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The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m., Friday, June 28, 2019. The location of the meeting was in the Board Room 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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Brian W. Vaught

STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Faye Barker
 Doug Carner
 Roy Cox
 Andrew Davis
 Lori Guynn
 Peggy Hurley

Paul Matthews
 Linda Meyer
 Jim Savesky
 Kristina Smith
 Beth Taylor
 Stacy Terry

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 Andrew Davis, Fellowship Baptist Church, provided the invocation and Chair Reeves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS' TIME

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

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1. Pope Road – Mr. Roy Cox appeared before the Board and stated “I’m Roy Cox of Pope Road and we’ve been trying to get that thing blacktopped forever. There’s been no success at it; the bridge is out and we’re not getting it; we need to push this job to get that road blacktopped. Mr. Stephen (Bear) said next year, and I can be satisfied with that if he’ll stick to his guns. But it has been shot back so many times, it’s hard to think it’s going to happen.”

Chairman Reeves responded that it is on the Six Year Plan and money has already been allocated so, unless the State pulls the money back, it will be taken care of next year. As for the bridge, he said he and Mr. Bear met with the engineer from the Bristol District, the engineering and core drilling has been done and they have the plans. Chairman Reeves said they had the money to do the bridge this year, but the Transportation Board pulled that money back and used it for I-81 bridges. He said everything is in place and as soon as they can find the funding for the bridge, it will be replaced.

Mr. Cox added “We need some gravel over there. We go some places where there’s no gravel and we’re getting in the red mud when it rains. And the mowing; it’s got to be mowed on each side. The road’s getting narrower and narrower and I’m really scared for my wife to get out there and drive.”

The Chairman replied that several years ago the State began contracting much of the work out, and doing away with many VDOT employees. They do what they can with the manpower they have, but don’t keep the roads up like they used to.

Mr. Bear will contact Mr. Russell to see what we can be done.

Mr. Cox responded “I appreciate it and now I can take the good news home.”

2. Pope Road – Mr. Paul Matthews appeared before the Board and stated “My name is Paul Matthews and I live on Pope Road. We still haven’t gotten any of the drains cleaned out, and every time it rains hard, it washes the road gutters across the road, piles of gravel and dirt in the road, and there’s just nowhere for the water to go. Even though when the grader comes in and grades, the ditch line down the end of the drain, if it’s stopped up completely, the drain doesn’t do any good. Water runs down in there and fills up then runs on over. In a lot of places along the road the ditch is that (a couple of feet) deep right on the side of the road. There’s no shoulder on the road. You can’t get off the surface, and if you do, you’re in the ditch. We need something done about that ditch line especially

on that grade from Powder Mill Road going up the grade on Pope Road. The ditches along there, if you meet somebody, you got to find a place to get over enough to pass, and be careful that you don't get too far over and get in the ditch because some of those ditches, when they wash out, they're that deep. If a car goes in, it's on the bottom and it isn't going nowhere. We need something done. Even up that grade, if they bring in some good size stone and fill the ditch lines in, it'd give a shoulder for the road for people to be able to get on. We need something done about it. And those drains, some of them we don't even know where they're at. I know where one's at down at the bottom of the hill there, and you'd have to search to find it. What good's a drain pipe across the road if it's never used, I mean if it's not open to be used? One down next to Waller Lane up there in the middle of the hill, that drain pipe is stopped completely up and when that water runs all the way down the hill, down through there, it forms quite a bit of a stream when it gets down there at the bottom on that turn. And the other day, the ditch line was only that deep right beside the road; no shoulder, nothing to get on. So, we need something done about that."

Mr. Bear will look into this issue.

3. US Census - Ms. Peggy Hurley from the U.S. Census Bureau appeared before the Board to update them regarding the 2020 Census and how it will impact our locality. She is a Partnership Specialist in Southwest Virginia. They are currently reaching out to elected officials in the area to get them to form a "Complete Count Committee" in their respective areas. Ms. Hurley explained the committee is tasked with getting information out to all the citizens about the upcoming census and helping them prepare. The census helps proportion the seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, and it also helps with redistricting at Federal and State local levels. She also reported that \$675B will be distributed among all states based on the numbers from the 2020 Census; hence the importance of getting a complete count.

Ms. Hurley stated their main goal is to get everyone counted, once and only once. They plan to use the same design they used in 2010 which proved to be very efficient. One change, however, is that the survey will be online in 2020 so they're trying to encourage everyone who has internet access to complete the census online. A toll-free number will also be available to complete the census, as well as a paper form. Ms. Hurley said that due to budget cuts, there will only be two data centers in the nation processing the paper forms, which could cause an issue/delay. She also noted that 14.8% of the citizens in the State of Virginia do

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not have internet access so they will work on insuring that people have access and the help they need. Ms. Hurley reported that Rural Retreat is already on board, and they're meeting with the Town of Wytheville. But they need a county-wide committee that can reach the areas outside of the towns. The committee is also tasked with educating citizens as to the importance of the U.S. Census and the local impact. People can begin completing the census on March 1. Ms. Hurley suggested that communities work with transit to cover the areas where they would not normally run, and perhaps offer free transportation to complete the census. Schools, libraries and fire departments, she said, are great resources to help get the message out to citizens.

The Census will be hiring local folks, familiar with the area and its citizens, to help get people to respond. Ms. Hurley mentioned the need to hire people to assist with group counts in the fall (jails, nursing homes, children's facilities), as well as going to door-to-door. They may hold a job fair locally to recruit people to help. Positions start around \$12/hour and they pay \$.58 per mile. She said that applicants must be at least 18 years of age and able to work at least 25 hours per week. They will also be looking for available space to hold their training sessions.

Ms. Hurley reported that, although Wythe County is not bad compared to other counties in SWVA, the non-response rate is around 17%. She would like very much to work with the Board of Supervisors in forming a committee.

Chairman Reeves mentioned that he was at the NACO Legislative Conference earlier in the year and he spoke with the Census people and Rural Caucus and this was one of their main topics. They want to insure we do all we can to get a complete count.

Ms. Hurley said that schools might use their call home system to help get the word out and Chairman Reeves added that Wythe County could use the Everbridge alert system to do the same.

Supervisor Hale asked Ms. Hurley to reach out to Mrs. Smith (APEX) about space for a job fair and to conduct training.

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

PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

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Supervisor McRoberts made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on June 28, 2019, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30103959-30104100 as follows:

**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
30103959	06/14/2019	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$29,416.88
30103960	06/14/2019	CENTURYLINK	59.39
30103961	06/14/2019	CENTURYLINK	310.22
30103962	06/14/2019	MANSFIELD OIL CO	9,365.60
30103963	06/14/2019	SHENTEL CONVERGED SERVICE	73.37
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 06/14/2019			\$39,225.46

CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
30103964	06/20/2019	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$1,563.05
30103965	06/20/2019	CENTURYLINK	39.98
30103966	06/20/2019	CENTURYLINK	148.09
30103967	06/20/2019	CENTURYLINK	359.59
30103968	06/20/2019	CENTURYLINK	3,398.05
30103969	06/20/2019	CENTURYLINK SPEC	3,772.16
30103970	06/20/2019	SOUTHERN STATES	25.04
30103971	06/20/2019	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	1,665.49
30103972	06/20/2019	US CELLULAR	67.35
30103973	06/20/2019	US CELLULAR	394.09
30103974	06/20/2019	US CELLULAR	701.05
30103975	06/00/2019	VERIZON	27.00
30103976	06/00/2019	VERIZON WIRELESS	80.02
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 06/20/2019			\$12,240.96

CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
30103977	06/28/2019	AMERICAN MINE RESEARCH IN	\$600.00
30103978	06/28/2019	APPALACHIAN JUVENILE COMM	175.00
30103979	06/28/2019	ARNOLD, ABBY E	56.10
30103980	06/28/2019	ARNOLD, RONALD D	3.59
30103981	06/28/2019	AUTOZONE STORES, INC	133.39
30103982	06/28/2019	AYERS & SONS SEPTIC LLC	375.00

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30103983	06/28/2019	BARREN SPRINGS VOL FIRE D	1,347.65
30103984	06/28/2019	IDVILLE	1,547.68
30103985	06/28/2019	BEAR, STEPHEN	372.15
30103986	06/28/2019	BLUE RIDGE AUTO PARTS INC	101.88
30103987	06/28/2019	BRENNTAG MID-SOUTH INC	2,320.50
30103988	06/28/2019	BSN SPORTS INC	1,387.46
30103989	06/28/2019	BW WILSON PAPER CO	1,535.80
30103990	06/28/2019	C&D TRUCK & SAFETY SUPPLY	768.00
30103991	06/28/2019	CARDNO INC	3,011.50
30103992	06/28/2019	CARILION HEALTHCARE CORP	150.00
30103993	06/28/2019	CARTER MACHINERY CO INC	1,045.55
30103994	06/28/2019	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	259.04
30103995	06/28/2019	CENTURYLINK	45.26
30103996	06/28/2019	CENTURYLINK	115.06
30103997	06/28/2019	CENTURYLINK	362.34
30103998	06/28/2019	CHARLES PORTER EXCAVATING	2,800.00
30103999	06/28/2019	CHEROKEE CONSTRUCTION CO	2,100.00
30104000	06/28/2019	CLECO CORPORATION	94,110.00
30104001	06/28/2019	COALFIELD SERVICES	71,665.25
30104002	06/28/2019	COM TEC	2,625.00
30104003	06/28/2019	PAUL WIDENER	4,535.85
30104004	06/28/2019	COMPLETE CONTRACTORS, LLC	1,665.00
30104005	06/28/2019	COMPLETE TRUCK SERVICE IN	688.00
30104006	06/28/2019	COMPUTER PROJECTS OF IL I	693.60
30104007	06/28/2019	COOK, ANGELA K	14.26
30104008	06/28/2019	CORE&MAIN LP	6,554.48
30104009	06/28/2019	COULTER'S FLORIST INC	50.00
30104010	06/28/2019	COX, MELDIE	41.30
30104011	06/28/2019	CREATIVE GLASS INC	592.02
30104012	06/28/2019	CROWN AWARDS	135.90
30104013	06/28/2019	DAVIS, D. AARON	56.10
30104014	06/28/2019	DELL MARKETING LP	6,503.57
30104015	06/28/2019	DEPOT DESIGNS OF RURAL RE	367.00
30104016	06/28/2019	DEPT OF MOTOR VEHICLES	5,425.00
30104017	06/28/2019	DUKE'S PRINTING	697.00
30104018	06/28/2019	DUNAGAN, KEITH	440.93
30104019	06/28/2019	DUNFORD, BARRY K	33.62
30104020	06/28/2019	ENTERPRISE FM TRUST	5,448.04
30104021	06/28/2019	ESRI	2,150.00

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30104022	06/28/2019	F&R ELECTRIC INC	5,630.00
30104023	06/28/2019	FAMILY HEALTHCARE OF WYTH	284.00
30104024	06/28/2019	FARTHING, SCOT S	2,010.00
30104025	06/28/2019	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES #5	436.94
30104026	06/28/2019	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES #5	1,611.23
30104027	06/28/2019	FIRE RESCUE AND TACTICAL	374.91
30104028	06/28/2019	FN WHOLESALE LIGHTING & S	1,497.60
30104029	06/28/2019	GALLS	4,700.21
30104030	06/28/2019	GLISAN, SHERI L	56.10
30104031	06/28/2019	GRAGG, JAMIE	40.00
30104032	06/28/2019	GRANT, BRUCE M	4,136.75
30104033	06/28/2019	GUYNN, LORI C	568.22
30104034	06/28/2019	HARMAN, MINNIE	264.60
30104035	06/28/2019	HARPO'S HARDWARE & BLDG S	161.54
30104036	06/28/2019	HUFF FORD	308.30
30104037	06/28/2019	HUFF, BRENDA M	56.10
30104038	06/28/2019	HURT & PROFFITT INC	2,002.50
30104039	06/28/2019	IVANHOE FIRE DEPT	4,736.59
30104040	06/28/2019	JONES, RANDY	3,100.00
30104041	06/28/2019	KIRBY'S KUTTIN EDGE	900.00
30104042	06/28/2019	KUSTOM SIGNALS	240.00
30104043	06/28/2019	LEA AID ACQUISITION	2,400.00
30104044	06/28/2019	LEXISNEXIS	424.00
30104045	06/28/2019	LITTON LANDSCAPES LLC	650.00
30104046	06/28/2019	LUMOS NETWORKS	31.25
30104047	06/28/2019	MANSFIELD OIL CO	8,521.08
30104048	06/28/2019	MATTERN & CRAIG, INC	2,490.00
30104049	06/28/2019	MCI COMM SERVICE	34.44
30104050	06/28/2019	MCI COMM SERVICE	101.95
30104051	06/28/2019	MCI COMM SERVICE	689.30
30104052	06/28/2019	MEREDITH'S GARAGE	43.00
30104053	06/28/2019	MUSSER FARMS	150.00
30104054	06/28/2019	NORTH AMERICAN FIRE EQUIP	4,687.85
30104055	06/28/2019	NEW RIVER VALLEY JUVENILE	2,567.50
30104056	06/28/2019	NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL	135,107.50
30104057	06/28/2019	NRVLSA	15.00
30104058	06/28/2019	TLA ENTERPRISES	264.44
30104059	06/28/2019	OFFICE DEPOT	13.29
30104060	06/28/2019	PAPER CLIP	1,789.30

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30104061	06/28/2019	PEED & BORTZ LLC	23,590.00
30104062	06/28/2019	PITNEY BOWES	591.00
30104063	06/28/2019	R&C TOWING & REPAIR CO	163.00
30104064	06/28/2019	R&R ENTERPRISES INC	460.00
30104065	06/28/2019	RENTAL HUB INC	832.49
30104066	06/28/2019	ROANOKE PUMP SALES & SERV	5,058.00
30104067	06/28/2019	SALEM STONE	3,444.24
30104068	06/28/2019	SECOM SYSTEMS INC	17,806.88
30104069	06/28/2019	THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS CO.	246.00
30104070	06/28/2019	SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA CRIMIN	100.00
30104071	06/28/2019	SOUTHWESTERN EQUIPMENT	441.03
30104072	06/28/2019	SPEEDWELL FIRE DEPT	11,000.00
30104073	06/28/2019	SPRAKER, TIMOTHY B	28.21
30104074	06/28/2019	STALKER RADAR	5,000.00
30104075	06/28/2019	STANLEY, CINDY	46.00
30104076	06/28/2019	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	282.70
30104077	06/28/2019	STROUPE, MARAH	100.00
30104078	06/28/2019	TESLA ELECTRIC SERV	1,280.14
30104079	06/28/2019	THE CROM CORPORATION	57,568.14
30104080	06/28/2019	THOMPSON TIRE	87.94
30104081	06/28/2019	THREE RIVERS MEDIA CORP	990.00
30104082	06/28/2019	TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE	9,659.20
30104083	06/28/2019	TREASURER OF WYTHE COUNTY	56.10
30104084	06/28/2019	TRI CITIES/SW VA REGIONAL	1,444.14
30104085	06/28/2019	TRIPLE J TREE SERVICE LLC	500.00
30104086	06/28/2019	TWO WAY RADIO	1,756.00
30104087	06/28/2019	UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA	185.00
30104088	06/28/2019	USA BLUE BOOK	616.85
30104089	06/28/2019	VIARS, TERRY L	36.63
30104090	06/28/2019	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYST	930.17
30104091	06/28/2019	VIRGINIA ELECTRIC SUPPLY,	65.00
30104092	06/28/2019	VIRGINIA TECH	13,566.77
30104093	06/28/2019	VUPS	102.90
30104094	06/28/2019	WASTE INDUSTRIES	382.22
30104095	06/28/2019	WILLIAMS, KEVIN	147.30
30104096	06/28/2019	WILLIAMSON, AMANDA L	56.10
30104097	06/28/2019	WORDSPRINT	385.00
30104098	06/28/2019	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	1,967.98
30104099	06/28/2019	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	4,392.91

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TOTAL EXPENDITURES 06/28/2019			\$584,018.61
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 06/28/2019			\$635,485.03
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Supervisor Lester seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows:

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

ABSENT: Brian W. Vaught

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board was presented with the June 11, 2019 minutes for approval.

Supervisor Hale made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester, to approve the June 11, 2019, minutes as presented.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

ABSENT: Brian W. Vaught

APPOINTMENTS

1. Workforce Development Board – Supervisor Hale made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester, to appoint Mr. Alan Freeman to the Workforce Development Board. The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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AYES: Charlie G. Lester
Ryan M. Lawson
Joe F. Hale

Coy L. McRoberts
B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Brian W. Vaught

Chairman Reeves indicated his desire to continue serving on New River Regional Water Authority Board as well as the Department of Social Services Board. He added that Ms. Patty O'Quinn is also interested in continuing her role of the DSS Board.

Mr. Bear added that no new applications have been received for the vacancy on the Wythe Grayson Regional Library Board. The Chairman suggested issuing a press release to re-advertise the position.

2. Department of Social Services - Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lawson, to reappoint Chairman Reeves and Ms. Patty O'Quinn to the Department of Social Services Board.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Charlie G. Lester
Ryan M. Lawson
Joe F. Hale

Coy L. McRoberts
B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Brian W. Vaught

3. New River Regional Water Authority – Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lawson, to reappoint Chairman Reeves to the NRRWA Board.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Charlie G. Lester
Ryan M. Lawson

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

Joe F. Hale

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Brian W. Vaught

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Lori Guynn appeared before the Board and reported the following:

1. Revenue Statement – Mrs. Guynn reported that the Consolidated Account was comprised of \$64,462,499 of which \$42,385,055 was in the General Fund Account at the end of May.
2. Three-Year Comparison - In response to Supervisor Hale's previous request for a comparison of taxes over multiple years, Mrs. Guynn provided information over a three-year period (through May of each fiscal year). Real Estate and personal property have increased, mobile home tax decreased primarily due to the last reassessment (mobile home values had not been reassessed in 10-12 years). Merchant's capital, machine and tools have gone up and down over the three-year period.

Supervisor Hale added that naturally it's a declining balance unless you get new equipment or new industry.

Mrs. Guynn reported that Public Service has steadily increased. Local sales and use tax have increased over the years but not as much from 2018-2019. Meals and lodging taxes have fluctuated.

Mr. Bear said regarding meals tax, the Roanoke Times published an article not long ago that Roanoke City meals tax for the month of April was down 17% from the previous year. Fortunately for us, he said, we are about the same as we were the previous year.

Supervisor Hale still feels the truck stops that are selling food may not be accurately reporting their sales. He said these numbers don't indicate the commerce that is going on out in the county. Those numbers haven't changed in years. Supervisor Hale asked if we have the authority to audit some of these businesses or would we have to audit all of them?

Commissioner Barker responded that we probably could just target a few businesses to audit, but she was not certain.

Supervisor Hale mentioned four different food vendors at Exit 77 that seem to be busy 24/7 yet the meals tax is not increasing, not in years, and it doesn't seem right.

Mrs. Guynn confirmed that the vendors at the APEX are regularly reporting their information to the Commissioner's office.

3. Collections - Mrs. Guynn stated the overall collections on all taxes is around 97% through June 26th and she is very pleased with that.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Faye Barker appeared before the Board and wanted, on behalf of her staff, to thank the Board of Supervisors for the salary increase. It was very much needed and greatly appreciated. Mrs. Barker commented that she has really good staff now and the salary increase will help to retain them.

Mr. Bear said he and Mrs. Barker sat in on interviews for the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission for their next assessors as they will be starting a new reassessment cycle in the middle of next year.

Mrs. Barker reported that she contacted the State regarding Denny's and Love's and their sales tax match up with what her meals tax is.

Supervisor Hale asked is there any statute that says they have to show meals tax on the receipt? The places that don't show the meals tax on their receipts are of great concern to him.

WATER COMMITTEE

1. Raper Ridge Change Order #3 – Supervisor Horney made a motion, as recommended by the Water Committee, to approve Raper Ridge Change Order #3 which adds 100 days to the contract. The contract amount remains unchanged.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Brian W. Vaught

2. Fort Chiswell Headworks Change Order #1 – Supervisor Horney made a motion, as recommended by the Water Committee, to approve Fort Chiswell Headworks Change Order #1 which modifies the headworks walls, gates and walkways at a contract price increase of \$10,700 and the addition of 30 days.

Supervisor Hale asked why this work was not in the original bid?

Mr. Bear explained that it was due to insufficient depth in the existing channel.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Brian W. Vaught

3. MRPDC Grant for Max Meadows Bridge Replacement Project - Supervisor Horney made a motion, as recommended by the Water Committee, to accept a \$50,000 grant from MRPDC for the Max Meadows Bridge Replacement Project.

Mr. Vaughan stated that VDOT approved a new bracket and that it should be back on site in early July.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Brian W. Vaught

4. MRPDC Grant for Fort Chiswell Sewer Extension PER Project – Supervisor Horney made a motion, as recommended by the Water Committee, to accept a \$20,000 grant from MRPDC for the Fort Chiswell Sewer Extension PER Project.

Supervisor Hale asked what the status is of the generator project?

Mr. Vaughan responded that it is currently under design with Peed & Bortz and appears to be on schedule with the first report due July 15th.

Mr. Bear added that Peed & Bortz are looking at several cooperative procurement contracts that already have generators priced and are, typically, priced very well.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Brian W. Vaught

BUDGET COMMITTEE

1. Commonwealth Attorney Office Computer Equipment – Supervisor Lester made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to transfer \$6,188 from the Commonwealth Attorney's State Asset Forfeiture account to the county computer and equipment account to cover the cost of new computer equipment and software.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Charlie G. Lester	Coy L. McRoberts
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Ryan M. Lawson
Joe F. Hale

B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Brian W. Vaught

2. Department of Criminal Justice Services Grants – Supervisor Lester made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to accept two grants from the Department of Criminal Justice Services in the amount of \$48,968 each. These grants will be used to fund two School Resource Officers (a continuation of two grant program positions).

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Charlie G. Lester
Ryan M. Lawson
Joe F. Hale

Coy L. McRoberts
B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Brian W. Vaught

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Stephen Bear addressed the Board with the following:

1. FY19 Carryover and Appropriations Report - Mr. Bear shared the FY19 Year End Report with the Board and appreciated Mrs. Guynn's office getting all the revenue in before fiscal year end. The School Board is currently finishing up theirs. Mr. Bear provided a brief overview of the report including carryovers and appropriations which the Budget Committee reviewed earlier this week. The School Board carryover of \$6,051 is contingent upon final numbers being received. Mr. Bear explained the School Board has a furniture payment of \$82k, less revenue stream of \$76k, which leaves a balance of \$6k to be carried over to FY20.

Supervisor Lester made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lawson to approve, amend and appropriate FY19 Year End Carryovers.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Brian W. Vaught

2. Surplus Vehicles – Mr. Bear explained the Sheriff's Office has three vehicles they wish to declare surplus in order to sell them. The vehicles are a 2013 Ford Taurus, 2014 Ford Taurus and a 2015 Ford Taurus.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hale, to declare the three vehicles of the Sheriff's Office as surplus.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

ABSTAIN: Ryan M. Lawson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Brian W. Vaught

3. Victim Witness Grant – Mr. Bear stated this is a program that is run through the Sheriff's Office and he recommends approval of the grant. He has asked the Sheriff and Mr. Street to confirm compliance with special conditions required.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to accept \$97,310 grant for the Victim Witness Program.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Charlie G. Lester	Coy L. McRoberts
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Ryan M. Lawson
Joe F. Hale

B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Brian W. Vaught

4. Revenue Sharing – Mr. Bear reported that VDOT requires our revenue sharing application by July 1st and that by October 1st, we must have a resolution in place to proceed. Based on citizens' requests and Board input, the list of roads has been agreed to and now the list needs to be prioritized. Mr. Vaughan has received estimates from VDOT on Penwood and Staff Street and has calculated estimated tax rates. Mr. Bear said that he will work with the Planning Commission to set meetings with citizens to confirm their willingness to come up with their share of the cost. But he recommends putting in the application now for these roads.

Regarding Staff Street, Mr. Bear told the Board that Mr. Crowgey has been working on Lead Mines Estates subdivision and re-subdivision for many months. Mr. Crowgey feels the County and VDOT should pay for his road. Mr. Bear met with Mr. Crowgey this week to review the revenue sharing. Mr. Crowgey lives on Staff Street which borders Newtown and Mr. Crowgey stated that Newtown was not paid for by the residents, but by the County. Mr. Bear explained to him that it was done through revenue sharing. Mr. Crowgey does not feel the current plat is valid and is trying to re-subdivide it now to create a new plat, which means it won't meet the time frame for the twenty years. If the application is accepted, the residents of Staff Street (if they so choose) will pay 50%.

Supervisor Hale asked about Orion Road and if we are maintaining and using the water tank facility up there.

Mr. Bear replied that we are, so the County may want to provide a share of that cost when the time comes.

Mr. Bear advised that the six roads on the list need to be prioritized now in case funding is not sufficient to provide for all six.

Regarding Beetle Spinner, Supervisor Hale said we don't provide them with a lot of service and we do have a good tax base over there, so hopefully it can get a higher priority.

Mr. Bear mentioned that Orion is probably the oldest on the list, and that Penwood is the most recent (and is only 400' long). Dyer and Bentwood both came in around the same timeframe, followed by Beetle Spinner.

Chairman Reeves believes they should be prioritized in order of when they were requested. Supervisor Horney agreed.

The Board further discussed and recommended the following order of priority: Orion Road, Dyer Road, Bentwood Drive, Beetle Spinner Drive, Staff Street and Penwood Lane.

Mr. Bear said that Bentwood may drop out due to their tax rate already being high. Also, at this point, he is not aware of any right-of-way issues.

Supervisor Hale made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to accept the order of Orion Road, Dyer Road, Bentwood Drive, Beetle Spinner Drive, Staff Street and Penwood Lane for revenue sharing.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Brian W. Vaught

5. School Debt Service Savings Reserve Transfer – Mr. Bear explained that there is debt service savings this year of \$405,787 and he requests these funds be transferred into the BOS Reserve Account - School Construction Reserve to be held for architectural and engineering for future capital improvement projects.

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Supervisor Lester made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lawson, to approve the transfer of \$405,787 to the Board of Supervisors Reserve Account - School Construction Reserve (700-260617).

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Brian W. Vaught

Mr. Bear commented that he met with both Dr. Poole and Dr. Jefferies who are in agreement to begin planning for the next phase of construction.

6. APEX Stormwater Modification No. 2 – Mr. Bear announced that Mr. Vaughan received notification that the modification plan for the APEX stormwater (gravel upper parking lot) has been approved. A few things need to happen before gravel can be put down, which include a pond that needs to be converted over, and we need to delineate some conservation areas in the process.

Supervisor Hale asked if it's possible to send a letter stating we will comply with their requirements and timeline if we could please work on that parking lot now.

Mr. Vaughan does not believe they would agree to that. Pond #4 has to be converted and in place before the gravel can go down.

Supervisor Hale urged that we inquire anyway. He stressed that the parking lot needs to be completed as soon as possible. He also recommended we go ahead and compact the lot with a flat-wheel roller; it won't hurt the grass and it will stabilize the soil.

Mr. Vaughan explained that Pond #4 needs to be a four bay, with aquatic benches for safety, risers need to be elevated, and notch to control routing and flow. It's not a lot of work, he said, and can be done fairly quickly. Once awarded, this work could be done in 30 days.

7. Finance Director Contract – Mr. Bear recommends a 5% increase to the Finance Director’s salary. The Finance Director is a contract employee.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lawson, to approve a 5% increase to the Finance Director’s salary.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Charlie G. Lester
Ryan M. Lawson

Coy L. McRoberts
B. G. “Gene” Horney, Jr.

NAYS: Joe F. Hale
Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

ABSENT: Brian W. Vaught

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS’ REPORTS

1. Year-End Review – Supervisor Hale would like to take this opportunity to thank VDOT for completing stage 2 of Major Grahams Road, finishing the segment of Millers Creek, and he is pleased that we’re getting more done with the Six Year Plan. Also, the County has upgraded the lighting at the Max Meadows Community Field as well as a new roof on the stage.

Supervisor Hale also wanted to address information that’s been posted on Facebook that is derogatory to the County as we try to grow our economic and industrial development. He said the postings have been shared by a group called Citizens Action Project for Town and County Government and they’ve gone so far as to accuse someone on the Board of Supervisors of being a criminal. Supervisor Hale said that whoever has that information, should bring it forward so the person(s) can be prosecuted. He believes the Sheriff’s Office would be all over that. He added that if the people who are posting this on social media have any evidence, they need to do the right thing and let the authorities know about it so we can prosecute the crooks/criminals on the Board of Supervisors.

Chairman Reeves commented that we hear a lot in the media about “fake news”. He encouraged people to visit that Facebook group and look at the comments they are posting. He emphatically stated that it is all lies and that his character, the character of this Board, and even the Town, is being damaged. The Chairman

said people are putting out blatant lies trying to blame him and the rest of the Board, and it is not right. He said if you're going to run for the Board of Supervisors or anything else, have the decency to tell the truth and not put out a bunch of lies.

Mr. Terry commented that it is not his site.

The Chairman responded to Mr. Terry that he did not accuse him nor did he mention his name.

- 2. Barren Springs Property – Supervisor McRoberts stated that he had questions about the sale of a property in Patterson but that he referred the matter to Mr. Bear.

Mr. Bear responded that he spoke with the individual about their concerns, reviewed the survey and explained exactly where the property lines are. He instructed the individual, if he had anything different from the survey, to bring it in and he would arrange a meeting with the surveyor to further discuss.

Mr. Bear also added that it's out for bid, flyers have been distributed throughout the community, and he looks forward to the sale of that building. Apparently, part of the property is in the flood plain and questions relating to that have been referred to the Building Official.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. PAYROLL – May 2019:

General County Fund	\$ 525,155.49
Police Activity Fund	69,844.18
Courthouse Security Fund	11,435.69
Water Department Fund	19,139.40
Wythe County Wastewater Fund	20,360.59
TOTAL	\$ 645,935.35

Check Numbers: 20000501-20000524

Voucher Numbers: 7778-8158

2. STATUS REPORTS:

- A. Animal Control – Arlan Dunford
- B. Emergency Communications – Darlene Lang
- C. Engineering – Bill Vaughan
- D. Finance – Bruce Grant

3. PERSONNEL:

- A. Bolling, James Adam – Hired, Full-time School Resource Officer, Annual Salary \$31,629, Effective May 23, 2019
- B. Brewster, Jennifer – COIN Approved Salary Increase, Full-time Deputy, Annual Salary \$38,809.54, Effective June 1, 2019

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Brian W. Vaught

FY20 EXPENDITURE BUDGET & FIRST QUARTER APPROPRIATIONS

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester, to approve the FY20 Expenditure Budget and First Quarter Appropriations.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Brian W. Vaught

SIX-YEAR PLAN RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Bear explained that the Board previously approved the Plan but these resolutions are required for roads being added.

1. Resolution 2019-15 Six Year Plan - Supervisor Hale made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lawson, to adopt Resolution 2019-15 for the Six-Year Plan as follows:

WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2019-15

WHEREAS, Sections 33.1-23 and 33.1-23.4 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, provide the opportunity for each county to work with the Virginia Department of Transportation in developing a Secondary Six-Year Road Plan; and

WHEREAS, this Board had previously agreed to assist in the preparation of this Plan, in accordance with the Virginia Department of Transportation policies and procedures, and participated in a public hearing on the proposed Plan (2019/20 through 2024/25), as well as the Construction Priority List (2019/20) on May 28, 2019, after duly advertised so that all citizens of the County had the opportunity to participate in said hearing and to make comments and recommendations concerning the proposed Plan and Priority List; and

WHEREAS, Andy Fowler of the Virginia Department of Transportation, appeared before the Board and recommended approval of the Six-Year Plan for Secondary Roads (2019/20 through 2024/25) and the Construction Priority List (2019/20) for Wythe County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that since said Plan appears to be in the best interest of the Secondary Road System in Wythe County and of the citizens residing on the Secondary System, said Secondary Six-Year Plan (2019/20 through 2024/25) and Construction Priority List (2019/20) are hereby approved as presented at the June 28, 2019 Board of Supervisors' meeting.

Supervisor Hale asked if the grant comes through for completion of Major Grahams Road, is it in the language that it will move all the appropriations forward by that amount?

Mr. Bear said that while it is not in the language, any grant money that comes in will free up funds to move the other projects up.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Brian W. Vaught

2. Payne Town Road Resolution 2019-16, Brushy Mountain Road Resolution 2019-17 and Sharitz Road Resolution 2019-18 – Supervisor Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to adopt Resolutions 2019-16, 2019-17 and 2019-18 as follows:

WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2019-16
PAYNE TOWN ROAD

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-332 of the *Code of Virginia*, permits the hard surfacing of certain unpaved roads deemed to qualify for designation as a Rural Rustic Road; and

WHEREAS, any such road must be located in a low-density development area and have not more than 1,500 vehicles per day; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Wythe County, Virginia ("Board") desires to consider whether 1.0 miles of Route 772 (Payne Town Road) from: Castleton Road to: 1 MI. W. Castleton Road, should be designated a Rural Rustic Road; and

WHEREAS, the Board is unaware of pending development that will significantly affect the existing traffic on this road; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that this road should be so designated due to its qualifying characteristics; and

WHEREAS, this road is in the Board's Six-Year Plan for improvements to the secondary system of State highways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board hereby designates this road a Rural Rustic Road, and requests that the Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation concur in this designation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board requests that this road be hard surfaced and, to the fullest extent prudent, be improved within the existing right-of-way and ditch-lines to preserve as much as possible the adjacent trees, vegetation, side slopes, and rural rustic character along the road in their current state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Virginia Department of Transportation Residency Administrator.

**WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2019-17
BRUSHY MOUNTAIN ROAD**

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-332 of the *Code of Virginia*, permits the hard surfacing of certain unpaved roads deemed to qualify for designation as a Rural Rustic Road; and

WHEREAS, any such road must be located in a low-density development area and have not more than 1,500 vehicles per day; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Wythe County, Virginia ("Board") desires to consider whether 0.5 miles of Route 681 (Brushy Mountain Road) from: .5 MI. W. Blacklick Road to: Blacklick Road, should be designated a Rural Rustic Road; and

WHEREAS, the Board is unaware of pending development that will significantly affect the existing traffic on this road; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that this road should be so designated due to its qualifying characteristics; and

WHEREAS, this road is in the Board's Six-Year Plan for improvements to the secondary system of State highways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board hereby designates this road a Rural Rustic Road, and requests that the Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation concur in this designation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board requests that this road be hard surfaced and, to the fullest extent prudent, be improved within the existing right-of-way and ditch-lines to preserve as much as possible the adjacent trees, vegetation, side slopes, and rural rustic character along the road in their current state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Virginia Department of Transportation Residency Administrator.

**WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2019-18
SHARITZ ROAD**

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-332 of the *Code of Virginia*, permits the hard surfacing of certain unpaved roads deemed to qualify for designation as a Rural Rustic Road; and

WHEREAS, any such road must be located in a low-density development area and have not more than 1,500 vehicles per day; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Wythe County, Virginia ("Board") desires to consider whether 1.4 miles of Route 600 (Sharitz Road) from: Fairview Parkway to: Queens Knob Road, should be designated a Rural Rustic Road; and

WHEREAS, the Board is unaware of pending development that will significantly affect the existing traffic on this road; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that this road should be so designated due to its qualifying characteristics; and

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WHEREAS, this road is in the Board's Six-Year Plan for improvements to the secondary system of State highways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board hereby designates this road a Rural Rustic Road, and requests that the Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation concur in this designation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board requests that this road be hard surfaced and, to the fullest extent prudent, be improved within the existing right-of-way and ditch-lines to preserve as much as possible the adjacent trees, vegetation, side slopes, and rural rustic character along the road in their current state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Virginia Department of Transportation Residency Administrator.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Brian W. Vaught

CROSSROADS REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL FACILITY AUTHORITY (CRIFA) FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Bear explained they met earlier this week to review the audit and declare dividends for the year. He said the audit is very straight-forward and, as such, he recommends acceptance of same.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester, to accept the CRIFA audit.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Brian W. Vaught

GOOD NEWS FORM

Chairman Reeves mentioned that Mr. Stowers, Public Information Officer, has provided a form for "Good News" to be distributed throughout the community. Anyone who has any good news to share is encouraged to complete and submit this form.

Mr. Bear said we'd like to share positive information from civic groups or about any good deeds that are happening in our communities. He would like to highlight and share some budget points, Wythe County's lowest tax rate of all surrounding counties, increased funding for the school system, and an update on school construction project.

Chairman Reeves suggested that perhaps at the next day meeting, the Board of Supervisors can tour George Wythe High School to see the progress so far.

CLOSED MEETING – CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

Supervisor Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester to enter into Closed Meeting under Section 2.2-3711-A.7 (Consultation with Legal Counsel) of the Code of Virginia.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Upon returning to open meeting, Supervisor Horney 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:	Charlie G. Lester	Coy L. McRoberts
	Ryan M. Lawson	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Joe F. Hale	Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Brian W. Vaught

DEQ INSPECTION

Mr. Bear referenced the DEQ inspection at the APEX site and said they met with the contractor on Wednesday to go over results of that inspection, in particular, the stormwater items.

I-81 FUNDING

Mr. Bear reported that a meeting has been set up with the District Office to discuss the impact on the I-81 corridor.

NEXT MEETING

Mr. Bear commented that the July 9th meeting will likely be a very short agenda and with the July 4th holiday, the board package will need to go out Wednesday, July 3rd. There

may not be time to get invoices in that package. There will only be four working days between now and the next meeting.

Supervisor Lawson asked if the meeting should be cancelled in light of the fact there's only a few business days to compile all the information, unless there's any crucial business to discuss.

Mr. Bear responded that payment of bills is the most critical unless you want to authorize prepayment of those invoices, to be ratified at the July 23rd meeting.

Supervisor Hale recommended having the July 9th meeting, as brief as it may be.

OUT OF TOWN

Chairman Reeves announced that he will be out of town from July 11 through July 16 as he will be attending the NACO Annual Conference.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Reeves adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:52 a.m.

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair