

The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 9 a.m., Tuesday, April 24, 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	Ryan M. Lawson
Joe F. Hale, Vice Chair	Coy L. McRoberts
Brian W. Vaught	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
Charlie G. Lester	

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Stephen D. Bear, County Administrator  
Scot S. Farthing, County Attorney  
Martha G. Collins, Administrative Assistant/Clerk  
Caleb Coake, Information Technology Assistant  
Bruce Grant, Finance Director  
Casey Jensen, Payroll Clerk  
Delores Poston, Accounting Clerk  
Blake Stowers, Public Information Officer  
David Suthers, Information Technology Coordinator  
Bill Vaughan, County Engineer  
Rhonda Vaught, Building Inspection/Engineering Secretary  
Ann Wynn, Water and Wastewater Administrative Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Anthony Cline	Paul Matthews
Jamie Davis	Linda Meyer
Roy Cox	Birch Rambo
Lori Guynn	Jeff Russell

**CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION**

Chair Reeves determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Birch Rambo of the St. John's Episcopal Church provided the invocation and Chair Reeves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**RESOLUTION 2018-09 – DELORES E. POSTON**

The Board reviewed and discussed Resolution 2018-09 in honor of Delores E. Poston as follows:

**WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2018-09  
A RESOLUTION HONORING  
DELORES E. POSTON**

**WHEREAS**, Delores E. Poston was hired as Accounting Clerk for the Wythe County Administration Offices on April 13, 1998; and,

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**WHEREAS**, Ms. Poston will retire on April 30, 2018, after twenty years of outstanding service to Wythe County; and,

**WHEREAS**, the County Administration Offices and its various departments have greatly benefited from Ms. Poston's professionalism, her organizational skills, and her thoughtfulness during her years of service; and,

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Poston assisted in several accounting software upgrades and served as back up to the payroll clerk on numerous occasions.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors assembled in regular session in Wytheville, Virginia, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018, does hereby express its sincere appreciation to Ms. Poston for her dedicated service and does convey its best wishes to her and her family for continued success, happiness, and good health for years to come; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors does hereby direct that this resolution be incorporated into the official minutes of this Board and that a framed copy be given to Delores E. Poston as a token of their high regard.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester to adopt Resolution 2018-09 in honor of Delores E. Poston.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bear presented Ms. Poston with a framed copy of the resolution, a plaque, and a watch in recognition of her service to Wythe County.

### **STAFF INTRODUCTIONS**

Mr. Bear introduced staff present as follows: David Suthers, Information Technology Coordinator; Caleb Coake, Information Technology Assistant; Rhonda Vaught, Building Inspection; Ann Wynn, Water Department; Michelle Cassell, Planning Commission; Bruce Grant, Finance Director; and Casey Jensen, Payroll Clerk. Mr. Bear also introduced newly hired Public Information Officer Blake Stowers.

Mr. Stowers addressed the Board. He noted that he is from Rocky Gap and attended Emory and Henry College. Mr. Stowers added that he appreciates the opportunity to work for the Board and Wythe County.

Chair Reeves congratulated Mr. Stowers on the new job. He noted that he and the Board look forward to working with Mr. Stowers in the future.

Chair Reeves reported that at the recent Virginia Association of Counties Board of Directors meeting, they discussed implementation of a training program for public information officers across the State. He advised that the program would allow public information officers to meet and discuss ideas to improve how they relay information to the citizens and the public. Chair Reeves noted that he had also requested that they incorporate grant writing training into the program.

Chair Reeves thanked the staff present for the terrific job that they do for the County.

### **CITIZENS' TIME**

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

1. Zoning – Jamie Davis of 671 Painters Hill Road in Ivanhoe addressed the Board and stated the following:

“What I am coming to you about is there is a pig lot beside my house that is causing ruckus. There is a... it is in a flood zone. I live right in the middle of Ivanhoe. It has flooded numerous times in my yard. I have been to the Agriculture Department. They won't do nothing. I need you all to come up with a zoning for this. My kids can't even play out in the yard and it is getting bad. I have a map for you. The 'X' shows my house. The circle shows where the pig lot is. I have pictures. The pig lot has went... The pig poop has been on my vehicles. It is just a big huge mess. It is a small lot and it is a lot of pigs in it. I have pictures of pigs. It looks bad. It looks very very bad. It floods all of the time. When it floods, it washes in my yard. This picture I am getting ready to show you is a pond, the pig pond. It is 72 feet from my front door. The other pictures I am giving you is where it has landed on my vehicles. Where it has been on my vehicles. There is numerous numerous numerous pigs in this. This branch runs into the New River. The New River, which you know feeds Crater Lake. There needs to be zoning for this. You can't even smell. I mean the smell is just pure awful especially when it gets warmer. I need zoning to be done. I mean if you had grandchildren or children would you want them to play outside with the smell. I mean it makes me sick. I have a 19 month old that is on two inhalers. I don't know if this is the cause of this or what. Also, I have a 17 year old that is getting ready to graduate from Fort Chiswell High School and a 12 year old. They can't even... We can't even stand to be outside. We have neighbors. We have a lawyer involved in this because of the nuisance now. He said he would get them on the nuisance. I need zoning done in this area. There needs to be something done”.

Chair Reeves stated, “Well Ms. Davis, we don't have zoning in the County anywhere, but we will look into your complaint.”

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Ms. Davis stated, "The sound is awful. People can't even sleep at night. We are going in front of a judge as soon as we get... as soon as our lawyer... We have talked to residents around our area and several people are going to court with us over this."

Chair Reeves stated, "Mr. Bear, I know you gave us this letter that came from the Department of Agriculture. I read their findings. Have we sent anybody over there to investigate?"

Mr. Bear responded, "Mr. Vaughan has been involved with it. The situation has been ongoing for quite some time. The Building Official, a couple of years ago, looked at several issues over in that area. We are familiar with the problem. Trying to involve Agriculture and Consumer Services or anything to see if there would be any enforcement ideas or things they would have like we talked about before with the feedlot in Speedwell, was one of the only options that we had."

Ms. Davis stated, "This is in a flood zone and when it floods. I have pictures of it flooding badly. These are the ones I could come up with."

Chair Reeves inquired, "The people from the Soil and Water... did they come and talk to you? Did you show them these pictures?"

Ms. Davis stated, "Yes. They said there is nothing that they can do because of something, it is weather related. There is like a slide pretty much where they can't do nothing."

Supervisor Vaught questioned, "Ms. Davis, how many hogs do they have on the lot?"

Ms. Davis stated, "Anywhere from 15 to 30. The pallet you see is from the pig lot. In the pictures."

Supervisor McRoberts asked, "This round circle you have here. This property is what the County sold about two to three years ago. Where you have got this round circle, whose property is that?"

Ms. Davis stated "Yes, in 2015. The circle is Doug and Lou Davis'."

Supervisor McRoberts stated, "No, not the one that has got the circle on it. That ain't theirs, is it?"

Ms. Davis responded, "Yes, that is theirs. That is where the pond is. The 'X' is my house."

Supervisor McRoberts inquired, "So, how far does her land go back there? Just to the middle of that branch?"

Ms. Davis stated, "Just right past. Well, she has two lots. The first two lots are these right here. That is Doug and Lou Davis' right here. Ms. Price lives in Knoxville and she don't want to have nothing to do with this."

Supervisor McRoberts asked, "What can she do?"

Ms. Davis noted, "It is her property. They have taken over her property."

Supervisor McRoberts inquired, "They got the pigs on her property?"

Ms. Davis stated, "Yes and there is an old abandoned house that has been burnt. They have caught on fire. Has burnt a little bit. Even the fire department had a problem getting to the house because of the pig lots."

Supervisor McRoberts questioned, "Is that old house a danger?"

Ms. Davis responded, "Yes."

Chair Reeves stated, "Ms. Davis let us investigate this and see what we can come up with. A solution to take care of this problem. Does she have the letter? This letter."

Ms. Davis stated, "I do. Thank you."

2. Pope Road – Roy Cox of 1262 Pope Road addressed the Board and stated the following:

"Good morning. Most of you know why I am here. Pope Road. Worse and worse. I just want to find out when our turn is coming on that Six-Year Plan because we been on it forever. I mean I moved down there in 2004 and it was on the Six-Year Plan. Ain't got nothing yet. To top it off the bridge washed out about three years ago. Said it would be a year before they started. Two years it would be completed. Ain't done nothing yet. So, what I would like to know is when is it our turn to get that road blacktopped?"

Chair Reeves stated, "Mr. Cox, I don't have the Six-Year Plan in front of me. Maybe Mr. Bear can pull it up there and remind us of the dates."

Mr. Bear reported, "I am looking at it right now, and it appears that it is in the 2020-2021 timeframe is when the funding would become available."

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Supervisor Vaught questioned, "That would be fiscal year, correct? So it would be not this July, but next July."

Chair Reeves noted, "A year from this July. That is for the road. We haven't had any luck of getting any progress as far as VDOT and the State about the bridge as far as I know."

Supervisor Horney stated, "I don't know that they have ever or I didn't think that they had ever told us that they were going to rebuild it. I don't agree with it. I think it is a necessity."

Mr. Cox stated, "It is and it throws a burden on a lot of people. The other part of the road that is not blacktopped, it is rough to get around it. To pass anybody on sections, I mean you just got to stop. You just got to give it to that bus driver that she ain't got in that ditch already."

Chair Reeves inquired, "How about the culverts, Mr. Cox? Did they ever come over and clean them out?"

Mr. Cox stated, "Never did, but that is something else that has got to be done. The road scraper man, Mr. Pack, you got to give it to him; he knows how to run that grader. The one in front of my house is completely stopped up and he took that blade and went over in there and pushed them right out. I got a shovel and pulled it out of the pipe. He cleaned them out real good. Now he knows how to run that grader. They do need... a couple more got to be cleaned out he can't get to. If they were cleaned out like Mr. Hale said, it would cut down a lot of flow coming down through there to wash the road away. That is... In front of my house where the valley comes down through there everything builds up so it washes the road away, but 2021, I guess I will be around by then."

Supervisor Vaught asked, "Mr. Bear is there an amount listed on that. I remember hearing it, but I can't."

Mr. Bear stated, "There is. It is not a very clear copy that I am looking at. It is either \$360,000 or \$380,000. I think that it is \$380,000. One bit of good news that may help out in this situation, two of the roads that are ahead of their project are Pump Hollow Road, which is one we just requested for the Recreational Access. If that one happened, that would free up \$160,000 from our Six-Year Plan, which would move projects up. The other one on there is the continuing of Major Graham Road, which we have been applying for the High Volume Road on it. The increase this year because of additional funds, they went from \$300,000 to \$500,000. So, we upped our application to \$500,000. If that gets done quicker, that could speed up the process because that would come from funds other than Six-Year money. Major Graham Road was \$644,000 I believe. That would free up that money. It is feasible that money could move forward earlier in the process."

Supervisor Vaught questioned, "Mr. Bear, who sets the priority list on that?"

Mr. Bear stated, "The Board of Supervisors sets that priority list."

Supervisor Hale stated, "You might explain. I think that Mr. Cox would like to hear it. That new money, the High Volume is a different pot that we have never been able to get into before. What is supposed to happen in bookkeeping was that the \$82,500 that was already in place for Major Graham automatically went up the list and then when the \$300,000 came that moved it up the list. If this \$500,000 becomes a reality, that really has an impact on the list of another about \$300,000, wouldn't you say Mr. Bear. It won't give you full impact of \$500,000, but it will at least be \$300,000. Major Graham is being done with pavement instead of surface and chip. I had a question, I have been told all week because we have had no relief; they said that all of the equipment was at Pope Road. What did they do over there this week?"

Mr. Cox responded, "Well, we just got it scraped. That is all we have seen for a while."

Supervisor Hale inquired, "They didn't have anybody over there but the motor grader since the flood last Sunday?"

Mr. Cox stated, "Yeah, that is when it happened."

Supervisor Hale commented, "All of the problem was on the hill up there, I guess where it washed out."

Mr. Cox stated, "Ran down in front of my house where the culverts come out there. Far as blacktopping the road, it is less than two miles to join them together. Less than two miles."

Supervisor Hale stated, "It is two bad miles though. It is bad road there now. It is not going to be a routine... If there was a road there now, it wouldn't be much to blacktop it. That road has got to have major improvement before you can blacktop it. You don't need a 12-foot blacktop up through there. Mr. Bear, we had requested getting a district engineer down here. If we can get him down here, let's add that road to his visit. It is from the end of pavement over there, it is that gap that you have all heard about. It is over a major ridge. It is in... totally inadequate drainage is what the real problem is. It is not the terrain, it just is not drained."

Chair Reeves advised, "Mr. Cox, I have asked Mr. Bear to set up a meeting with me and Mr. Hale with the district engineer and we will put the bridge on our list too to talk to him about that and other things."

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Mr. Cox stated, "I understand they are going to start building bridges down here at Rural Retreat. It is in the paper this week."

Mr. Bear stated, "That is just the contractor. Crossroads Bridge is their name. They have just built a lot next to the interstate for their equipment and all of that."

Mr. Cox stated, "Okay, I know it was something about bridges. Anyway, there is like three more residents on Pope right now that has moved in there. You know as far as high volume traffic, it ain't the high volume, but it is just a matter of getting through. I did blacktop my driveway, but then my taxes went up 22% too. I paid for that. Alright, thank you very much."

Supervisor McRoberts stated, "Mr. Cox, I believe that Mr. Russell is supposed to be here today isn't he? Mr. Russell is supposed to be here today."

Mr. Cox stated, "Yeah, I was going to talk to him too."

Mr. Bear confirmed, "He is going to be here probably around 9:45 a.m. or so."

3. George Wythe High School - Linda Meyer of 1118 Dry Road in Wytheville addressed the Board and stated the following:

"Just two quick things. I happened to be at George Wythe High School on Saturday for most of the day and in one of the lavatories, the water is running. Not drip drip. Really running. We told the custodian that was on hand. He said he has turned it in several times over the past several months and they keep saying because the building is going to be renovated, that there is no reason to fix it, which is absolutely absurd. It is our money. It is our water resource and so on and if there is one place in that building that it is doing that, you know it happens to be more. I called the principal yesterday and alerted him and asked him if he would look into it, but it would probably help if you guys would send a letter to the School Board and ask them to make an assessment of the schools and the water and if there is a problem to fix it. That is one."

4. Wythe County Remote Control Flyers – Ms. Meyer readdressed the Board and stated the following:

"The other one was on Sunday, the Wythe County Remote Control Flyers did a demonstration over in Rural Retreat. We had a multitude of people, adults and children come for this demonstration, questions, and answers. They did a wonderful, wonderful job. This group is... they are part of the Academy of Model Aeronautics. They all carry insurance and so on. They are registered pilots with the FAA. For ten years they were over at Progress Park. They for some reason they got booted out of Progress Park. These people are a resource. We need

things to engage our youth here. The kids are interested in this. It requires technology and engineering. Building, utilizing this resource. There is national magazines for this stuff. We have a place that they could go. We are not using it. It is vacant land. How about considering letting them come back here. They draw people from all over and why have them going elsewhere with their hobby instead of encouraging the hobby here and bringing people here that will buy gas, will eat here, perhaps stay overnight, and so on and so forth. How about you guys looking into this and letting these guys come back to Progress Park and utilize it for their hobby."

Chair Reeves stated, "Stephen, do you remember, I can't remember exactly all of the things, why they couldn't use Progress Park. The industry was one aspect of it. One of them going out of control and going into one of the buildings out there. That was the main reason and the power lines and stuff."

Mr. Bear stated, "They did have concerns. Had one I believe that landed on top of a building at one of the factories out there. Had some complaints from some of the businesses out there. That was part of it. We now have a lease for the hay on the property that they were on that would have to be amended in the process of doing that. There were several reasons that were looked at."

Chair Reeves stated, "We told them that they could use the fairgrounds. Did they have a problem with the fairgrounds?"

Ms. Meyer stated, "Not that I know of. No, Not that I know of. Still look in to it. The hay can still grow. They don't need a big space as far as ground use and so on."

Chair Reeves stated, "I think the industry was the biggest factor in it."

Ms. Meyer questioned, "There were complaints from whatever? Well, perhaps we could look into it again for tourism and to get stuff for the kids to do here it would be a good option. Okay, please."

Supervisor Vaught stated, "Ms. Meyer, I will tell you that I actually ran into the maintenance guy yesterday afternoon. Apparently, he was over there addressing that leak and fixed it. I just happened to talk to him in the hallway."

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 April 24, 2018, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30100764-30100850 as follows:

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**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT  
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<b>CHECK NO.</b>	<b>ISSUE DATE</b>	<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
30100764	04/24/18	103 TOWING AND RECOVERY LLC	\$100.00
30100765	04/24/18	APPALACHIAN JUVENILE COMMISSION	\$4,375.00
30100766	04/24/18	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$21,777.57
30100767	04/24/18	BROWN EXTERMINATING CO.	\$40.00
30100768	04/24/18	BSN SPORTS INC.	\$314.75
30100769	04/24/18	BUSINESS INK CO.	\$1,596.65
30100770	04/24/18	CARDNO INC.	\$4,990.00
30100771	04/24/18	CARILION HEALTH CORP.	\$45.00
30100772	04/24/18	CARROLL COUNTY PSA	\$15,962.00
30100773	04/24/18	CARTER MACHINERY CO. INC.	\$5,744.68
30100774	04/24/18	CENTURY LINK	\$39.98
30100775	04/24/18	CENTURY LINK	\$50.06
30100776	04/24/18	CENTURY LINK	\$56.54
30100777	04/24/18	CENTURY LINK	\$76.96
30100778	04/24/18	CENTURY LINK	\$267.55
30100779	04/24/18	CENTURY LINK	\$278.65
30100780	04/24/18	CHARLES PORTER EXCAVATING LLC	\$1,271.00
30100781	04/24/18	CROWN AWARDS	\$249.38
30100782	04/24/18	DEPOT DESIGNS OF RURAL RETREAT	\$266.00
30100783	04/24/18	DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES	\$75.00
30100784	04/24/18	DUNAGAN, KEITH	\$117.20
30100785	04/24/18	ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT CO.	\$366.00
30100786	04/24/18	EMS INC.	\$1,090.00
30100787	04/24/18	ESP	\$1,546.13
30100788	04/24/18	FARTHING, SCOT S.	\$4,015.00
30100789	04/24/18	FASTENAL	\$44.22
30100790	04/24/18	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES NO. 5	\$390.67
30100791	04/24/18	FIXIT TRANSMISSION SERVICE	\$456.41
30100792	04/24/18	FROEHLING AND ROBERTSON INC.	\$1,570.00
30100793	04/24/18	GALLS	\$542.40
30100794	04/24/18	GRANT, BRUCE M.	\$4,136.75
30100795	04/24/18	HUFF FORD	\$144.00
30100796	04/24/18	L & A EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	\$70.00
30100797	04/24/18	L4 NETWORKS	\$1,684.89
30100798	04/24/18	LAW ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS	\$125.00
30100799	04/24/18	LEXIS NEXIS	\$197.91
30100800	04/24/18	MANSFIELD OIL CO.	\$7,881.54
30100801	04/24/18	MCI COMMUNICATION SERVICES	\$34.89
30100802	04/24/18	MCI COMMUNICATION SERVICES	\$59.51
30100803	04/24/18	MCI COMMUNICATION SERVICES	\$567.92

30100804	04/24/18	MCROBERTS AUTO	\$40.00
30100805	04/24/18	MOUNT ROGERS PLANNING DISTRICT COMM.	\$4,435.00
30100806	04/24/18	NATIONAL POOLS	\$4,151.13
30100807	04/24/18	NEW RIVER VALLEY JUVENILE DETENTION	\$17,745.00
30100808	04/24/18	NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL JAIL	\$98,670.00
30100809	04/24/18	TLA ENTERPRISES LLC	\$858.56
30100810	04/24/18	OFFICE DEPOT	\$359.76
30100811	04/24/18	OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER	\$20.00
30100812	04/24/18	PAPER CLIP	\$393.95
30100813	04/24/18	R & R ENTERPRISES INC.	\$1,089.39
30100814	04/24/18	RCI	\$47.50
30100815	04/24/18	RIDDELL	\$2,777.94
30100816	04/24/18	ROANOKE TIMES	\$903.17
30100817	04/24/18	RURAL DEVELOPMENT WYTHEVILLE	\$12,813.80
30100818	04/24/18	RURAL DEVELOPMENT WYTHEVILLE	\$23,765.00
30100819	04/24/18	RURAL RETREAT VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICE	\$1,056.91
30100820	04/24/18	SALEM STONE	\$1,159.12
30100821	04/24/18	SHENTEL	\$73.37
30100822	04/24/18	SIRCHIE FINGER PRINT LABORATORIES	\$394.67
30100823	04/24/18	SKYLINE NATIONAL BANK	\$26,074.67
30100824	04/24/18	TACS	\$250.00
30100825	04/24/18	THOMPSON TIRE	\$1,470.22
30100826	04/24/18	TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE	\$27,016.89
30100827	04/24/18	TOWN POLICE SUPPLY	\$3,390.00
30100828	04/24/18	TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE	\$29.60
30100829	04/24/18	TRI CITIES SWVA REGIONAL	\$644.60
30100830	04/24/18	TURNER LEASING COMPANY INC.	\$300.00
30100831	04/24/18	TYLER BUSINESS FORMS	\$224.56
30100832	04/24/18	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC.	\$55,051.25
30100833	04/24/18	UPS STORE 5065	\$672.50
30100834	04/24/18	US CELLULAR	\$516.66
30100835	04/24/18	US CELLULAR	\$642.12
30100836	04/24/18	USA BLUE BOOK	\$908.48
30100837	04/24/18	VERIZON	\$13.50
30100838	04/24/18	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$40.03
30100839	04/24/18	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYSTEM	\$805.64
30100840	04/24/18	VIRGINIA TECH	\$13,247.36
30100841	04/24/18	VITA	\$163.18
30100842	04/24/18	WELLS FARGO BANK	\$375.00
30100843	04/24/18	WILLIAMS, KEVIN	\$225.92
30100844	04/24/18	WORDSPRINT	\$215.00
30100845	04/24/18	WYTHE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT	\$920.00
30100846	04/24/18	WYTHE COUNTY WATER AND WASTEWATER	\$633.15
30100847	04/24/18	WYTHE SHEET METAL INC.	\$74.95
30100848	04/24/18	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	\$1,710.13

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30100849	04/24/18	WYTHEVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE	\$307.50
30100850	04/24/18	XEROX	\$307.19
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 04/24/18</b>			<b>\$389,601.58</b>

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 MEETINGS**

The Board was presented with the April 10, 2018, April 12, 2018, and April 16, 2018, minutes for adoption.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester to approve the April 10, 2018, April 12, 2018, and April 16, 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. Recreation Commission – Supervisor Hale made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts to appoint Crystal Glossop to the Recreation Commission to serve as the Fort Chiswell District representative.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Mountain Community Action Program Board – Chair Reeves advised that Supervisor Lawson has resigned from the Mountain Community Action Program Board. He noted that Supervisor Lester has generously agreed to serve on that Board.

Supervisor Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hale to appoint Charlie Lester to the Mountain Community Action Program Board to fill Supervisor Lawson's unexpired term.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. Upcoming Appointments – Chair Reeves noted that several appointments would expire in June and requested that Board members begin working to locate representatives to replace those who cannot be reappointed or do not wish to continue serving.

Supervisor Hale asked that they request that the Appalachian Regional Exposition Center Authority provide recommendations to fill their vacancy by the May 8 Board meeting.

Supervisor Lawson questioned if the Authority recommends members for appointment and inquired if Board members should provide names of potential candidates to the Authority.

Chair Reeves noted that the Authority can make recommendations, but the Board appoints members to the Authority.

### **TREASURERS' 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 \$66,137,137 of which \$40,852,024 was in the General Fund Account at the end of March.
2. Collections – Ms. Guynn advised that delinquent notices were received back into the County earlier in the month. She noted that they are continuing to increase delinquent prior year personal property tax collections through the Department of Motor Vehicle Hold program. She explained that they would work with the Information Technology Department in the next week to place holds on those individuals who owe 2017 taxes.
3. Bookkeeper – Ms. Guynn explained that she has promoted a current employee to fill the bookkeeper position vacancy. She noted that due to the staffing change, they now have an opening for an out front position. Ms. Guynn added that they hope to fill that vacancy within the upcoming month.
4. Meals and Transient Occupancy Tax Collections – Supervisor Hale questioned if the Treasurer could provide potential revenue streams available from collection of

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taxes related to meals, transient, and recreational vehicle parks. He noted that a local recreational vehicle park has recently added additional sites due to increased demand. Supervisor Hale explained that he believes that the County could collect taxes if a recreational vehicle remains in a park for 30 days. He advised that these recreational vehicles should be assessed personal property tax at the end of those 30 days if that vehicle remains on the site. Supervisor Hale added that if these individuals are paying taxes in their home state due to their title, this does not comply with the State statute.

Ms. Guynn noted that personal property tax is based on what is within the County on January 1. She explained that she is unsure how they determine those recreational vehicles for taxation, as the Commissioner of Revenue assesses personal property.

Supervisor Hale inquired if the statute prohibits the Treasurer's Office from checking on recreational vehicles parked in Wythe County on January 1. He noted that several years ago he and Chair Reeves provided a list to the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office of those who were not paying taxes for their recreational vehicles. Supervisor Hale reported that for four years he provided the former Commissioner photographs and lists of individuals who have retained their equipment in Wythe County for several years, but were not paying taxes.

Ms. Guynn agreed that any amount collected makes a difference. She noted that if they do not make the effort to collect taxes owed, then they are not fully fulfilling the duties of their office. Ms. Guynn advised that they do work diligently to collect delinquent taxes as much as possible.

Mr. Bear reported that they have recommended a 12% increase in the upcoming budget year projected revenue in transient/lodging taxes based on the increase they have experienced over the last five years. He advised that they collected \$697,000 in meals tax in 2013 compared to \$785,000 collected in 2017. Mr. Bear noted that they have collected 73% of the current budget through the first nine months of 2018.

Supervisor Vaught questioned if they collect any lodging tax from the hotels within the Town of Wytheville.

Mr. Bear advised that they only collect lodging tax from the hotels, recreational vehicle parks, and campgrounds out in the County. He noted that transient occupancy taxes have increased from \$165,000 in 2013 to \$187,600 in 2017. Mr. Bear added that 60% of these funds collected must be used for tourism purposes.

5. Unpaid Fines and Court Cost Collection – Mr. Bear explained that he, Ms. Guynn, Bruce Grant, Sheriff Keith Dunagan, and the Deputy Commonwealth’s Attorney met on April 20 to discuss the \$7 million in unpaid fines and court costs that remain outstanding. He noted that they are working to procure a collection agency to collect these outstanding fine and forfeiture funds instead of collection through State methods. Mr. Bear added that the Sheriff’s Office and Commonwealth’s Attorney’s Office are on board to pursue collection of these funds.

**WATER COMMITTEE REPORT**

1. Exit 24 Wastewater Project Amendment No. 3 – Supervisor Horney made a motion, as recommended by the Water Committee to approve Exit 24 Wastewater Project Amendment No. 3 at a cost not to exceed \$11,000.

Mr. Bear noted that the amendment would provide completion of the operation, management, and maintenance manuals that were not included in the Engineering Joint Contract Documents Committee (EJCDC) documents.

County Engineer Bill Vaughan advised that these manuals would be developed as part of the commissioning process. He noted that they expect to begin turning the system on within the next week.

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

2. Exit 24 Wastewater Project Connections – Supervisor Horney made a motion, as recommended by the Water Committee to provide a waiver to the Exit 24 Wastewater Project residential connection fee for 90 days, with all residents still responsible for the capacity fee.

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

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**BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT**

1. Health Insurance Employer Share Minimum – Supervisor Lester made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee to increase the Local Choice Key Advantage HDHP Health Insurance employer share to the minimum requirement.

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

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

County Administrator Bear appeared before the Board and reported the following:

1. Lead Mines Rescue Squad Vehicle Lease Agreement – Mr. Bear reviewed with the Board the revised Lead Mines Rescue Squad Vehicle Lease Agreement. He noted that the lease agreement has been revised to include the Squad's new ambulance and remove no longer owned vehicles.

Following discussion, Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester to approve the Lead Mines Rescue Squad Vehicle Lease agreement as presented and to authorize all necessary signatures.

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

2. Exit 24 Wastewater Treatment Plant Certificate to Operate – Mr. Bear reviewed with the Board the Certificate to Operate the Exit 24 Wastewater Treatment Plant as issued by the Department of Environmental Quality in accordance with Commonwealth of Virginia Sewage Collection and Treatment Regulations Section 790.
3. Clerk of Circuit Court Auditor's Report/Statement of Assets and Liabilities – Mr. Bear reviewed with the Board the Independent Auditor's Report and Statement of Assets and Liabilities as prepared by Auditor of Public Accounts Mary Mavredes upon the retirement of Hayden Horney. He noted that the auditor

found the financial statement of asset and liabilities to be properly supported and clear. Mr. Bear added that assets and liabilities have been transferred to Frankie Akers in the interim at this time.

## **SUPERVISORS' REPORTS**

1. Public Hearing Notifications – Supervisor Vaught reported that he has been contacted by several citizens concerning the public hearing notification announcements. He noted that the citizens do not understand the notifications. Supervisor Vaught added that a citizen had complained that the automated voice does not pronounce Wythe County correctly. He requested that they address the mispronunciation if possible.
2. Sheffey School Road Spur – Supervisor McRoberts expressed his appreciation to the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Sheriff's Office for picking up the trash along the Sheffey School Road spur. He noted that they did a great job.
3. Virginia Association of Counties Training Programs – Chair Reeves noted that as he had mentioned earlier in the meeting, the Virginia Association of Counties Board of Directors meeting was held over the past weekend. He advised that in addition to the public information training, county administrator training and conferences have also been proposed in the upcoming year.
4. Virginia Association of Counties Board of Director's Meeting – Chair Reeves reported that the Virginia Association of Counties Board of Directors met in King and Queen County, but they had to stay in another county as King and Queen does not have any hotels. He explained that King and Queen County has only gained 500 residents over the past 20 years and has a current population of 7,000 residents. Chair Reeves noted that King and Queen County is a beautiful county consisting of mostly farmland.

Chair Reeves advised that Wythe County would host the Virginia Association of Counties Board of Directors meeting in 2019. He explained that Board of Directors members would arrive in Wythe County on Friday and depart on Sunday. Chair Reeves stated that the Board of Directors meeting would be held on Saturday morning followed by a tour of the County and other activities. He encouraged Board members to attend and welcome their fellow supervisors from around the State of Virginia.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion to approve the consent calendar as presented for April 24, 2018, as follows:

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**1. PAYROLL – March 2018:**

General County Fund	\$ 480,490.88
Police Activity Fund	80,348.60
Courthouse Security Fund	14,220.63
Water Department Fund	14,336.93
<u>Wythe County Wastewater Fund</u>	<u>17,506.62</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 606,903.66</b>

**Check Numbers:** 20000186-20000210

**Voucher Numbers:** 2784-3116

**2. STATUS REPORTS:**

- A. Animal Control – Arlan Dunford
- B. Building Inspection – Tim Spraker
- C. Engineering – Bill Vaughan
- D. Finance – Bruce Grant
- E. Planning Commission – Michelle Cassell

**3. PERSONNEL:**

- A. Dalton, William – Merit Increase, Water Maintenance Tech I, Annual Salary \$24,091, Effective March 16, 2018
- B. Nicola, Patrick – Merit Increase, Chief Wastewater Operator, Annual Salary \$40,640, Effective March 16, 2018
- C. Kincer, Kelly – Merit Increase, Chief Water Operator, Annual Salary \$38,494, Effective March 16, 2018
- D. Wynn, Ann – Merit Increase, Water/Wastewater Administrative Assistant, Annual Salary \$33,260, Effective March 16, 2018
- E. Stoneman, Richard – Merit Increase, Water Maintenance Supervisor, Annual Salary \$40,640, Effective March 16, 2018
- F. Ward, Kevin – Hired, Full-time Water Maintenance Tech I, Annual Salary \$22,784, Effective March 26, 2018
- G. Horney, Hayden – Retired, Clerk of Circuit Court, Effective March 31, 2018
- H. Harrington, Barry – Resigned, Full-time Deputy Sheriff, Effective April 1, 2018
- I. Cali, Kelly – Promoted, Full-time Deputy Treasurer, Annual Salary \$30,393, Effective April 1, 2018

- J. Bowers, Margaret H. – Merit Increase, Sheriff IT, Annual Salary \$38,696, Effective May 1, 2018

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

**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Jeff Russell, Virginia Department of Transportation Residency Administrator, addressed the Board.

1. Project Update – Mr. Russell updated the Board on the status of current and future Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) projects. He reported that the Town of Wytheville connector road project adjacent to Wytheville Community College is slated for completion in November 2018. Mr. Russell advised that the merging lane in Fort Chiswell from Interstate 77 North on to Interstate 81 South is scheduled for completion in September 2018. He noted that the Millers Creek culvert replacement project is in progress and is expected to be completed in early May 2018. Mr. Russell stated that they plan to bid out extension of the Interstate 77 South Interstate 81 interchange merging lane to Exit 73 in August. He added that they were able to obtain Highway Safety Improvement Project funding for this project.
2. Secondary Six-Year Plan – Mr. Russell reviewed with the Board a draft report outlining Secondary Six-Year Plan current projects, project estimates, previous funds that have been applied to the project, and projected additional Six-Year funds to fully fund the projects. He reported that based on funding allocations provided, they would have around \$1,160,000 to program towards new projects.
3. A-frame Drive – Supervisor Vaught thanked Mr. Russell for addressing the A-Frame Drive issue. He noted that the residents were very pleased with the speed at which the issue was addressed. Supervisor Vaught added that they were also very appreciative of the trees cut from the right-of-way.
4. Thank You – Supervisor Lester thanked Mr. Russell for the work they do.
5. Thank You – Supervisor Lawson also thanked Mr. Russell.

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6. Millers Creek Road Bridge – Supervisor Hale questioned the alignment on the Millers Creek Road Bridge.

Mr. Russell agreed that the bridge could have been better aligned. He noted that with the rural rustic road concept 16-foot wide surface footprint and the 27-foot width of the structure, they would have the space needed to make the curve.

Supervisor Hale noted that this is a safety hazard especially with the gravel road surface. He explained that with the limited base between the pipes and the concrete slab, which would be icy in the winter, and the curve on the structure, cars would slide off the road and pile up where the filter was installed. Supervisor Hale questioned if VDOT could place Jersey curb barriers on the structure to prevent cars from leaving the concrete and going over the edge, which is approximately a six-foot drop. He advised that the contractor has indicated that VDOT would relocate the utility pole and remove a portion of the bluff to help with the misalignment.

Mr. Russell explained that they have discussed shaving the bank back, but he is unsure if they would move the utility pole.

Supervisor Hale advised that with the misalignment, only about one lane of road meets the 27-foot structure. He requested that they consider placement of short Jersey curbs on the bridge with a gap to allow it to function like a low water bridge.

Mr. Russell noted that they could install delineators on the road. He added that they could discuss curb options.

Supervisor Hale reported that the three tube coated pipe in the creek is blocked and needs to be cleaned out. He added that the next two pipes above the three tube pipes have collapsed on the inlet end and are not functioning.

Mr. Russell advised that they are working on this today. He noted that they had several roads washed out following the rains in the previous week and have been busy addressing these issues.

Supervisor Hale requested that they clean out the Millers Creek Road pipes and work to obtain emergency funding to replace the collapsed pipe.

7. Painters Hill Road – Supervisor McRoberts requested improvement of Painters Hill Road this summer.
8. Route 94 – Supervisor McRoberts noted that the ditch line on Route 94 before Delby Terrace is full and causing mud to enter the roadway.

9. Saint Peters Road – Supervisor Horney expressed his appreciation for the guardrail to be placed on Saint Peters Road.

Mr. Russell noted that the guardrails would be installed with County safety funds.

10. Gravel Roads – Supervisor Horney thanked the VDOT crew for scraping the gravel roads.

11. Speedwell Feedlot – Supervisor Horney provided pictures and a video depicting the runoff issue from the Speedwell hill feedlot.

Mr. Russell advised that they are investigating this issue this morning. He noted that the sediment basins have accumulated quite a bit of cow manure. Mr. Russell explained that VDOT is a receiver just like everyone else downstream of the feedlot and cannot force another property owner to do anything. He stated that they have contacted and met previously with the Virginia Department of Agriculture Department of Environmental Quality who has established a remediation plan with the property owner to attempt to prevent the issues.

Chair Reeves questioned why the pipes on the bank are still in place. He noted that he believed that the pipes were to be removed.

Mr. Russell noted that they are on site this morning to discuss the run off and why the remediation plan is not working. He added that VDOT has no jurisdiction over the issue.

12. Pope Road – Chair Reeves advised that they would receive High Volume Road funding for a portion of Major Graham Road and may receive Recreational Access funds for improvement of Pump Hollow Road. He questioned that if they are able to obtain funding for these two projects through alternate sources, would they be able to move Pope Road up on the list.

Mr. Russell noted that Pope Road is not the next priority road on the list. He explained that Millers Creek Road, the remainder of Major Graham Road, Mount Airy Road, and Wilkins Road are all on the list ahead of Pope Road.

Supervisor Hale inquired when the first section of the Millers Creek project would be fully funded.

Mr. Russell explained that the first .6 mile section of the Millers Creek project would be fully funded in July 2018.

Supervisor Hale requested that they work to complete this section as soon as possible. He noted that the next section would cost substantially more than the first section.

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Mr. Russell stated that they complete roads in the order they are listed on the Board's priority list. He noted that several roads are ahead of the Millers Creek project.

13. Silings Road Bridge – Chair Reeves requested an update on the Silings Road Bridge.

Mr. Russell noted that he has not received any recent updates on the Bridge. He added that he would discuss with the Bridge Division and provide an update to Mr. Bear so that he can relay the information to the Board.

Chair Reeves explained that he had requested that Mr. Bear schedule a meeting with the regional engineer and asked that they also request that the bridge crew attend.

14. Secondary Six-Year Plan Funding – Mr. Bear explained that approximately \$1.173 million is proposed for addition to the Secondary Road Six Year Plan. He noted that VDOT had in previous years attempted to add roads that meet the rural rustic concept to allow for the inclusion of as many projects as possible with the funding available.

Chair Reeves requested that Mr. Russell provide a list of roads that can be improved under the rural rustic road concept, if possible.

Mr. Russell noted that they have started a list, but he is unsure if they have a complete list of rural rustic eligible roads.

15. Grouse Ridge Road – Supervisor Hale questioned the status of Grouse Ridge Road and inquired if improvement of the road would be funded.

Mr. Russell noted that they have not received the go ahead, but he would anticipate that the Grouse Ridge Road project would be funded.

Supervisor Hale asked if they could add additional portions of Grouse Ridge Road to the end of the Six-Year Plan.

Mr. Russell advised that if they receive the revenue sharing funding for the section they have applied for, they would build it and bring that section into the State system. He noted that they cannot add additional sections of Grouse Ridge Road to the Six-Year Plan, as they are not in the State system. Mr. Russell explained that the only way additional sections of Grouse Ridge Road could be added into the State system is through the Revenue Sharing Program. He added that they could apply next year for additional Revenue Sharing Program Funds to extend the road if desired.

Mr. Bear explained that when they met with the Grouse Ridge Road landowners, they discussed both the cost to complete the entire road and the cost to improve one or more miles under the Revenue Sharing Program. He noted that the landowners recommended improvement of the first mile of the road, which was what they could afford and obtain the necessary signatures for the tax district. Mr. Bear added that the landowners could discuss completion of additional sections in the future.

16. Orion Lane – Supervisor Hale questioned the status of Orion Lane.

Mr. Russell explained that if improvements are made and the road meets the State standards, Orion Lane could be added to the State system. He noted that someone could improve the road to the State standards or they could apply for Revenue Sharing funds for improvement of the road to allow it to be taken into the State system.

Supervisor Hale inquired if Orion Lane could be added to the State system if they improve the road to State standards as an unsurfaced road.

Mr. Russell noted that VDOT would not take an unsurfaced road into the State system.

Supervisor Hale requested that Mr. Russell provide an estimate for improvement of Orion Road.

17. Secondary Road Six-Year Plan – Mr. Bear requested that Board members provide roads for addition to the Secondary Road Six-Year Plan to either himself or Mr. Russell. He noted that the Board would need to set a public hearing date for the Plan.

Mr. Russell noted that they like to have the approved Plan and the Board's resolution of support sometime in June. He explained that they normally hold the public hearing, develop a plan based on those comments, and then adopt the Six-Year Plan at a later meeting.

Following discussion, the Board agreed to set the Secondary Road Six-Year Plan for June 12 at 7:05 p.m.

**CLOSED MEETING – CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL AND DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL MATTERS**

Supervisor Lester made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lawson to enter into Closed Meeting under Section 2.2-3711-A.7 (Consultation with Legal Counsel) and Section 2.2-3711-A.1 (Discussion of Personnel Matters) of the Code of Virginia – Discussion with Legal Counsel – Hiring Legal Representation.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Upon returning to open meeting, Supervisor Lester made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney 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

**LEGAL REPRESENTATION**

Supervisor Hale noted that Firm B does not have anyone signed at this time and recommended that they as the first, request that Firm B bring their proposal more in line with Firm A's. He explained that this could make a significant difference in the Board's vote.

Supervisor Hale made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to notify Firm B that money has become a deciding factor and request that they renegotiate their fee structure to place them on a level playing field with Firm A.

Chair Reeves stated that the fee would not change his mind one way or the other.

Supervisor Hale withdrew his motion with the concurrence of Supervisor Horney.

**RECESS**

The Board recessed at 12:21 p.m. until 1:15 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

The Board reconvened at 1:16 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Ryan M. Lawson

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

**FISCAL YEAR 19 BUDGET REVIEW**

The Board reviewed and discussed recommended proposed Fiscal Year 19 revenue and expenditure budgets. Topics of discussion included funding related to school resource officers/school security officers, the George Wythe High School renovation project, fire and rescue equipment and vehicles, and the Appalachian Regional Exposition Center project.

*Supervisor Horney exited the meeting at 2:05 p.m.*

**BUDGET CALENDAR AMENDMENT**

The Board reviewed and discussed the amended 2018 Budget Calendar to include revisions as follows:

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| • Review Budget and Tax Levy              | April 24 |
| • Complete Budget Review/and Set Tax Levy | May 8    |
| • Advertise Proposed Tax Rate and Budget  | May 12   |
| • School Board Budget Public Hearing      | May 22   |
| • County Budget/Tax Levy Public Hearing   | May 22   |
| • Review of Public Hearing Comments       | May 23   |
| • Adopt Budget and Tax Levy               | June 12  |

The Board agreed to continue budget discussions on Tuesday, May 1, 2018, at 5:30 p.m.

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Mr. Bear recommended that the Board recess until April 30, 2018, for the Joint Governing Bodies meeting. He noted that following that meeting the Board could recess until May 1.

**LEGAL REPRESENTATION**

Supervisor Hale made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester to enter into negotiations with Attorneys Wagstaff and Cartmell for drafting of an agreement.

Supervisor Vaught noted that he would prefer to delay action on the motion until all Board members are present.

Chair Reeves deferred action on the motion until the May 1 reconvened meeting.

**RECESS**

The Board recessed at 3:08 p.m. until Monday, April 30, 2018, at 7 p.m.

**RECONVENE – JOINT GOVERNING BODIES MEETING**

The Board reconvened on April 30, 2018, at 7 p.m. in the Wytheville Meeting Center, located at 333 Community Boulevard, Wytheville, Virginia, for the Joint Governing Bodies meeting. Board members met with Town of Wytheville and Town of Rural Retreat Council members to discuss issues concerning the Towns and County.

**RECESS**

The Board recessed following the Joint Governing Bodies meeting until Tuesday, May 1, 2018, at 5:30 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

The Board reconvened on Tuesday, May 1, 2018, at 5:31 p.m.

**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. (5:45 p.m.)

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECONDARY ROAD SIX-YEAR PLAN**

The Board reviewed and discussed a list of roads provided by the Virginia Department of Transportation for potential addition to the Secondary Road Six-Year Plan.

Mr. Bear advised that the Virginia Department of Transportation has requested that the Board provide a list of roads for possible addition to the Secondary Road Six-Year Plan by mid-May. He explained that the Virginia Department of Transportation has indicated

that approximately \$1.1 million would be available to add roads to the plan. Mr. Bear noted that this equates to improvement of about six miles of rural rustic eligible roads.

The Board discussed roads for addition to the Virginia Department of Transportation Secondary Road Six-Year Plan. Roads discussed for possible addition to the Plan were as follows: A-Frame Drive, 1.5 miles of Millers Creek Road from Heather Lane, Walton Furnace Road, Scowanda Springs, Hogback Road, Zion Church Road, Mule Hell Road, Shadow Lane, Farmview Road, Raccoon Run, and Pineview Drive.

**LEGAL REPRESENTATION**

Supervisor Hale made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester to enter into negotiations with Attorneys Wagstaff and Cartmell.

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

Chair Reeves directed Mr. Bear to inform the County Attorney of the Board's decision.

**DISCLOSURES**

Supervisor Vaught reported, "As of 9 or 10 o'clock this morning, I don't remember the exact time, but I am no longer a school resource officer. I have been transferred to Investigations Division when I put in for it. I figured the first of the month, a decision would be made. I contacted Mr. Farthing yesterday and he said that since the conflict had to do with my position that if I did get the position, I would be able to participate in the SRO/SSO discussion in his opinion. I do have a letter if anybody wants to see it. If you don't believe me."

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

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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 discussions 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 budget discussions to be discussed in our meeting this evening. 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 discussions 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 budget at our meeting today. I declare that I am able to participate in this matter fairly, objectively, and in the public interest."

Chair Reeves read the following disclosure statement:

"Even though my wife hasn't worked in four days and hasn't come anywhere near the amount, I, Tim Reeves, as a member of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors declare pursuant to the Virginia Conflict of Interest Act that I have a personal interest because my wife is a part-time employee of the Wythe County School Board, which will be affected by the matters of budget discussions to be discussed in our meeting today. I declare that I am able to participate in this matter fairly, objectively, and in the public interest."

### **FISCAL YEAR 19 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS**

The Board reviewed and discussed recommended proposed Fiscal Year 19 revenue and expenditure budgets. Topics of discussion included funding related to fire and rescue equipment and vehicles, the Appalachian Regional Exposition Center project, the George Wythe High School renovation project, school system operations, school construction debt service, and school resource officers/school security officers.

*Supervisor Hale exited the meeting at 7 p.m.*

Supervisor Vaught requested a meeting with Sheriff Dunagan to discuss school resource officers/school security officers.

Supervisor Lawson also requested that the Board meet with Sheriff Dunagan to discuss school resource officers/school security officers.

The Board agreed to meet with Sheriff Dunagan on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, at 5 p.m.

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**FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 BUDGET CALENDAR**

Supervisor Lester made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lawson to adopt the revised Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget Calendar as presented.

The motion passed unanimously with six ayes and one absent.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Reeves adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

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Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair