budget.

Mr. Forrest said "It's the same pair of pants just different pockets. It's taxpayer money. So it's \$9-14MM."

Chairman Reeves stated that it's not even close to \$9-14MM.

Mr. Forrest said he is "... just going by what it says on the County's website what the budget is."

The Chairman stated that you need to take into consideration all the donations that have been made.

Mr. Forrest asked how much in donations.

Chairman Reeves responded that \$280k came in from the Horseman's Association, \$50k from the Farm Bureau, and another \$20k from the AAEC. A more accurate number that the County has put into the APEX is around \$7MM.

Mr. Forrest asked "And another \$2MM more for the lots?"

The Chairman replied that the \$2MM has nothing to do with the APEX Center.

Mr. Forrest said "It's part and parcel the same thing, isn't it?"

Chairman Reeves explained that it is the land that the County owns east of the center, and it has nothing to do with the APEX.

Mr. Forrest asked "But what would happen to those lots if you sold them? What do you imagine happening there?"

The Chairman responded that he imagines industry, retail, economic development.

Mr. Forrest added that "This was presented and someone on council said that it's going to bring in all types of restaurants and motels and those taxes will pay for the center."

Chairman Reeves stated that the center just opened.

Mr. Forrest asked if it opened on time.

The Chairman replied that opening was delayed due to the weather.

Mr. Forrest said "But now there's additional things. I know you had to add the sprinklers to it. It wasn't in the original budget."

Supervisor Hale corrected him and said that sprinklers were always in the budget.

Mr. Forrest said "I thought they were taken out to get the numbers down."

Chairman Reeves explained that they were taken out simply to rebid them to get a better price. He said we couldn't have built the building without sprinklers in it.

Mr. Forrest added "It just seems like reading the minutes from the Board of Supervisors and from that committee, it seems like there's issue after issue after issue. Due diligence – why wasn't a business plan put together? Anybody going into business, if they've got any sense, is going to put a business plan together. This has turned into a business. I haven't seen anything on the website about a business plan for this place."

Supervisor Hale stated there are two business plans; one was done by Virginia Tech and the other by Weldon Cooper. They may not be on the website but the overall plan has been followed.

Mr. Forrest asked "Is that available to the public?"

Mr. Bear replied that it is available to the public and for a long time it was on the County website. He said it may still be there.

Supervisor Hale commented on the revenue and economic development stating there are currently two individuals actively interested in lots for motels. He also said there are two other commercial entities that are interested in coming here and bringing new jobs. Supervisor Hale believes the County needs this type of development to create more commerce. This particular corridor, he said, has 70,000 vehicles a day travelling on it, so it's prime property.

Mr. Forrest responded that "It's very difficult to get to off the interstate."

Supervisor Hale disagreed. He said there are two exits just three miles apart. You couldn't get a better location. VDOT will also tell you that this is a prime location, with utilities.

Mr. Forrest concluded "People not used to the area driving through, if it's hard for them to get to, they're going to go to the next place. I would be disappointed if we didn't give the Sheriff's department and the schools the money that they've

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requested which seems to be reasonable, than keep more money in this project that's losing money. Thank you."

With no one else wishing to address the Board, Chair Reeves closed Citizens' Time.

PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

Supervisor Horney made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on April 9, 2019, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30103375-30103472 as follows:

EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS April 9, 2019

CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
30103375	03/29/2019	APPALACHIAN POWER	1,540.36
30103376	03/29/2019	BUSINESS CARD	6,985.51
30103377	03/29/2019	CENTURYLINK	45.34
30103378	03/29/2019	CENTURYLINK	3,398.05
30103379	03/29/2019	CENTURYLINK	4,709.20
30103380	03/29/2019	VERIZON	13.50
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 03/29/2019			\$16,691.96
30103381	04/09/2019	AMERICAN MINE RESEARCH IN	3,037.68
30103382	04/09/2019	ANDAX INDUSTRIES LLC	566.18
30103383	04/09/2019	APPALACHIAN POWER	1,963.01
30103384	04/09/2019	ARC3 GASES	205.72
30103385	04/09/2019	BARREN SPRINGS VOL FIRE D	2,577.60
30103386	04/09/2019	BRENNTAG MID-SOUTH INC	2,283.10
30103387	04/09/2019	BROWN EXTERMINATING CO	45.00
30103388	04/09/2019	BUILDING & DESIGN OF VA	157.28
30103389	04/09/2019	BUSINESS INFORMATION SYST	130.50
30103390	04/09/2019	C&D TRUCK & SAFETY SUPPLY	807.00
30103391	04/09/2019	CAROLINA RECORDING SYSTEM	38,404.00
30103392	04/09/2019	CARTER MACHINERY CO INC	999.27
30103393	04/09/2019	CAVALIER SUPPLY CO	1,093.75
30103394	04/09/2019	CELLEBRITE	11,921.30
30103395	04/09/2019	CENTURYLINK	114.73
30103396	04/09/2019	CITIZENS TELEPHONE COOP	720.00

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30103397	04/09/2019	COLLINS AUTO REPAIR INC	65.64
30103398	04/09/2019	COLLINS, MARTHA	49.50
30103399	04/09/2019	COM TEC	6,500.00
30103400	04/09/2019	COMMUNITY ANIMAL CLINIC I	510.30
30103401	04/09/2019	COMPLETE CONTRACTORS, LLC	647.50
30103402	04/09/2019	DEPT OF MUSEUMS HERITAGE	1,250.00
30103403	04/09/2019	DUKE'S PRINTING	934.00
30103404	04/09/2019	EAST COAST EMERGENCY VEHI	31,218.18
30103405	04/09/2019	ELECTRICAL EQUIP CO	520.00
30103406	04/09/2019	ENTERPRISE FM TRUST	4,256.46
30103407	04/09/2019	F&R ELECTRIC INC	9,455.50
30103408	04/09/2019	FARTHING, SCOT S	2,370.00
30103409	04/09/2019	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES #5	175.60
30103410	04/09/2019	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES #5	1,211.78
30103411	04/09/2019	FIRE SAFETY PRODUCTS	2,266.50
30103412	04/09/2019	FN WHOLESALE LIGHTING & S	122.77
30103413	04/09/2019	FOLEY COMPANY	110.00
30103414	04/09/2019	GALLS	2,173.81
30103415	04/09/2019	GRANT, BRUCE M	4,136.75
30103416	04/09/2019	HEDRICKS AUTO REPAIR INC	16.00
30103417	04/09/2019	HIGH PLAIN BARBECUE	50.00
30103418	04/09/2019	HUFF FORD	1,450.22
30103419	04/09/2019	ID NETWORKS	2,317.00
30103420	04/09/2019	JES EVERGREEN, LLC	51.00
30103421	04/09/2019	JOHNSON CONTROLS	10,661.51
30103422	04/09/2019	JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE AUTH	40,235.92
30103423	04/09/2019	JP COOKE CO	40.75
30103424	04/09/2019	KEGLEY, ROBERT	934.30
30103425	04/09/2019	KING-MOORE INC	27,639.50
30103426	04/09/2019	LACY, CAMPBELL, & MUNIQUE	120.00
30103427	04/09/2019	LEXISNEXIS	724.00
30103428	04/09/2019	LITTON LANDSCAPES LLC	12,852.89
30103429	04/09/2019	LOWE'S	4,698.33
30103430	04/09/2019	LUMOS NETWORKS	29.33
30103431	04/09/2019	MANSFIELD OIL CO	6,168.39
30103432	04/09/2019	MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC	67,707.00
30103433	04/09/2019	MUSSER, JEREMIAH	414.48
30103434	04/09/2019	MAILROOM FINANCE, INC	513.10
30103435	04/09/2019	NEW RIVER REGIONAL WATER	15,436.58

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30103436	04/09/2019	NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL	125,785.00
30103437	04/09/2019	NEWBERRY, DEREK & SUSAN	484.32
30103438	04/09/2019	OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFE	120.00
30103439	04/09/2019	PAPER CLIP	59.00
30103440	04/09/2019	PIONEER COLLISION CENTER	915.80
30103441	04/09/2019	PROTECT YOUTH SPORTS	42.40
30103442	04/09/2019	R&C TOWING & REPAIR CO	157.50
30103443	04/09/2019	R&R ENTERPRISES INC	195.00
30103444	04/09/2019	R. E. MICHEL COMPANY, LLC	303.20
30103445	04/09/2019	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	2,282.00
30103446	04/09/2019	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	2,514.00
30103447	04/09/2019	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	11,572.00
30103448	04/09/2019	SALEM STONE	556.84
30103449	04/09/2019	SMYTH WYTHE AIRPORT COMMI	13,430.00
30103450	04/09/2019	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	32.55
30103451	04/09/2019	SUNTRUST	36,881.92
30103452	04/09/2019	SUPREME COURT OF VIRGINIA	9,182.20
30103453	04/09/2019	THOMPSON TIRE	1,827.20
30103454	04/09/2019	TRI CITIES/SW VA REGIONAL	144.10
30103455	04/09/2019	TWO WAY RADIO	250.00
30103456	04/09/2019	UNIFIRST CORP	69.08
30103457	04/09/2019	USA BLUE BOOK	4,043.10
30103458	04/09/2019	V&M RECYCLING	68,432.95
30103459	04/09/2019	VA DEPT OF AGRI & CONSUME	417.20
30103460	04/09/2019	VITA	164.11
30103461	04/09/2019	VITA	243.89
30103462	04/09/2019	VUPS	88.20
30103463	04/09/2019	WELLS FARGO BANK	375.00
30103464	04/09/2019	WILSON, CHAD	448.91
30103465	04/09/2019	WRIGHT, CLAYTON	2,300.00
30103466	04/09/2019	WYTHE CO HEALTH DEPT	89,734.50
30103467	04/09/2019	WYTHE CO WATER & WASTEWAT	527.50
30103468	04/09/2019	WYTHE COUNTY ANIMAL CLINI	283.50
30103469	04/09/2019	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	170.00
30103470	04/09/2019	WYTHE-GRAYSON REGIONAL LI	84,000.00
30103471	04/09/2019	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	1,366.40
30103472	04/09/2019	XEROX	308.28

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 04/09/2019**\$784,768.36**

TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 04/09/2019

\$801,460.32

Supervisor Vaught questioned Mr. Litton's involvement in Litton Landscapes as it relates to their invoice (check #30103428).

Mr. Bear explained this is for services procured by the County to get sand brought into the APEX arena. This was not bid by the APEX Authority and Mr. Bob Litton had nothing to do with it. Mr. Bear further explained that this was put out for bid, two proposals were received, and Litton Landscapes was the low bidder. A purchase order was then issued, but it was a County purchase, not an APEX Authority purchase.

Supervisor Lester seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Coy L. McRoberts
	Charlie G. Lester	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.
	Joe F. Hale	

NAYS: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board was presented with the March 26 and April 2, 2019 minutes for approval.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester, to approve the March 26 and April 2, 2019, minutes as presented.

Supervisor Lester, however, requested a correction at the bottom of page 39, it says that he asked to run the numbers for all departments "except for the lower paid staff", and it should read "except for the higher paid staff".

Supervisor McRoberts amended the motion, seconded by Supervisor Lawson, to approve the March 26 and April 2, 2019 minutes as corrected.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Coy L. McRoberts
	Charlie G. Lester	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.
	Joe F. Hale	

NAYS: None

GROUSE RIDGE ROAD PROJECT

Mr. Bear said that he will be scheduling a meeting with residents of that district. The utility cost to relocate the electric and cable will significantly increase the original cost estimate. Due to the gas line, it will have to go underground. Mr. Bear will bring this back before the Board after presenting the residents with two options; either an increase in the tax rate for their tax district or a slight increase in their tax rate and extending the timeframe out to ten years. Mr. Bear said there doesn't seem to be a better option.

Supervisor Hale said to avoid any misunderstanding, this is to match the revenue-sharing and it extends their pay period, this being an add-on tax to their normal real estate tax.

Mr. Bear said it takes about a 2-cent increase over ten years to even everything out.

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

1. Trash Collection Contract – Supervisor Hale made a motion, as recommended by the Building & Grounds Committee, to award the trash collection bid to V&M for a total five-year contract cost of \$6,780,000.

Supervisor Vaught asked what the amount was of the next lowest bidder?

Mr. Bear responded the next lowest bid was for \$7.2MM from Waste Industries. He also confirmed that all bids were for the exact same services.

Supervisor Vaught referenced the "minor" complaints V&M listed and he wonders what they consider "minor". He said that V&M needs to be held accountable.

Chairman Reeves said that over the last 4-5 years, there have been numerous complaints, and that we need to do a better job of holding V&M to the terms of their contract.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Brian W. Vaught
Charlie G. Lester

Coy L. McRoberts
B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.

Ryan M. Lawson
Joe F. Hale

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

NAYS: None

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Progress Park Connector Road Project - Supervisor Lester made a motion, as recommended by the Economic Development Committee, to approve the transfer of administration of the Progress Park Connector Road project from the County to the Virginia Department of Transportation and to adopt Resolution 2019-08 to this effect.

Mr. Bear explained that the revenue-sharing agreement for the Connector Road Project is for \$5.3MM from the County and \$5.3MM from the State. In addition to that, we expect to be awarded, through the Smart Scale Project, funding of \$12,857,000 to construct this project. Mr. Bear said the total project cost is over \$23MM. Originally, the County was looking at self or locally-administering the project, but with the pending approval of the Smart Scale funding, he said it is in our best interest to make this a VDOT-administered project. In doing so, Mr. Bear said it will save the County money in engineering and contractor fees to help administer the project.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Coy L. McRoberts
	Charlie G. Lester	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.
	Joe F. Hale	

NAYS: None

Supervisor Lester made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lawson, to adopt Resolution 2019-08 Progress Park Connector Road. The resolution is as follows:

WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2019-08 PROGRESS PARK CONNECTOR ROAD

Whereas, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors desires to construct the Progress Park Connector Road from Progress Park to Nye Road; and,

Whereas, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors has previously entered into a Revenue Sharing Agreement, UPC 104226, with the Virginia Department of Transportation; and,

Whereas, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors anticipates approval of Smart Scale funding of \$12,857,000, Project T22403, to supplement the Revenue Sharing Funding for construction of this project; and,

Whereas, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors desires to change the Revenue Sharing Project, UPC 104226, from being a locally administered project to being administered by the Virginia Department of Transportation;

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors hereby request that the Virginia Department of Transportation assume administration of the Progress Park Connector Road Project, UPC 104226 & T22403.

Adopted this 9th day of April, 2019.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Coy L. McRoberts
	Charlie G. Lester	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.
	Joe F. Hale	
NAYS:	None	

APEX CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

1. Barn Design Plans & Specifications – Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, as recommended by the APEX Construction Committee, to accept an offer from HDH Associates to provide design plans and specifications for a barn for the APEX facility at no cost.

Supervisor Hale said he will abstain from any vote or discussion on this because he is a minority stockholder at HDH.

Chairman Reeves indicated that this is approximately \$200,000 in cost savings.

Mr. Bear confirmed this is not a new district, rather it is an existing one that is nearing the end of its 10-year term. This is just a renewal. He also confirmed this is a one-time fee (not an annual fee) per landowner.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Coy L. McRoberts
	Charlie G. Lester	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.
	Joe F. Hale	

NAYS: None

2. Tourism – Mr. Bear explained the Planning Commission would like to meet with the Board of Supervisors to discuss and clarify whether the Planning Commission should be taking on tourism duties. Mr. Bear has included the bylaws in the board package and recommends meeting with the Commission in May or June.

Supervisor Hale believes there has been a break in communication. He said when they were in Richmond, they saw different groups represented and what they had to offer in their respective areas. The Supervisor gathered some of the literature and passed it along to Mr. Lienhart to share with the Planning Commission to see if they had ideas how we could improve on tourism. Supervisor Hale said that no one asked them to do any kind of workload; he said they were just asked to look at it and come up with ideas. This has been blown out of proportion and he agrees we should have a joint meeting to straighten it out.

Chairman Reeves suggested a joint meeting in June or July (after budget).

Supervisor Vaught asked Mr. Farthing if the Code of Virginia spells out duties for the Planning Commission.

Mr. Farthing will look into the Code sections on that. He believes the Board can give them direction but it's generally for the organized development of the County.

Supervisor Hale said the Planning Commission meets every month but they seemingly have no tasks to do. If they had input and ideas that might help with

tourism, that would be great but he understands the public input meetings generated little participation in that regard.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS REQUEST

Mr. Bear explained that the Sheriff's Office requested the following transfers to the General Fund in order to process final payment to Spillman Technologies:

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| - Concealed Weapons Permit | \$20,000.00 |
| - Jail Processing Fee | \$10,000.00 |
| - Electronic Summons Fund | \$12,657.00 |

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester, to approve the transfer of funds, as requested by the Sheriff's Office, as final payment to Spillman Technologies.

AYES:	Charlie G. Lester	Coy L. McRoberts
	Ryan M. Lawson	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Joe F. Hale	Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Brian W. Vaught

VDOT RURAL RUSTIC REVIEWS

Mr. Jeff Russell appeared before the Board to provide an update on projects that are currently underway and Rural Rustic eligibility.

Mr. Russell reported the I-81 bridges over Reed Creek are under construction with estimated completion in September 2021. In addition, the I-81 northbound acceleration extension from MM72 to MM73 is under construction with estimated completion date of July 30, 2019. Mr. Russell said they plan to initiate a safety project in the next couple of weeks which is a medium cable barrier installed along I-77 from Bland County line to I-81. Also, some of the secondary Six-Year projects that VDOT is working on include finishing up Nixon Road, starting work on Major Graham high-volume project, starting some of the work on Millers Creek (secondary Six-Year project), and getting ready to begin Pump Hollow recreational access funded project.

Mr. Russell shared the following paving (plant mix) schedule which encompasses a total of 26.4 miles:

- Route 100 Wysor Hwy from Rt 621 Sweckerton Rd to Pulaski Co line (3.7 mi)
- Route 11 West Lee Hwy from Smyth Co line to Rt 667 Saint Paul Rd (5.63 mi)
- Route 21 Grayson Trnprk from Rt 619 to Grayson County line (4.24 mi)
- Rt FR038/679 Radio Dr from Rt 680 to Rt 625 (2.69 mi)
- Route FR045 Topaz Dr from Rt 619 to Dead End (2.43 mi)
- Route 619 Major Graham Rd from Rt 52 to Rt 752 (1.87 mi)
- Route 619 Gleaves Rd; this completes Gleaves Rd (.5 mi)
- Route 700 Brown Town Rd from Rt 52 to Dead End (1.17 mi)
- Route 742 Painters Hill Rd from Rt 642 to Rt 94 (1.98 mi)
- Route 1104 Westfield Ave, Rural Retreat (.19 mi)
- Route 1112 Ridge Ave, Rural Retreat (.10 mi)
- Route 1113 Elm Ave, Rural Retreat (.23 mi)
- Route 1114 Hickory Ave, Rural Retreat (.16 mi)
- Route 1119 Richfield St, Rural Retreat (.46 mi)
- Route 1120 Briarwood Ln, Rural Retreat (.23 mi)
- Route 1121 Orchard Hills Rd, Rural Retreat (.27 mi)
- Route 1122 Sunset View Rd, Rural Retreat (.26 mi)
- Route 1123 Walnut Ave, Rural Retreat (.10 mi)
- Route 1124 Sherwood Ave, Rural Retreat (.23 mi)

Mr. Russell said the State recently shared information on the upcoming revenue-sharing program. Every two years they will accept applications for new revenue-sharing projects, and the pre-application cycle opens on May 15th with applications submitted by July 1st in order to qualify. Mr. Russell said that after pre-applications are approved, the full application program will open on August 15th with a deadline of October 1st.

Mr. Bear added that the Board of Supervisors has a list of road requests for revenue sharing, some of which include Dyer Road, Bentwood Drive, and Beetle Spinner Drive (on the old right-of-way).

Supervisor Hale asked Mr. Russell to consider putting back Beetle Spinner (right-of-way) under Rural Rustic for surface treatment.

Mr. Bear suggested they add Orion Drive (up to the water tower) as well.

Supervisor McRoberts asked why was Dry Pond Road is not eligible for Rural Rustic.

Mr. Russell replied that the traffic count on it is low, but more importantly, is the inability to get 14'-16' wide surface in with the slopes. He said in order to qualify for Rural Rustic all work (including slope work, ditches and widening) has to be done within the right-of-way or the prescriptive easements (30' on that road).

Mr. Russell reported that preliminary numbers indicate they have \$390,712 to put on the end of the Six-Year Plan to add new projects; approximately 1.95 miles of new Rural Rustic projects.

Supervisor McRoberts said attention should be given to better improving Painters Hill Road.

Mr. Russell said they're looking at adding two miles of road to the Six-Year Plan so any other road the Board wants VDOT to consider, let them know a week or so in advance of the public hearing. He asked that the Board prioritize the roads and that the total of the roads should be between 4-6 miles.

Mr. Bear said they will add Riverview Road to the list.

Mr. Russell also mentioned that last year's plan still had Pump Hollow listed (\$160k) and since that was funded with recreational access funding, that money could likely go towards the next unfunded project. Same applies to Major Graham Road – if they get additional funding then they could finish paving of Major Graham all the way to Red Hollow and apply any remaining funds to the next unfunded project.

Supervisor Vaught asked about Crawfish Road.

Mr. Russell said the work on Crawfish Road was done in the last week.

Mr. Bear said the FY20 Budget Public Hearing is currently scheduled for May 14th so June 11th would be the earliest date for a night meeting. Or the Board may consider coming back the evening of May 28th. Mr. Bear added that it must be a night meeting and it's best to do it separate from the Budget Public Hearing.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester, to set the Six-Year Plan Public Hearing for Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

Mr. Bear emphasized that roads cannot be added to the Six-Year Plan unless potential funding is available.

Supervisor Lawson's request for a closed session will be considered at the next Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Reeves adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:07 p.m.

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair