

**April 23, 2019**

The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 23, 2019. The location of the meeting was in the Boardroom of the County Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:**

- Stephen D. Bear, County Administrator
- Martha Collins, Administrative Assistant/Clerk
- Bill Vaughan, County Engineer
- Scot Farthing, County Attorney

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

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| Josh Blevins   | Linda Meyer    |
| Anthony Cline  | Donn Sunshine  |
| Ray Danner     | Angie Simpkins |
| Stacy Dixon    | Harry Street   |
| Charlie Foster | Chris Terry    |
| Lori Gynn      | Chad Trivett   |
| Doug Hudson    |                |

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Reeves determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pastor Donn Sunshine, Wytheville First Church of God, provided the invocation and Chair Reeves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENTATION OF SPORTS RESOLUTION – CAMERON WOOLRIDGE**

Supervisor Lawson made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

**WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2019-09  
 A RESOLUTION HONORING CAMERON WOOLRIDGE  
 OF THE FORT CHISWELL HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM**

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**WHEREAS**, Senior Cameron Woolridge completed his 2018-2019 wrestling season with an overall record of 43-1; and,

**WHEREAS**, Cameron advanced to the 2018-2019 Virginia High School League Group 2A State Wrestling Championship; and,

**WHEREAS**, Cameron defeated the competition capturing the 2018-2019 State Championship title in the 126 pound weight class; and,

**WHEREAS**, Cameron was named the Bates Wrestler of the Tournament and the Pat Vance Wrestler of the Tournament; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors officially commends Cameron Woolridge for his outstanding dedication, athletic ability, and sportsmanship.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors presents this resolution to Cameron Woolridge in recognition of his 2018-2019, 126 pound weight class individual State Championship title and wishes him well in his future endeavors; 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2019.

Supervisor Lester seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**PRESENTATION OF SPORTS RESOLUTION – JACOB TURPIN**

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

**WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2019-10  
A RESOLUTION HONORING JACOB TURPIN  
OF THE FORT CHISWELL HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM**

**WHEREAS**, Senior Jacob Turpin completed his 2018-2019 wrestling season with an overall record of 41-4; and,

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**WHEREAS**, Jacob advanced to the 2018-2019 Virginia High School League Group 2A State Wrestling Championship; and,

**WHEREAS**, Jacob defeated the competition capturing the 2018-2019 State Championship title in the 160 pound weight class; and,

**WHEREAS**, Jacob was named the Region 2A Wrestler of the Tournament; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors officially commends Jacob Turpin for his outstanding dedication, athletic ability, and sportsmanship.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors presents this resolution to Jacob Turpin in recognition of his 2018-2019, 160 pound weight class individual State Championship title and wishes him well in his future endeavors; 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2019.

Supervisor Horney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**PRESENTATION OF SPORTS RESOLUTION – ETHAN MARTIN**

Supervisor Vaught made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

**WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2019-11  
A RESOLUTION HONORING ETHAN MARTIN  
OF THE RURAL RETREAT HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM**

**WHEREAS**, senior Ethan Martin completed a flawless 2018-2019 high school wrestling season with an overall record of 35-0 (career record of 147-9); and,

**WHEREAS**, Ethan advanced to the 2019 Virginia High School League Group 1A State Wrestling Championship; and

**WHEREAS**, Ethan defeated the competition capturing the 2019 State Championship title in the 182 pound weight class, earning his fourth consecutive state title; and,

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**WHEREAS**, Ethan is a four-time district champion, four-time regional champion and four-time state champion; and,

**WHEREAS**, this distinction garnered him as Rural Retreat's 3<sup>rd</sup> four-time state champion and the 24<sup>th</sup> wrestler in the history of VHSL to win four state wrestling titles; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors officially commends Ethan Martin for his outstanding dedication, athletic ability, and sportsmanship.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors presents this resolution to Ethan Martin in recognition of his 2018-2019, 182-pound weight class individual State Championship title and wishes him well in his future endeavors; 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2019.

Supervisor Horney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously

#### **CITIZENS' TIME**

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

1. APEX Facility Usage – Mrs. Kimberly Ring appeared before the Board and made the following statement, "Members of the Board, my name is Kimberly Ring. I am a voting constituent in the East Wytheville district. I was encouraged by the community and members of the Board to come today to share my recent experiences with you concerning the APEX Authority. I represent Titans of the Cage Mixed Martial Arts, which recently held an event at the APEX Center on April 13<sup>th</sup>. I entered into a contract on December 19<sup>th</sup> with SMG Management Firm, hired by the APEX Center. The contract outlined my cost for the use of the facility including any additional cost that would be incurred during the course of my event. My experience in dealing with the Apex Authority following the event was not a positive experience. In fact, I was treated horribly. Following the event, the APEX Authority representative demanded that I return to the facility at 12:15 a.m. to close out the evening. I had no idea what business they wanted to conduct with me at this hour as I had already paid my rental fee. After waiting for them to finish with concession vendors, they asked me to enter their office and

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told me I needed to pay ticket taxes that evening. I informed them that did not align with what Faye Barker at the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office had instructed me to do. Ticket taxes are due the 20<sup>th</sup> day of the month following the event. The president of the Authority then proceeded to put a hand written statement of charges in front of me. Included on this statement were charges that were not listed in my agreement. I informed them that I disputed the charges and I was told all promotions pay the charges and ticket taxes immediately following the event. I told them I was disputing the charges that were not listed in our agreement. I informed them that I would have our attorney, Alex Gomez, review their charges on Monday and I assured them that I would pay whatever he advised me that I was obligated to pay under our agreement. The President of the APEX Authority then says to me, 'your days of getting a cheap lunch around here are over.' I was totally offended. I was even more offended the following day when a representative of the APEX community or APEX Authority was caught on video at a local convenience store telling the cashiers that I ran out of the building sticking them with unpaid fees. Never once did I ask for a cheap lunch from the APEX Center, in fact, I wanted to be a supporter. Titans of the Cage events are unique compared to other events as entire teams, coaches, and supporters travel into Wythe County to watch these contests. Persons will rarely travel for a circus, as most will wait for a circus to come to their own hometown. Now let me tell you a little about Titans of the Cage and our 'cheap lunch'. In addition to the rental fee we paid to the center, I paid \$2,094 in ticket taxes to the Commissioner of the Revenue. The event brought teammates and fans from the following places: North Carolina, South Carolina, Indiana, Florida, Ohio, Maryland, Virginia Beach, Richmond, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Kentucky. Titans of the Cage and our supporters purchased a total of 91 rooms in Wythe County. Italian Garden hosted 120 fans for the Friday night weigh-in event and Denny's was standing room only following the event. On average, each of the out of town guests and contestants ate four meals during their stay in Wythe County for a total of 253 meals. These guests in our county also purchased gas and items at retail stores. The additional fees that the APEX Center are trying to charge promoters are excessive. I do not know what the process is for companies to be awarded contracts with the APEX Center but the APEX Authority is not making good deals and simply is passing these excessive costs to promoters. They need to be good stewards of not only the taxpayer's money but also the promoter's money as well. I assure you that if promoters have to charge high ticket prices to cover these excessive costs, people in Wythe County will not be able to afford, or simply will not pay, these ticket prices to attend events. In addition, several times throughout the evening, services rendered were

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substandard. The APEX Center claimed cleaning services for my event started at 2 p.m. yet one of our child spectators threw up in the bleachers and the cleaning staff told his mother they did not clean until after the event, yet I was charged from 2 p.m. When she said she couldn't just leave it in the bleachers, they handed her a roll of paper towels and a bottle of Windex. I urge the Board of Supervisors to investigate the APEX procedures for hiring contractors and incur fair bidding processes. The APEX Authority should strive to be hospitable and an attraction option for promoters because we are the heartbeat of that center, without us, they don't exist. If the APEX Authority treats out-of-town promoters the same way I was treated, I assure you it is an embarrassment to Wythe County. Most troublesome to me, as a Wythe County taxpayer, is if the APEX Authority is allowed to charge promoters the fees they will be charging in the future, that will exceed \$5,000 for a day's use of that facility. I fear that the center will not have anybody to rent the facility and I fear that the tax payers will have to take on the financial burden. I was told that the Berglund Center received \$5,000 a day. The truth of the matter is, the APEX Center is not the Berglund Center and this is not Roanoke, Virginia. Thank you."

Supervisor Lawson commented that Mrs. Ring is very nice and she didn't share half of her experience here. Even after her not so great experience, Mrs. Ring still wants to use the facility and Supervisor Lawson hopes some sort of agreement can be worked out to keep her business.

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

### **PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES**

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on April 23, 2019, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30103473-30103558 as follows:

### **EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS April 23, 2019**

<b>CHECK #</b>	<b>ISSUE DATE</b>	<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
30103473	04/16/2019	APPALACHIAN POWER	2,034.50
30103474	04/16/2019	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	340.16
30103475	04/16/2019	TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY	56.95
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES 04/16/2019</b>			<b>\$2,431.61</b>

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30103476	04/23/2019	AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSO	340.00
30103477	04/23/2019	APPALACHIAN JUVENILE COMM	2,625.00
30103478	04/23/2019	APPALACHIAN POWER	26,792.68
30103479	04/23/2019	AXON ENTERPRISE INC	3,720.00
30103480	04/23/2019	B & H PHOTO	1,793.90
30103481	04/23/2019	BKT UNIFORMS	272.93
30103482	04/23/2019	BLUE RIDGE AUTO PARTS INC	25.98
30103483	04/23/2019	BLUE RIDGE AUTO PARTS INC	133.93
30103484	04/23/2019	BMS DIRECT INC	984.84
30103485	04/23/2019	BRENNTAG MID-SOUTH INC	2,114.50
30103486	04/23/2019	BSN SPORTS INC	3,204.06
30103487	04/23/2019	CALERO SOFTWARE LLC	247.00
30103488	04/23/2019	CARILION HEALTHCARE CORP	287.00
30103489	04/23/2019	CAVALIER SUPPLY CO	1,502.90
30103490	04/23/2019	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	6,427.20
30103491	04/23/2019	CENTURYLINK	39.98
30103492	04/23/2019	CENTURYLINK	59.39
30103493	04/23/2019	CENTURYLINK	284.23
30103494	04/23/2019	CENTURYLINK	1,258.20
30103495	04/23/2019	PAUL WIDENER	391.92
30103496	04/23/2019	COUNTY OF WYTHE	2,833.34
30103497	04/23/2019	COVERT, JINJER A	73.05
30103498	04/23/2019	CSG SYSTEMS, INC	1,645.01
30103499	04/23/2019	E&L DIAMOND ELECTRIC COOL	6,250.00
30103500	04/23/2019	ESP	2,046.15
30103501	04/23/2019	F&R ELECTRIC INC	14,114.00
30103502	04/23/2019	FARTHING, SCOT S	1,860.00
30103503	04/23/2019	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES #5	401.87
30103504	04/23/2019	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES #5	799.94
30103505	04/23/2019	FIDELITY POWER SYSTEMS	574.00
30103506	04/23/2019	FOOD COUNTRY	2.19
30103507	04/23/2019	GALLS	434.33
30103508	04/23/2019	GRANT WRITING USA	455.00
30103509	04/23/2019	GRANT, BRUCE M	4,136.75
30103510	04/23/2019	HARPO'S HARDWARE & BLDG S	3.49
30103511	04/23/2019	HUFF FORD	29.40
30103512	04/23/2019	JOINT IDA OF WYTHE COUNTY	59,224.98
30103513	04/23/2019	KING'S TIRE SERVICE INC	553.28

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30103514	04/23/2019	L4 NETWORKS	1,528.56
30103515	04/23/2019	LITTON LANDSCAPES LLC	14.01
30103516	04/23/2019	MANSFIELD OIL CO	9,365.60
30103517	04/23/2019	MCI COMM SERVICE	34.85
30103518	04/23/2019	MCI COMM SERVICE	81.25
30103519	04/23/2019	MCI COMM SERVICE	670.27
30103520	04/23/2019	MODERN SHOE STORE	219.98
30103521	04/23/2019	MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC	40,420.00
30103522	04/23/2019	MOUNT ROGERS COMMUNITY SE	37,033.75
30103523	04/23/2019	MOUNT ROGERS PLANNING DIS	4,480.25
30103524	04/23/2019	NEW RIVER VALLEY JUVENILE	2,370.00
30103525	04/23/2019	NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS	1,486.76
30103526	04/23/2019	PAPER CLIP	135.76
30103527	04/23/2019	PEED & BORTZ LLC	3,915.00
30103528	04/23/2019	R&C TOWING & REPAIR CO	51.00
30103529	04/23/2019	R&R ENTERPRISES INC	135.00
30103530	04/23/2019	RENTAL HUB INC	50.00
30103531	04/23/2019	SHENTEL	68.37
30103532	04/23/2019	SKYLINE NATIONAL BANK	31,538.51
30103533	04/23/2019	SOUTHERN POLICE EQUIPMENT	252.39
30103534	04/23/2019	SOUTHWESTERN VA GAS SERVI	2,118.56
30103535	04/23/2019	SPRING VALLEY GRAPHICS IN	432.00
30103536	04/23/2019	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	11.72
30103537	04/23/2019	SUREFIRE LLC	136.65
30103538	04/23/2019	TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE	7,643.88
30103539	04/23/2019	TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNA	68.80
30103540	04/23/2019	TREASURERS' ASSOC OF VA	310.00
30103541	04/23/2019	TWO WAY RADIO	187.50
30103542	04/23/2019	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC	56,689.87
30103543	04/23/2019	US CELLULAR	67.35
30103544	04/23/2019	US CELLULAR	648.28
30103545	04/23/2019	US CELLULAR	673.86
30103546	04/23/2019	US CELLULAR	1,007.41
30103547	04/23/2019	USA BLUE BOOK	123.95
30103548	04/23/2019	V&M RECYCLING	4,896.16
30103549	04/23/2019	VERIZON	18.50
30103550	04/23/2019	VIRGINIA TECH	13,566.77
30103551	04/23/2019	VRPS	45.00
30103552	04/23/2019	WILLIAMS, KEVIN	195.21



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30103553	04/23/2019	WOOD EQUIP SERV CO INC	1,018.00
30103554	04/23/2019	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	95.00
30103555	04/23/2019	WYTHEVILLE METALS	588.43
30103556	04/23/2019	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	1,183.65
30103557	04/23/2019	WYTHEVILLE-WYTHE-BLAND	256.00
30103558	04/23/2019	XEROX	306.42
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES 04/23/2019</b>			<b>\$374,082.70</b>

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 04/23/2019** **\$376,514.31**

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 April 9, 2019 minutes for approval.

Supervisor Lester made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lawson, to approve the April 9, 2019, minutes as presented.

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

#### **APEX CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

Mr. Bill Vaughan provided an APEX construction update. He reported that a purchase order to Home & Commercial Cleaning was issued for river stone to go around the flowerbeds. It was for \$2,250 and they will be starting work soon. He reported that bids were received for the fencing along Ready Mix Road and the fencing along the Flying J

line. He priced new materials versus using county materials and the cost is so close, it may be advantageous to go with new material. He has been working with the company that installed the original railing inside on a conceptual design for the ramps. He has also priced gates and a chair lift as an alternative option. He received two bids on the fire hoods, one from RGM and one from FSP Contractors.

Mr. Vaughan received comments back from DEQ on the storm water permit review. Since we were not informed that we didn't have enough nutrient credit as we thought we had, which impacts the design. He is working with Mr. Lane on this issue.

Chair Reeves inquired about Ready Mix Road and the lower parking lot.

Mr. Vaughan responded that the contractor had to work through some issues with the drop inlet and they should be there today working on the layout.

Supervisor Hale inquired what impact the DEQ comments would have on the lower parking lot.

Mr. Vaughan stated it won't have any impact, that it was already included in the original storm water plan.

Mr. Bear suggested having an APEX Construction Committee Friday to discuss some of these proposals and invite RGM to get a status update on the grading.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Lori Guynn appeared before the Board and presented the Treasurer's Report as follows:

1. Revenue Statement – Ms. Guynn reported that the Consolidated Account was comprised of \$68,154,779 of which \$43,772,464 was in the General Fund Account at the end of March.
2. Tax Collections – Ms. Guynn reported that overall collections (real estate and personal property) through mid-April is at almost 96% of what was billed.

Ms. Guynn reported that her office is still getting a lot of money in and was busy through April 15<sup>th</sup>. She has coordinated with Mr. Suthers to upload the data for DMV stops in early May and hopes that will be more successful this year. She will

be submitting a request to transfer funds to professional services to help with the costs associated with the DMV stops.

Supervisor Vaught indicated that the General Assembly decided to quit suspending driver's licenses for non-payment of fines and inquired how this will affect Wythe County.

Ms. Guynn noted that her worst fear is that the state will ultimately end up changing the DMV stop program

3. Re-Election – Ms. Guynn announced that she would be seeking re-election this fall.
4. Admissions Tax – Supervisor Hale would like the Board to revisit the Admission's Tax Ordinance and how the tax is collected.

### **INSURANCE COMMITTEE**

1. Health Insurance Plans - The Insurance Committee met and reviewed The Local Choice renewal options for plan year 2019-2020. The Committee recommends the Wythe County Board of Supervisors continue with The Local Choice Healthcare and offer the Key Advantage 1000, Key Advantage 500 and High Deductible Health Care plans and premium contributions as provided on the attached rate schedule.

Supervisor Vaught noted that part of bringing up the salaries for employees, the Insurance Committee wanted to contribute more to the family plans to make it a more viable option for those with children.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lawson, to continue with The Local Choice Healthcare and offer the Key Advantage 1000, Key Advantage 500 and High Deductible Health Care plans and premium contributions as presented.

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

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

1. Sheriff's Office Funds Transfer Request – Supervisor Lester made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to approve the transfer of \$2,317 from the Jail Processing/Inmate Booking fees to the Police Activity Fund.

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. Sheriff's Office Surplus Vehicles – Supervisor Lester made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to declare the following vehicles surplus, but before releasing to Enterprise, the County will review local uses for the pick-up truck:

2014 Ford Supercab 4x4	1FTFX1EFXEKD40924
2014 Ford Taurus	1FAHP2L89EG148311
2015 Ford Taurus	1FAHP2L84FG117789

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

3. Commonwealth Attorney Funds Transfer – Supervisor Lester made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to transfer \$175.30 from the

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Commonwealth Attorney's Asset Forfeiture account to 2201-458060. This transfer is for the sponsorship of the Law Enforcement Domestic Violence Seminar to be held in Wytheville on June 17, 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

4. George Wythe High School Distributive Education Club Request – Supervisor Lester made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to approve the donation of \$100 to the George Wythe High School Distributive Education Club to assist with travel to the International Career Development Conference.

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

5. Virginia Cooperative Extension – Supervisor Lester made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to approve drawing down \$2,000 of the Extension Office's 2018-2019 budgeted funds, which will be utilized for student 4H travel expenses this summer.

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

6. Grouse Ridge Road Revenue Sharing Project – Supervisor Lester made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to amend and appropriate \$92,978 to the Grouse Ridge Road revenue sharing project (4100-470062).

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

Mr. Bear noted there is a community meeting scheduled for tonight at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the increase in the tax amounts for the district.

## **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

1. Six-Year Plan – The Board reviewed a list of proposed roads to be added to the Six-Year Plan.

Mr. Bear reported that the public hearing is scheduled for May 28 at 7:00 p.m. After the hearing, VDOT will need guidance on which roads to be added.

2. VDEM Generator Grant & Engineering Services – The Grant project was approved at last meeting and funds need to be amended & appropriated to proceed with this project.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester, to amend & appropriate \$115,000 to 90500-470010 for the Fort Chiswell Pump Station generator grant.

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

3. Peed & Bortz – Mr. Bear noted that we had to procure engineering services for the generator grant project, a Request for Proposals was sent out and we received one proposal from Peed & Bortz.

Supervisor Hale inquired why we didn't use one of the engineers under the open-end contract.

Mr. Bear explained that grant guidelines required the County to document procurement. He recommended acceptance of Peed & Bortz engineering proposal.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester, to enter into agreement with Peed & Bortz, LLC for the Fort Chiswell Pump Station generator 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

3. VRS Actuarial Report – The Board reviewed the VRS Actuarial Valuation Report as of June 30, 2018.

## **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' REPORTS**

1. Rakes Town Road – Supervisor McRoberts expressed his gratitude to Mr. Russell of VDOT for fixing Rakes Town Road.
2. Ward Branch Road – Supervisor Horney noted that Ward Branch Road needs scraping, gravel and ditching.

3. Reed Creek Mill – Chair Reeves inquired about the status of getting water to the residents across from Reed Creek Mill.

Mr. Bear stated that nothing is in the plans currently. Options were researched and the creek crossing was too costly to consider at this time.

4. Blue Sky Drive – Chair Reeves added that the culverts on Blue Sky Drive need cleaning.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Supervisor Horney made a motion to adopt the Consent Calendar as follows:

#### **1. PAYROLL – March 2018:**

General County Fund	\$	524,544.61
Police Activity Fund		67,789.18
Courthouse Security Fund		10,041.06
Water Department Fund		19,402.00
Wythe County Wastewater Fund		19,911.79
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>641,688.64</b>

**Check Numbers:** 20000454-20000464

**Voucher Numbers:** 7072-7426

#### **2. STATUS REPORTS:**

- A. Animal Control – Arlan Dunford
- B. Building Inspection – Tim Spraker
- C. Consolidated Dispatch – Darlene Lang
- D. Engineering – Bill Vaughan
- E. Finance – Bruce Grant
- F. Solid Waste – Billy Bowers
- G. Water & Wastewater – Don Crisp

#### **3. PERSONNEL:**

- A. Marshall, Dalton – Merit Increase, Deputy Sheriff, Annual Salary \$31,629, Effective March 1, 2019
- B. Wright, Clayton – Merit Increase, Deputy Sheriff, Annual Salary \$31,629,



Effective March 1, 2019

- C. Harrington, Chance – Resigned, Deputy Sheriff, Effective March 20, 2019
- D. Monahan, Tim – Resigned, Facilities Maintenance, Effective April 11, 2019

**4. BUDGET AMENDMENTS:**

- A. \$1,064 – (3506-453020) – Reimbursement from Twin County 911 for overage charges from Centurylink

Supervisor Vaught seconded the motion and the 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

**VACORP HYBRID DISABILITY PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

The Board reviewed an amendment to the VACORP Hybrid Disability Program Participation Agreement.

Mr. Bear explained that VACORP is changing providers for the hybrid disability program from the Standard to Anthem. He recommended approval of the amendment to the participation agreement.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lawson, to approve the amendment to the VACORP Hybrid Disability Program Participation Agreement.

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

**MOUNT ROGERS PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION APPOINTMENT**

Mr. Bear stated that with Mr. Reeves becoming the Chairman of the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission, they have requested a additional appointment for Wythe County.

Supervisor Horney made a motion to appointment Supervisor Brian Vaught to the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission. Supervisors McRoberts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET ADVERTISEMENTS**

1. Tax Levy – Mr. Bear recommended advertising the following tax rates for the 2019 Calendar Year:

Real Estate	\$0.54 per \$100 of Assessed Value
Personal Property	\$2.32 per \$100 of Assessed Value
Merchants Capital	\$0.56 per \$100 of Assessed Value
Machine & Tools	\$1.50 per \$100 of Assessed Value

Mr. Bear noted that once the rates are advertised, the Board must adopt at this rate or lower.

Supervisor Lester made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Vaught, to advertise the tax levy for Calendar Year 2019 as presented.

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. Revenue & Expenditure Budget – Mr. Bear recommended advertising the FY20 budget with the proposed budget total of \$83,254,595, which represents a 3.5% increase over the FY19 approved budget. Mr. Bear reported that the School Board portion of the budget totals \$48,475,630, which represents a 1.8% increase over the FY19 approved budget.

Supervisors Lawson and Hale both stated they are not prepared to agree on an amount for advertisement at this time.

Supervisor Vaught stated that he would like to be honest with the public and would rather wait and give a clearer number.

The Board concurred to discuss the matter further during the budget work session.

**CLOSED MEETING – DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL MATTERS**

Supervisor Lester made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Vaught, to enter into Closed Meeting under Section 2.2-3711.A.1 (Personnel) of the Code of Virginia.

The motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Lester made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Vaught, to return to open meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Upon returning to open meeting, Supervisor Vaught made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lawson, to adopt the following Resolution certifying the business conducted in closed meeting as follows:

**RESOLUTION  
CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

**WHEREAS**, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and,

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Wythe County Board of Supervisors that such meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting

requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the Wythe County Board of Supervisors.

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

### **BUDGET WORK SESSION**

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 budgetary discussion involving the Wythe County Sheriff's Office, I have a personal interest because I am a full-time employee of the Wythe County Sheriff's Office which may be affected by the matters to be discussed today, and I declare that I am able to participate in this matter fairly, objectively and in the public interest. Also, this discussion will affect three or more people."

Supervisor Vaught added that his wife is an employee of the Wythe County Schools which will be affected by the matters discussed today.

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 this matter of budget involving the Wythe County Sheriff's Office, I have a personal interest because my husband is a full-time employee of the Wythe County Sheriff's Office which will be affected by the matters of budget being discussed 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 in our meeting today, and I declare that I am able to participate in this matter fairly, objectively and in the public interest.”

Chair Reeves noted that he is not going to read a disclosure but his wife is a part-time employee of the Wythe County Schools.

Mr. Bear reported that in the recommended budget, he included the Sheriff's Office salary supplement request at 50% county funded, totaling \$59,716. He noted that in the past, this is not something the county has done but it was added at the Board's request. This will be in addition to the 3% Compensation Board increase. He noted that if the Board wishes to fund this request 100%, the amount would double to \$120,000.

Supervisor McRoberts stated that he feels the Board has been slack on giving raises in the past and recommends funding the Sheriff supplements at 100%.

Supervisor Vaught added that when he ran, public safety and education would be his priorities. He doesn't feel the Compensation Board will ever do their part and with the amount of money in reserves and what is lost every time someone quits to go to another agency, he agrees with funding 100%.

Supervisor Lester supports funding at 100% but feels they need to look at additional revenue streams in the future.

Chair Reeves polled the remaining Board members and it was unanimously agreed to fund the Sheriff's Office salary supplement at 100%.

Supervisor Vaught requested clarification regarding the County funded SRO position, it doesn't appear that the stipend was included but this officer would qualify.

Mr. Bear agreed and noted this was an oversight in preparing the salary schedule.

Supervisor Vaught asked for confirmation that nothing was included for him except the Compensation Board approved increase. Mr. Bear confirmed.

Supervisor Hale stated that he would like everyone to have a positive attitude toward growing the county and asked that the Sheriff's Office help with ticketing those vehicles with the red farm use tags. He explained that it's a revenue source because they are not paying personal property taxes and likely aren't paying insurance either.

Supervisor McRoberts stated that he initially had reservations about some of the deputies getting a 19% raise but considering how much they've done without over the years, they deserve this. He appreciates everything the deputies do.

Mr. Bear addressed the raises recommended for all the other constitutional officer employees and both the Commissioner and Treasurer were pleased with the recommendations.

The Board briefly discussed the Commonwealth Attorney's Office supplement request and agreed to leave it in the recommended budget.

Supervisor Lawson expressed her interest in fully funding the School Board's request to assure the additional teacher positions are included.

After brief discussion, it was a consensus of the Board to fund \$500,000 of the School Board's additional request.

Mr. Bear reported that there is currently \$329,400 in the recommended budget for the Wythe-Grayson Library, a decrease of \$36,000. It is his understanding that Grayson County intends to fully fund their share this year which will be an increase and will likely make up the difference.

Supervisors Vaught and Lawson requested a copy of the Library's detailed budget.

Chair Reeves inquired about the Regional Jail's funding.

Mr. Bear noted that with the per diem increase they are proposing, it will require an additional \$50,000.

Supervisor Lawson requested the 4% salary increase discussed in closed meeting be added to the budget. The Board concurred.

Mr. Bear discussed the Virginia Industrial Advancement Alliance (VIAA). He noted that it is jointly funded by the Towns and County through the JIDA. There have been discussions of increasing the VIAA funding. Wythe County's portion would be approximately \$10,000. The Board concurred to increase the funding to the VIAA.

After brief discussions regarding census and broadband matters, Supervisor Lester made a motion to advertise the FY20 budget with the changes discussed. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Vaught 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

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Reeves adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:19 p.m.

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Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair