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The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, February 13, 2018. The location of the meeting 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
Brian W. Vaught
Charlie G. Lester

Ryan M. Lawson
Coy L. McRoberts
B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.

STAFF PRESENT:

Stephen D. Bear, County Administrator
Martha G. Collins, Administrative Assistant/Clerk
Bill Vaughan, County Engineer

OTHERS PRESENT:

B. J. Lawson
Jeff Lyerly
Linda Meyer

Jeremiah Musser
Millie Rothrock

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Chair Reeves determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Jeff Lyerly of the Legacy Church provided the invocation and Chair Reeves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS' TIME

Chair Reeves welcomed the citizens present at the meeting and inquired if anyone wished to address the Board.

1. Farm Bureau Initiative – Linda Meyer of 1118 Dry Road in Speedwell addressed the Board and stated the following:

"I gave each of you one of these. This is a Farm Bureau initiative. So if any of you gentlemen have a place in your district where we could leave some of these for the general public, if you could get in contact with me, I will get them to you. Okay. Thank you."

With no one else 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 February 13, 2018, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30099904-30100105 as follows:

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**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT
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CHECK NO.	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	TOTAL
30099904	01/25/18	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$1,198.35
30099905	01/25/18	BUSINESS CARD	\$9,164.38
30099906	01/25/18	CENTURY LINK	\$59.76
30099907	01/25/18	CENTURY LINK	\$70.72
30099908	01/25/18	CENTURY LINK	\$114.49
30099909	01/25/18	CENTURY LINK	\$146.23
30099910	01/25/18	CENTURY LINK	\$247.66
30099911	01/25/18	CENTURY LINK	\$335.71
30099912	01/25/18	CENTURY LINK	\$4,917.53
30099913	01/25/18	MANSFIELD OIL CO.	\$6,659.67
30099914	01/25/18	NATIONAL BANK	\$103,504.74
TOTAL CHECKS 01/25/18			\$126,419.24

CHECK NO.	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	TOTAL
30099992	02/05/18	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$1,949.12
30099993	02/05/18	CENTURY LINK	\$44.67
30099994	02/05/18	CITIZENS TELEPHONE COOP	\$720.00
30099995	02/05/18	HOPE INC.	\$19,000.00
TOTAL CHECKS 02/05/18			\$21,713.79

CHECK NO.	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	TOTAL
30099996	02/13/18	ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	\$169.99
30099997	02/13/18	APPALACHIAN JUVENILE COMMISSION	\$5,425.00
30099998	02/13/18	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$9,636.75
30099999	02/13/18	ASSOCIATION OF DISTRICT COURT JUDGES	\$60.00
30100000	02/13/18	BISHOP, PATRICIA R.	\$100.00
30100001	02/13/18	BKT UNIFORMS	\$215.91
30100002	02/13/18	BLUE RIDGE AUTO PARTS INC.	\$86.63
30100003	02/13/18	BRENNTAG MID SOUTH INC.	\$1,800.80
30100004	02/13/18	BSN SPORTS INC.	\$93.75
30100005	02/13/18	BUSINESS INFORMATION SYSTEMS	\$70.00
30100006	02/13/18	CARDIAC SCIENCE CORP	\$43,980.00
30100007	02/13/18	CARDINAL BLUE PRINTERS	\$226.50
30100008	02/13/18	CARTER MACHINERY CO. INC.	\$6,126.74
30100009	02/13/18	CDW GOVERNMENT INC.	\$124.25
30100010	02/13/18	CENTURY LINK	\$278.89
30100011	02/13/18	CENTURY LINK	\$5,222.45
30100012	02/13/18	COMSONICS	\$1,005.00
30100013	02/13/18	COUNTY OF WYTHE	\$1,416.67
30100014	02/13/18	CREATIVE GLASS INC.	\$952.44

30100015	02/13/18	CROCKETT, WALTER S.	\$30.00
30100016	02/13/18	CROWN AWARDS	\$266.85
30100017	02/13/18	CW WARTHEN	\$219.16
30100018	02/13/18	DAVIS, EMILY CASSELL	\$30.00
30100019	02/13/18	DEAN, H. CLAY	\$100.00
30100020	02/13/18	DELL MARKETING LP	\$4,198.81
30100021	02/13/18	DIRECT DODGE	\$257.13
30100022	02/13/18	DIVERSIFIED INTEGRATION INC.	\$14,755.00
30100023	02/13/18	DUNAGAN, KEITH	\$478.06
30100024	02/13/18	ELECTRICAL EQUIP CO.	\$19.04
30100025	02/13/18	FARMERS MILLING AND SUPPLY INC.	\$25.35
30100026	02/13/18	FASTENAL	\$221.84
30100027	02/13/18	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES NO. 5	\$3,428.56
30100028	02/13/18	FIRE RESCUE AND TACTICAL INC.	\$276.45
30100029	02/13/18	FOOD COUNTRY	\$13.51
30100030	02/13/18	FROEHLING AND ROBERTSON INC.	\$1,321.25
30100031	02/13/18	GALLS	\$526.29
30100032	02/13/18	GRANT, BRUCE M.	\$4,136.75
30100033	02/13/18	GRUBB FUNERAL HOME	\$1,137.00
30100034	02/13/18	HORNEY, HAYDEN H.	\$350.00
30100035	02/13/18	HUGHES, LINDA	\$30.00
30100036	02/13/18	JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY	\$36,643.88
30100037	02/13/18	JOYCE ENGINEERING INC.	\$595.00
30100038	02/13/18	KC AUTOMOTIVE	\$25.00
30100039	02/13/18	KEITH, LARRY WAYNE	\$30.00
30100040	02/13/18	KINCER, G. JOSEPH	\$66.54
30100041	02/13/18	KING GENERAL CONTRACTORS INC.	\$52,718.93
30100042	02/13/18	KING-MOORE INC.	\$2,509.00
30100043	02/13/18	LEWIS, TERESA	\$30.00
30100044	02/13/18	LEXIS NEXIS	\$395.82
30100045	02/13/18	LEXIS NEXIS	\$724.00
30100046	02/13/18	LITTLE B ENTERPRISES INC.	\$77,236.91
30100047	02/13/18	LITTLE HENRY'S EXCAVATING AND PAVING	\$175,803.87
30100048	02/13/18	LUMOS NETWORKS	\$31.25
30100049	02/13/18	MANSFIELD OIL CO.	\$7,423.99
30100050	02/13/18	MATTHEW BENDER AND CO. INC.	\$178.10
30100051	02/13/18	MEREDITH'S GARAGE	\$179.00
30100052	02/13/18	MEREDITH, DUSTIN RYAN	\$600.00
30100053	02/13/18	MOUNT ROGERS COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD	\$35,955.00
30100054	02/13/18	MOUNT ROGERS PLANNING DISTRICT COMM.	\$4,435.00
30100055	02/13/18	NEW RIVER REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY	\$12,913.11
30100056	02/13/18	NEW RIVER VALLEY JUVENILE DETENTION	\$12,870.00
30100057	02/13/18	OC RUGGED LAPTOPS	\$3,648.00
30100058	02/13/18	OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER	\$60.00
30100059	02/13/18	PAPER CLIP	\$260.73

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30100060	02/13/18	PEED AND BORTZ LLC	\$26,788.00
30100061	02/13/18	POSTAGE BY PHONE RESERVE ACCOUNT	\$735.00
30100062	02/13/18	POSTAGE BY PHONE RESERVE ACCOUNT	\$1,500.00
30100063	02/13/18	PROFESSIONAL COMM SYSTEMS LLC.	\$600.00
30100064	02/13/18	PROTECT YOUTH SPORTS	\$127.60
30100065	02/13/18	R & C TOWING AND REPAIR CO.	\$81.76
30100066	02/13/18	R & R ENTERPRISES INC.	\$635.00
30100067	02/13/18	RGM ERECTORS INC.	\$761,599.61
30100068	02/13/18	RURAL RETREAT AUTO PARTS INC.	\$51.00
30100069	02/13/18	SALEM STONE	\$369.22
30100070	02/13/18	SCHAACK, EDWARD R.	\$100.00
30100071	02/13/18	SECOM SYSTEMS INC.	\$89,838.45
30100072	02/13/18	SHENTEL	\$68.37
30100073	02/13/18	SIRCHIE FINGER PRINT LABORATORIES	\$215.37
30100074	02/13/18	SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA GAS SERVICE	\$3,280.42
30100075	02/13/18	SPILLMAN TECHNOLOGIES INC.	\$73,242.00
30100076	02/13/18	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO.	\$2,177.06
30100077	02/13/18	STONEMAN, RICK	\$75.00
30100078	02/13/18	STREET, HAROLD P. III	\$44.00
30100079	02/13/18	SUNTRUST	\$36,881.92
30100080	02/13/18	SUPPLY WORKS	\$1,088.73
30100081	02/13/18	TESLA ELECTRIC SERVICE	\$436.93
30100082	02/13/18	TESSCO INC.	\$907.13
30100083	02/13/18	THOMPSON TIRE	\$591.36
30100084	02/13/18	TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE	\$27.40
30100085	02/13/18	TURNER LEASING COMPANY INC.	\$150.00
30100086	02/13/18	TWO WAY RADIO	\$968.50
30100087	02/13/18	UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA	\$150.00
30100088	02/13/18	US CELLULAR	\$66.10
30100089	02/13/18	US CELLULAR	\$516.66
30100090	02/13/18	US CELLULAR	\$642.12
30100091	02/13/18	US CELLULAR	\$846.85
30100092	02/13/18	USA BLUE BOOK	\$83.55
30100093	02/13/18	V & M RECYCLING	\$71,996.52
30100094	02/13/18	VERIZON	\$13.50
30100095	02/13/18	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYSTEM	\$686.48
30100096	02/13/18	VIRGINIA INTERACTIVE	\$95.00
30100097	02/13/18	VIRGINIA RESOURCES AUTHORITY	\$41,819.38
30100098	02/13/18	VITA	\$326.36
30100099	02/13/18	VUPS	\$81.90
30100100	02/13/18	WAGY, PEGGY	\$100.00
30100101	02/13/18	WYTHE COUNTY WATER AND WASTEWATER	\$231.33
30100102	02/13/18	WYTHE SHEET METAL INC.	\$218.70
30100103	02/13/18	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	\$1,095.92
30100104	02/13/18	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	\$1,308.86

30100105	02/13/18	XEROX	\$613.25
TOTAL CHECKS 02/13/18			\$1,657,618.26

TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 02/13/18 **\$1,805,751.29**

Supervisor Horney seconded the motion.

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board was presented with the January 23, 2018, minutes for adoption.

Supervisor Lester made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Vaught to approve the January 23, 2018, 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

APPOINTMENTS

1. Mount Rogers Community Services Board – Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts to appoint Charlie Lester to the Mount Rogers Community Services Board.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. New River Mount Rogers Workforce Development Area Consortium Board – Mr. Bear explained that he is continuing to work to locate a business representative to serve on the New River Mount Rogers Workforce Development Area Consortium Board. He requested that Board members contact him with any business representatives who may be interested in serving.

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3. Recreation Commission – Supervisor Hale questioned if Recreation Commission members are individuals who have or have had children involved in the sports programs or those who do not have children in the program.

Mr. Bear explained that the Commission is comprised of a combination of both. He noted that there are no restrictions or requirements either way.

Supervisor Hale noted that he would be prepared to appoint a representative in March.

Chair Reeves requested that Supervisor Hale try to locate an appointee by the February 27 meeting.

4. Wythe Grayson Regional Library Board – Supervisor Lester made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Vaught to appoint Stephanie Davis to the Wythe Grayson Regional Library Board.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. Wytheville Wythe Bland Chamber of Commerce – Mr. Bear advised that the Wytheville Wythe Bland Chamber of Commerce Board is currently above their minimum required membership capacity. He noted that if a Board member or other individual is very interested in serving, the Chamber Board membership could vote to add an additional member.

Chair Reeves noted that Scot Farthing has expressed an interest to serve on the Wytheville Wythe Bland Chamber of Commerce Board. He requested that Mr. Bear discuss with the Wytheville Wythe Bland Chamber of Commerce and if they wish to add another member that would be fine, but if not that would be fine also.

FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019 BUDGET CALENDAR

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed Fiscal Year 2018/2019 budget calendar.

Mr. Bear noted proposed budget calendar dates as follows:

- Budget Requests Due February 28
- First Draft of Budget to the Board March 9
- Budget Request Presentations March 26-30
- Final Budget to Board April 13
- Review Budget and Set Tax Levy April 24
- Budget/Tax Levy Public Hearing May 8
- Adopt Budget and Tax Levy May 22

Mr. Bear advised that this is an aggressive schedule, but would allow additional time if they need to amend the calendar and extend the timeframe for completion of the budget into June.

Mr. Reeves requested that they work to compact budget presentations into three days. He noted that the Board could meet with the School Board on a separate day when they are available to attend.

Following discussion, Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to adopt the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Budget Calendar as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

EXIT 24 WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Board reviewed and discussed Exit 24 Wastewater Improvement Project Contract 2, Change Order No. 3.

Mr. Bear reported that Change Order No. 3 would close out the project values providing a credit of \$46,366.65 and add the Circle K stub work with a cost of \$37,345.00 for a net decrease of \$9,021.65. He noted that they received the easement from Circle K earlier in the day, which would allow extension of the line to the stub and continue to the back of their property to serve other properties in the future. Mr. Bear added that the contractor is ready to proceed with the work.

Following discussion, Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester to accept Exit 24 Wastewater Improvement Project Contract 2, Change Order No. 3.

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

Supervisor Hale questioned when the project would go online.

Mr. Bear advised that the Circle K connection would provide the customer needed for the plant to go online and allow the project to proceed.

Mr. Vaughan noted that they hope to have the project complete and online in another two months.

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SUPERVISORY CONTROL AND DATA ACQUISITION EXPANSION PROJECT

The Board reviewed and discussed an engineering agreement from Peed and Bortz LLC for preparation of plans, specifications, and contract documents, and provision of construction administrative services for addition of the Grahams Forge Tank, Lots Gap control valve, Fort Chiswell Tank, and Apache Run control valve sites to the County’s existing supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system.

Mr. Bear noted that the proposal from Peed and Bortz was the only one received for the project.

Following discussion, Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lawson to approve the engineering agreement in the amount of \$8,000 from Peed and Bortz LLC for engineering services related to the SCADA system expansion project.

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

BLAND COUNTY MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

The Board reviewed and discussed a letter and supporting documents from Wythe County Sheriff’s Office First Sergeant B. J. Lawson requesting approval of a mutual aid and cooperation agreement for law enforcement services between Bland County and Wythe County.

Following discussion, Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester to approve the mutual aid and cooperation agreement for law enforcement services between Bland County and Wythe County.

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

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Tire Disposal – Supervisor Hale made a motion, as recommended by the Building and Grounds Committee to place an open-top container at the Maintenance Garage on Kents Lane for placement of tires retrieved by the Road Clean-up Crew. The cost to the County to dispose of tires will be \$2.00 per tire. It is estimated that approximately 300 tires will fit in a container.

Mr. Bear noted that he is working to partner with the Virginia Department of Transportation to clean up tire dumpsites that are within the right-of-way. He explained that the Sheriff’s Office has indicated that they would try to monitor these areas, but it may be beneficial to place signs in the area stating “these areas are under surveillance/no littering” to help with the issue.

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

APPALACHIAN REGIONAL EXPOSITION CENTER CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Change Order No. 1-Arena Waterline – Supervisor Hale made a motion, as recommended by the Appalachian Regional Exposition Center Construction Committee to approve Change Order No. 1 for installation of a waterline with two access points along the arena wall for watering the floor for dust control and cleaning the bleacher area at a cost not to exceed \$15,107.

Supervisor Vaught questioned why this was not included in the initial plan.

Supervisor Hale explained that many architectural items come up in a set of plans that were not originally included. He added that this is needed for the health of those in the Center and to reduce dust.

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: Brian W. Vaught

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

1. Cigarette Tax – Mr. Bear reported that the proposed cigarette tax legislation has died in the General Assembly for the current year. He noted that the latest proposal authorizing counties to impose a cigarette tax by referendum has captured the attention of the Tobacco Commission lobby. Mr. Bear added that it does appear that the cigarette legislation is gaining traction, but we will have to wait to see what happens.
2. Equalization of the Taxing Structure – Mr. Bear advised that Legislation equalizing the taxing structure between the cities, towns, and counties was passed over until next year as well.
3. Senate Bill 883 and House Bill 222 – Mr. Bear reported that Senate Bill 883 and House Bill 222 are basically identical Bills, which would provide a corporate income tax incentive to industries that locate within certain Virginia counties, as well as individuals who relocate and work within those counties. He noted that both Bills have passed their respective Chambers, and would hopefully continue once they cross over. Mr. Bear explained that Wythe County is included in the proposed legislation along with counties west, a large group of Southside counties, and some of the eastern shore. He added that this would be a great recruiting tool for economic development efforts in the rural areas of Virginia.

Chair Reeves explained that he is working to schedule meetings with Senator Emmett Hanger, Senate Finance Committee Chair, and Senator Bill Carrico to discuss equal taxation between cities, towns, and counties. He noted that the legislation has gained ground each year.

WYTHE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Mr. Bear advised that the School Board has requested a joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors following the February 27 Board meeting to review their proposal for the school system and tour George Wythe High School. He noted that the architects and engineers would be present at the meeting to discuss the renovation project and answer questions.

The Board agreed to meet with the School Board on February 27.

Mr. Bear reported that the Literary Loan Fund that was approved for Rural Retreat in 2008, but has not had any activity since that time, may be re-established. He noted that it is possible that they may receive Literary Loan funding this year and may be able to refinance the current outstanding debt at a lower interest rate. Mr. Bear explained that they are working to confirm that the interest rate at that time would still be the interest rate available. He stated that they hope to determine the interest rate and exact amount of eligible funding within the next two weeks. Mr. Bear added that if they were able to receive the full amount at the 2% interest rate that was previously offered over 20 years, they would incur a net debt savings of approximately \$175,000 per year.

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Chair Reeves noted that if the School Board requests an additional \$5 million for the George Wythe High School renovation project, this would cover approximately half of the debt service payment.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Reeves adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:35 p.m.

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair