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The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 22, 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
 Billy Bowers, Building & Grounds/Refuse Department Head

OTHERS PRESENT:

Faye Barker
 Roy Cox
 Roger Crigger
 Keith Dunagan
 Charles Foster
 Lori Guynn

Paul Matthews
 Virgil Moore
 Johnny Moore
 Terry Ogle
 John Thomas

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 Roger Crigger of the Rural Retreat Pentecostal Holiness Church provided the invocation and Chair Reeves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS' TIME

Chair Reeves opened Citizens' Time and inquired if anyone wished to address the Board.

1. Pope Road – Mr. Roy Cox appeared before the Board and stated, "You know why I'm here so there's no use in me saying it. I'm here to see if there's any way possible that you can get Pope Road moved up on the six-year plan from 2021 up to earlier? I mean it's getting worse all the time. I don't know of any other

road anywhere that's any rougher or as in bad as need than we are. If the bridge wasn't there it wouldn't be as bad but with the bridge, it makes it double bad. Do you know when the bridge is scheduled to be replaced?"

Chairman Reeves stated that the Board hasn't heard anything from VDOT.

Mr. Cox stated, "That's what we're waiting on. As it is right now, we need that road black topped and put in reasonable condition to get in and out. Mr. Gene Horney, I want to address him, to get on the VDOT people to get gravel and scrape the road in the meantime. We're in bad need, mud and everything else. Do what you can. I appreciate anything you can do. Thank you."

2. Pope Road – Mr. Paul Matthews appeared before the Board and stated, "My name is Paul Matthews. I live on Pope Road and it concerns the road. You know every time it comes a hard rain it washes. The bucket truck come through two weeks ago and cleaned out the end of the drain pipes and ditch line into them but they're still full of gravel and dirt and they don't drain so what happened there? I mean, they started something that they're not finishing. What good is a drain pipe if it's full of gravel and dirt and water can't run thru it? What good is a ditch line going into it? It isn't no good. And down at the end of Guava Lane down there, that ditch is only about that deep where it's washed out. And if a car gets in it, he's on the bottom and don't go nowhere. So it's a problem. And that low water bridge, it was necessary to be constructed 30-40 ago across there, why is it not necessary to be on there now? What is happening that everything has changed so much? It don't make sense. And even the road from the top of the hill going back toward Powder Mill Road washes every time, will wash across the road and everything else. And down at the end of the hill, there's a drain pipe there that's completely stopped up and when the water builds up like the two hard rains we had yesterday, it's clear across the road, the water is. And still isn't getting anything done. I don't know. The man didn't even find it but I know it's in there because I saw it. The gravel line, when it's wet and muddy, you got mud and when it's dry, you got dust so we need to get something done on the bridge and the black top. And I believe if we have to go to higher authorities, we'll have to go. But we need to get something done. And I appreciate everything that's been done."

Chairman Reeves stated that the County will contact VDOT about getting the drains cleaned out.

Mr. Paul Matthews stated, "they cleaned out the ditches down to them but what good is a ditch coming into them if it can't go anywhere? It just fills up with water and goes on down the road. So what good is it? They say they have a high pressure system they can flush them drain pipes out but it took two weeks to cut the ditch in there and that's where it stopped."

Chairman Reeves stated he will write Senator Carrico, Senator Suetterlein and Delegate Campbell about the bridge and see if they can help.

Mr. Paul Matthews stated, "they have a portable bridge they could come set right across there and have a bridge. Even if it's temporary until they can get something else done. We got one way in and one way out, we either have to go all the way around or we can come back to Ivanhoe and out. That's it. It makes it inconvenient on everybody. And farmers that's got to go all the way around to get to the farms on their side where the low water bridge is, they have to go all the way around with their machinery to do their farm work and it's not right. I think if we push it hard enough, something can get done but this thing on the drain pipes, we brought it up two years ago and nothing has been done other than about two weeks ago the bucket truck come by and dug the ditches out but the drain pipes are still stopped up."

Chairman Reeves indicated that the County has asked VDOT several times to take care of it.

3. Route 94 – Mr. Terry Ogle appeared before the Board and stated, "Good morning. I'm here to talk about Route 94, over there about 1444 Ivanhoe Road. There's been 13 wrecks there within less than a year and one guy was killed. They need to do something about this road. Last year I took it upon myself to go down to VDOT to talk to them about cutting some of the curve off and straighten it out and they just shunned me. So I thought I'd come down here. I have some pictures if would you like to look at them. It's dangerous as a cocked shot gun there. When you come through there, the speed limit's supposed to be 55 and we need to get it reduced down to 45. I don't know if you can do that or whatever. It is dangerous. You can be there working in the garage and they are always running off the road and there's been two wrecks in last two weeks. And when they hard-topped the road, when they done the lines instead of following the contour of the road, they go narrow and go back like this. You can see it in the pictures and

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there isn't about that much past the line that's off in about a foot ditch. I didn't know who else to turn to, that's why I'm here."

Supervisor McRoberts indicated that he turned this road into staff last week. He stated there's been three wrecks there in the past 10 days.

Mr. Bear stated that he will talk to VDOT and see if they have any recommendations.

Mr. Ogle concluded that "once you come around the curve there and if you get off the line, you're done for." He thanked the Board for their help.

4. Cat Issue – Mr. John Thomas of 944 Walton Furnace Road appeared before the Board and stated, "I was wanting to speak to you today about cat problems. We all know how big cat problems can be. The last 22 months, I and my family, we live in the same area there, have fought a neighboring house that was bought from my sister a few years back. This lady has roughly 30 plus cats and I don't need to tell you all what I'm dealing with. I have pictures if you want to see them but I'll spare you the grueling mess. My mom lives beside me, which is the closest, she is the closest to this house. She lives in a mobile home, I live in a house with a basement. They have tunneled under her underpinning and are living under there. We have a nasty mess under there and we can smell it. This past week, we killed three roaches in her kitchen. We're clean people, we don't have roaches. But this home is the equivalent to a car that's been bought, just replace it with a house, kind of a repossession type situation you would think because it's trashed. Trash, junk everywhere, not cleaned up, cats everywhere. I can fill up wheelbarrows full out of my mulch. I've got pictures here if you want to see some of them. I've stepped in it with two different pairs of shoes in my yard. I've talked to his lady about it 18 times in the last 22 months. Not to say get rid of your cats, you know because it's on her property it's none of my business, but to say keep your cats off my property. I've talked to her parents five times. I don't want to say who her parents are because you all know them. And it will shock you if you knew what was going on and what we've had to put up with if you knew who this was. We've got to do something. I've talked to Tim and Stephen about this, about trapping these cats on my property and getting rid of them. I've made some phone calls since we've talked yesterday. I haven't got calls back yet but it's a possibility that I can have them picked up from the SPCA once we trap them. The thing of it is, in 13 years, this is the second batch of cats she's had, the first time it was 22. She leaves these cats, I have dates wrote down here, I'm just trying

abbreviate this a little bit because its' a long drawn out process. This is a mess. I have dates wrote down, I started in September of last year to March 9th and I stopped because there was no use in keeping it. She leaves, she puts food out, water out and is gone anywhere from 15 hours to 40 some hours at a time. Never shows up, don't know where she goes, don't care, none of my business but leaves these animals to roam the world and cause trouble on our property. And the thing of it is, trapping the cats, me and the lady from SPCA agreed that it could take weeks up to months to get all these cats out of there. But if there's not something put in place, an ordinance, with her track record she's just going to get them back. It's just an ongoing process. Litters of kittens on a weekly basis, she has a new litter now. We can't deal with this anymore. I've got a 91 year old mom that is worried to death about what is going on underneath her mobile home. If you guys want to see pictures, I can show you the situation, show you what her place looks like versus mine and it'll kind of paint a picture of what we're dealing with and why. There's something has to be done, and ordinance in place to deal with these cats. Because our situation personally will never stop unless there's something put in place that won't allow her to collect these animals back. It's just going to be an ongoing thing. We can trap these cats from now to dooms day and she's just going to collect back. The Humane Society here, Pam Henley, and the SPCA lady both deemed her as an animal hoarder. We need help. I'm asking if you would please consider."

Chairman Reeves reported that the County doesn't have an ordinance regarding cats. He stated that Mr. Bear has researched and is gathering information to determine if the Board can help.

Supervisor Hale inquired if the property maintenance ordinance may help address the mess on the property.

Mr. Thomas stated that they have already went that route and showed the Board the pictures of the property. He said most of the mess is in the back of the property.

Supervisor Vaught inquired if this can be treated as a public health issue.

Mr. Bear reported that Mr. Thomas has already contacted the Health Department. They treat this as a local problem, unless it's rabid cats, they won't issue anything on it.

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Mr. Thomas stated, "The two nuisance codes, 48.1 and 48.2, says if I can get five people that are actually having trouble with the cats, we could get her before a judge or whatever and deem it a nuisance and get something done there. But that's only with the cats. I do have three other neighbors that are absolutely infested with cats and I've told them that's where it's coming from. But I haven't approached them personally 'would you be willing to go to court with me?' I haven't done that. I put up on my business sign about four days ago that said, 'If anyone on Walton Furnace Road is having trouble with cats to come and talk to me'. I do know of three others that are but when you talk about going to court, people shy away because they don't want to get involved. So that's where we stand with the Health Department. He did say it concerned him that the cats were not vaccinated or spayed, neutered and they're not because she's having litter after litter. But they aren't vaccinated for rabies and that is a huge issue. That's as far as it went with the health department. He said as far as the land and the condition of the house, he can't do anything about that whatsoever."

Mr. Thomas showed a picture of where the cats have tunneled under his mom's house and stated, "My sister comes and stays with my mom on Saturdays through Mondays. And cleans her trailer on Saturdays and she said Saturday night, overnight, she could hear them under there knocking around. My mom is bad of hearing and cant' hear it anymore. We can't allow our 91 year old mother to live in conditions like this where I have personally been the one that killed, stepped on three roaches in her kitchen. And this hole is right at the end of her kitchen where they are going in at. We have a situation that's got to be taken care of. It can't be a temporary thing, to just get rid of these, because she'll just keep getting them back because this is her track record. There's got to be something put into place that stops not only her, but anyone else that causes any citizen this kind of trouble. I can't even walk thru my yard."

Mr. Thomas showed two pictures of his lawnmower and noted that he has to scrub it before storing it in his basement to keep it from stinking up his house. He stated they are law abiding citizens and don't deserve this.

Chairman Reeves stated that the Board and staff will look at it and get back to Mr. Thomas.

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

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PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

Supervisor Lester made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on May 22, 2018, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30100947-30101025 as follows:

**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT
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CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
30100947	05/14/2018	APPALACHIAN POWER	1,383.35
30100948	05/14/2018	LOWE'S	396.26
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 05/14/2018			\$1,779.61

CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
30100949	05/22/2018	APPALACHIAN JUVENILE COMM	2,275.00
30100950	05/22/2018	APPALACHIAN POWER	30,626.80
30100951	05/22/2018	AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNT	3,178.95
30100952	05/22/2018	BARREN SPRINGS VOL FIRE D	4,076.00
30100953	05/22/2018	BLACKBERRY MULCH	1,092.00
30100954	05/22/2018	BSN SPORTS INC	1,308.20
30100955	05/22/2018	BUSINESS INK CO	1,594.95
30100956	05/22/2018	CARTER BANK & TRUST	625.00
30100957	05/22/2018	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	192.18
30100958	05/22/2018	CENTURYLINK	50.06
30100959	05/22/2018	CENTURYLINK	56.54
30100960	05/22/2018	CENTURYLINK	250.99
30100961	05/22/2018	CENTURYLINK	279.07
30100962	05/22/2018	CORRECTIONS PRODUCTS CO	100.00
30100963	05/22/2018	COULTER'S FLORIST INC	37.95
30100964	05/22/2018	COVERT, JINJER A	556.75
30100965	05/22/2018	CROWN AWARDS	236.08
30100966	05/22/2018	DEPT OF GENERAL SERVICES	66.00
30100967	05/22/2018	DEPT OF MOTOR VEHICLES	350.00
30100968	05/22/2018	DEPT OF MUSEUMS HERITAGE	1,250.00
30100969	05/22/2018	DISTRICT THREE	3,632.50
30100970	05/22/2018	DOWDY, MARK	8,900.00
30100971	05/22/2018	F&R ELECTRIC INC	8,366.75

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30100972	05/22/2018	FARTHING, SCOT S	3,760.00
30100973	05/22/2018	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES #5	1,918.97
30100974	05/22/2018	FIRE RESCUE AND TACTICAL	119.19
30100975	05/22/2018	GALLS	404.88
30100976	05/22/2018	GRANT, BRUCE M	4,136.75
30100977	05/22/2018	HARPO'S HARDWARE & BLDG S	427.32
30100978	05/22/2018	JOHNSON CONTROLS	847.00
30100979	05/22/2018	JOINT IDA OF WYTHE COUNTY	57,519.00
30100980	05/22/2018	JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE AUTH	45,495.32
30100981	05/22/2018	KINCER, KELLY	75.00
30100982	05/22/2018	LEXISNEXIS	197.91
30100983	05/22/2018	MCI COMM SERVICE	32.44
30100984	05/22/2018	MCI COMM SERVICE	64.76
30100985	05/22/2018	MCI COMM SERVICE	539.92
30100986	05/22/2018	MEREDITH'S GARAGE	185.00
30100987	05/22/2018	MILO C COCKERHAM INC	1,131.30
30100988	05/22/2018	MODERN SHOE STORE	109.00
30100989	05/22/2018	NATIONAL POOLS	2,815.64
30100990	05/22/2018	NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL	106,177.50
30100991	05/22/2018	NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY	321.90
30100992	05/22/2018	OWEN G DUNN CO	1,291.36
30100993	05/22/2018	PARTNERSHIP SCREENING INT	14.40
30100994	05/22/2018	PIONEER COLLISION CENTER	3,421.88
30100995	05/22/2018	R&R ENTERPRISES INC	135.00
30100996	05/22/2018	RCS COMMUNICATIONS	187.00
30100997	05/22/2018	SALEM STONE	1,179.48
30100998	05/22/2018	SENTRY SERVICES	2,038.25
30100999	05/22/2018	SHENTEL	68.37
30101000	05/22/2018	SMG	28,000.00
30101001	05/22/2018	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	1,279.20
30101002	05/22/2018	SOUTHWESTERN VA GAS SERVI	837.99
30101003	05/22/2018	TESSCO INC	2,911.79
30101004	05/22/2018	THOMPSON TIRE	545.80
30101005	05/22/2018	THRASHER GROUP INC	1,707.30
30101006	05/22/2018	THREE RIVERS MEDIA CORP	330.00
30101007	05/22/2018	TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE	767.66
30101008	05/22/2018	TREASURERS' ASSOC OF VA	250.00
30101009	05/22/2018	TWO WAY RADIO	9,280.00
30101010	05/22/2018	US CELLULAR	66.10

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30101011	05/22/2018	US CELLULAR	516.66
30101012	05/22/2018	US CELLULAR	762.12
30101013	05/22/2018	US CELLULAR	846.85
30101014	05/22/2018	USA BLUE BOOK	1,819.43
30101015	05/22/2018	V&M RECYCLING	62,981.83
30101016	05/22/2018	VAUGHT, KATHY	83.20
30101017	05/22/2018	VERIZON	13.50
30101018	05/22/2018	VIRGINIA RESOURCES AUTHOR	3,418.77
30101019	05/22/2018	VUPS	114.45
30101020	05/22/2018	WILLIAMS, KEVIN	145.98
30101021	05/22/2018	WILSON BAIT & TACKLE INC	324.60
30101022	05/22/2018	WYTHE CO RESCUE SQUAD	426.79
30101023	05/22/2018	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	740.95
30101024	05/22/2018	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	456.22
30101025	05/22/2018	XEROX	213.83

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 05/22/2018 **\$422,557.33**

TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 05/22/2018 **\$424,336.94**

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

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

NAYS: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board was presented with the May 8, 2018, minutes for approval.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to approve the May 8, 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

SIX-YEAR PLAN DRAFT

The Board reviewed the public hearing notice and list of proposed additions to the Secondary Six-Year Road Plan. The public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, 2018.

APPOINTMENTS

The Board reviewed a list of appointments expiring in June.

1. Wytheville Community College – Supervisor Vaught made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to appoint Leslie Farthing to the Wytheville Community College Board effective July 1, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.
2. New River Regional Water Authority – Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Vaught, to reappoint Stephen Bear to the New River Regional Water Authority effective July 1, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Recreation Commission – Supervisor Hale made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lawson, to reappoint Crystal Glossop to the Recreation Commission effective July 1, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Lester made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to reappoint Emily Darlington to the Recreation Commission effective July 1, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Department of Social Services Board – Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lawson, to appoint Sandy Thomas to the Department of Social Services Board. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Wythe County Rescue Squad Board of Directors – Supervisor Lester made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to reappoint Trina Leedy to the Wythe County Rescue Squad Board of Directors effective July 1, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Vaught, to reappoint Stanley Demens to the Wythe County Rescue Squad Board of Directors effective July 1, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

1. Revenue Statement – Ms. Guynn reported that the consolidated account was comprised of \$64,839,427 of which \$39,563,760 was in the General Fund Account at the end of April.
3. Department of Motor Vehicle Stops – Ms. Guynn reported that they and the Commissioner's office have been busy with DMV stops. She indicated that from March 21 until the end of business on Friday, May 18, they have collected \$11,000 from the stops.

Supervisor Hale thanked the Treasurer for working on the back taxes and inquired what was the oldest year collected on.

Ms. Guynn stated they are working on 2008 and forward. She noted that since she has been here, there were judgements from one particular account dated around 1999-2000. She commented that with the new system they are able to search by social security number, which helps in finding back owed taxes.

Chairman Reeves thanked Ms. Guynn and her office.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sheriff Dunagan appeared before the Board and presented his report as follows:

1. Unpaid Fines Collection – Sheriff Dunagan reported that he has been working with Stephen Bear and David Saliba about collecting unpaid fines.
2. School Resource Officers – Sheriff Dunagan reported that there have been better results than originally though on applicants for the part-time SRO positions. He expects to have 3-4 ready for the new school year and a few that may have to run through the academy.

Supervisor Hale stated that based on the recent Texas incident, he still feels the schools need to take on some of this responsibility and possibly training the teachers to detect this stuff before it happens.

Supervisor Vaught noted that there is a threat assessment process mandated by the State Code and there are a lot of cases that never make the news. He referenced sitting in on at least 30 assessments this past school year.

Sheriff Dungan stated that if a threat is made, the assessment process starts and they take every single threat seriously.

WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Ft. Chiswell WWTP Improvements Project – Supervisor Horney made a motion, as recommended by the Water Committee, to accept the proposal with Hurt & Proffitt for the Ft. Chiswell WWTP Improvements project at a cost not to exceed \$17,000. The roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

2. Rickey Road Waterline Project – Supervisor Horney made a motion, as recommended by the Water Committee, to enter into negotiations with Peed & Bortz for architectural & engineering services for the Rickey Road waterline project.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

3. Speedwell Waterline Division III – Supervisor Horney made a motion, as recommended by the Water Committee, to accept Change Order #1-1 for the Speedwell Waterline Division III project. This Change Order includes a decrease of \$71,684.65 in contract price, an addition of 79 days and closes out the project.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Audit Services – Supervisor Lester made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to enter into agreement with Robinson, Farmer, Cox for audit services.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

2. Temporary Salary Adjustment – Supervisor Lester made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to approve the temporary salary supplement of \$1,537 for Jennifer Brewster from the Police Activity Fund. This will bring her total salary to \$35,246.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Joe F. Hale

NAYS: None

3. Progress Park Bond Refunding – Supervisor Lester made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to approve the refunding bond resolution for the Progress Park 2013A bond series.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION REPORT

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

1. Virginia Industrial Advancement Alliance/VEDP/Secretary of Commerce & Trade Visit Recap – Mr. Bear reported that members of the Virginia Industrial Advancement Alliance, Virginia Economic Development Partnership and the Secretary of Commerce & Trade visited last week. They toured Progress Park and had dinner that evening. He noted one thing they realized is the need to increase their marketing budget for this area because the locality had taken necessary steps to have lots ready.
2. School Resource Officer Grant Status – Mr. Bear reported that the School Resource Officer Grant application has been submitted and should hear about award notices in June.
3. Tobacco Commission Grant Update – Mr. Bear reported that Sara Williams with the Tobacco Commission Grant came by a few weeks ago and reviewed the County's outstanding grants. He noted that Blake Stowers will be working on those. He further noted that they visited the site and had good conversation about future grants for the facility.

4. Amendment to Bond Series 2015 – The Board reviewed the Amendment to Bond Series 2015 for the APEX facility.

Mr. Bear reported the original drawdown was due by the end of 2016 and due to that, they are offering an amendment at 2.85% for the first five years and then it will reset.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hale, to authorize the approval of the Amendment to Bond Services 2015.

Supervisor Vaught inquired what this will cost the County.

Mr. Bear estimated around \$10,500.

The roll call on the motion is as follows:

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

NAYS:	Brian W. Vaught	Ryan M. Lawson
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5. Coperion Letter of Credit – The Board reviewed a request to release Coperion's letter of credit due to having met all the conditions of the grant.

Supervisor Lester made a motion to release the letter of credit. Supervisor Horney seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS:	None
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6. Proposed APEX Center Admissions Tax Ordinance – The Board reviewed a draft APEX Center Admissions Tax Ordinance.

Mr. Bear asked that any comments about the draft ordinance be forwarded to him. He noted that this is strictly limited to the APEX Center and would require a public hearing prior to adoption.

7. Resolution 2018-11 – Crystal Springs Recreational Access Road – The Board reviewed Resolution 2018-11 regarding the Crystal Springs Recreational Access Road.

Mr. Bear stated the Town has committed that they will be responsible for any overage of the \$250,000 but this language cannot be in the resolution. VDOT has indicated that the County has to be responsible and any agreement with the Town is separate.

The Board requested a new, current agreement from the Town.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester, to adopt Resolution 2018-11 as follows:

WHEREAS, Crystal Springs Recreation Area is owned and is to be developed by the Town of Wytheville as a recreational area serving the residents of Wythe County and adjoining localities; and

WHEREAS, the existing public road network does not provide for adequate access to this facility and it is deemed necessary that improvements be made to Route 684 (Pump Hollow Road); and

WHEREAS, the procedure governing the allocation of recreational access funds as set forth in section 33.2-1510 of the Code of Virginia requires action by the Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Commonwealth Transportation Board; and

WHEREAS, a statement of policy agreed upon between the said Director and Board approves the use of such funds for the construction of access roads to publicly-owned recreational or historical areas; and

WHEREAS, it appears to the Board that all requirements of the law have been met to permit the Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation to designate the Crystal Springs

Recreation Area as a public recreational area and further permit the Commonwealth Transportation Board to provide funds for appropriate access to this public recreational area in accordance with section 33.2-1510 of the Code of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Board agrees, in keeping with the intent of section 33.2-406 of the Code of Virginia, to use its good offices to reasonably protect the aesthetic or cultural value of this access leading to or within areas of historical, natural or recreational significance; and

WHEREAS, the County of Wythe acknowledges that no land disturbance activities may occur within the limits of the proposed access project without the consent of the Department of Transportation as a condition of the use of the Recreational Access Fund.

WHEREAS, the County of Wythe hereby guarantees that the necessary environmental analysis, mitigation, and fee simple right of way for this improvement, and utility relocations or adjustments, if necessary, will be provided at no cost to the Virginia Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the County of Wythe hereby acknowledges that the Virginia Department of Transportation's Recreational Access Program may provide up to a maximum of \$250,000 (unmatched) and \$100,000 (matched) for a project and, if necessary, requires matching funding, up to \$100,000, from the County, for estimated eligible project costs over \$250,000, up to \$450,000; and

WHEREAS, the County of Wythe hereby guarantees that financing of all ineligible project costs, project costs exceeding the project allocation under the Recreational Access Program, any Program-required locality matching funds, if applicable, and all costs exceeding this Program allocation will be provided by the County of Wythe; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors hereby requests the Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation to designate Crystal Springs

Recreational Area as a public recreational area and to recommend to the Commonwealth Transportation Board that recreational access funds be allocated for an adequate access road to serve said recreational area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board is hereby requested to allocate the necessary recreational access funds to provide a suitable access road as hereinbefore described.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator and/or his designee(s) be authorized to act on behalf of the Board of Supervisors to execute any and all documents necessary to secure the maximum amount of funding eligible under the Recreational Access Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The County Board of Supervisors hereby agrees that the new roadway so constructed will be added to and become a part of the secondary system of highways.

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 ATTORNEY REPORT

County Attorney Scot Farthing appeared before the Board and reported the following:

1. JMB Investment Agreements – The Board reviewed proposed Stormwater Maintenance and Indemnification Agreements with JMB Investments.

Mr. Farthing reported that JMB is the developer of the Dollar General in Speedwell. He stated that part of the developer's requirements is that stormwater management be in place. The proposal is that they run water/drain line from the property, under the road, along Route 619, and to the creek. He said this

agreement says the developer will pay for the installation and the County will be the permittee. The developer will also have a bond in place for five years. Initially for \$80,000 for the installation and once approved, the bond can be reduced to \$40,000 for the purpose of making sure it works for the next five years. He stated the Indemnification Agreement says the developer will indemnify the County any cost it incurs due to the drain line. If they sell the property, as part of sale, they have to sign over indemnity to the next owner and the County will have an agreement with the new owner. He recommended the County enter into these agreements with JMB.

Mr. Farthing noted that the developer wants to get all the permits in place before purchasing the property. Once all permits are in place, they will purchase land. He concluded that the County will not issue a building permit until the bond is in place for the drain line so they will have to have the bond in place before starting construction.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hale, to authorize the Chairman to sign both the Stormwater Maintenance and Indemnification Agreements with JMB Investments.

Supervisor Hale inquired if the agreements can be tied to the deed.

Mr. Farthing indicated the agreement can be recorded in the land records and as part of the agreement, it states that they will put language in the deed about the maintenance of the line.

Mr. Vaughan stated that all this is being driven by the stormwater guidelines and everything Mr. Farthing described, the Department of Environmental Quality will have assurances that the stormwater management facilities will be managed for perpetuity and will convey with the property.

Mr. Hale stated that the County and the citizenry needs these stores and the County needs to support these new businesses.

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. Wagstaff & Cartmell Agreement – The Board reviewed the proposed agreement with Wagstaff & Cartmell for the opioid litigation.

Supervisor Lester made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hale, to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement with Wagstaff & Cartmell. The roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

1. Convenience Centers – Supervisor Vaught referenced the letter received from Ms. Delana Scott regarding the convenience centers. He stated that he has complained about the convenience centers since 2015. He invited Mr. Moore with V&M here today to see what we can do to fix these problems, from getting the boxes emptied to the attendants being polite and helpful.

Mr. Bear reported that he and Mr. Bowers met with Mr. Moore about the issues. They have worked on a schedule to have the Rural Retreat box pulled every Friday regardless. He does anticipate having to add a second compactor to the Rural Retreat site because of the volume, which should help resolve the issue with pulling boxes.

Mr. Bear commented that there's also limited time on Saturday that trash can be taken to the transfer station due to their abilities and hours.

Mr. Bear stated that there's always an issue of trying to make certain the staff is helpful but also enforcing the rules of the centers; it's a delicate line. He stated that Mr. Moore has made efforts on this.

Supervisors Vaught inquired when the contract expires.

Mr. Bowers stated June 30, 2019.

Chairman Reeves stated that the Rural Retreat center is not the only one full and inquired what the schedule is for pulling.

Mr. Bowers answered that boxes are pulled when they get full. He explained that Kents Lane has 20-yard containers, it's an easy place to go and sometimes they get pulled on Saturday but when they go back on Monday, the containers are two-feet over the top. They have added an open top box but may need to add a compactor box too.

Supervisor Vaught stated that the attendants at Rural Retreat keep the center spotless so it's not all negative.

Supervisor Hale thanked V&M for what they've done with some of the personnel because for a while, they had problems at the Max Meadows and Fort Chiswell centers. He stated the guys running the Max Meadows center do a good job and the only complaint he gets is why the centers are closed for lunch.

Mr. Moore stated that the contract dictates what hours they are to be open and they cannot take trash unsupervised. He stated they make a call to every center each evening to determine what boxes need to be pulled. They make a pull sheet based on priority. He noted that they pull as many boxes as they can on Friday and up to 11 a.m. on Saturday.

Mr. Bowers referenced some statistics of the centers and noted that Wythe County provides its citizens a lot more than most other counties do.

Supervisor Vaught recalled when the County sold the convenience center idea to the citizens and that the County needs to make it work for the citizens.

After further discussion, Mr. Bear affirmed that staff understands the concerns and will be monitoring the situation.

2. School Safety – Supervisor Lawson asked the Board to be cognitive about their discussion on school safety during open meeting as these meetings are

published on Youtube. She inquired if in the future, they can discuss these matters in closed meeting.

3. Road Maintenance – Supervisor Hale stated that he doesn't think the County has been too successful in road maintenance. When citizens complain, they are told to contact the County and VDOT never fixes the problem.

Supervisor Vaught concurred with Supervisor Hale's statement.

CONSENT

Supervisor Horney made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar for May 22, 2018, as follows:

1. **PAYROLL – April 2018:**

General County Fund	\$	469,996.78
Police Activity Fund		78,438.83
Courthouse Security Fund		13,689.60
Water Department Fund		19,012.66
Wythe County Wastewater Fund		20,041.00
TOTAL	\$	601,178.87

Check Numbers: 20000211-20000234

Voucher Numbers: 3117-3451

2. **STATUS REPORTS:**

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

3. **PERSONNEL:**

- A. Thompson, John – COMP Board Reclassification, Sheriff's Department Deputy, Annual Salary \$48,889, Effective April 2, 2018
- B. Sadler, Jarrod – COMP Board Reclassification, Sheriff's Department Deputy, Annual Salary \$37,863, Effective April 2, 2018

- C. Kirby, Edwin – COMP Board Reclassification, Sheriff’s Department Deputy, Annual Salary \$37,863, Effective April 2, 2018
- D. Stowers, Blake – Hired, Full-time Public Information Officer, Annual Salary \$47,500, Effective April 16, 2018
- E. Viars, Samuel – Resigned, Sheriff’s Department Deputy, Effective April 20, 2018
- F. Slaughter, Clint – Resigned, Sheriff’s Department Deputy, Effective April 24, 2018
- G. Poston, Delores – Retired, Accounting Technician, Effective April 30, 2018
- H. Brewster, Jennifer – Hired, Sheriff’s Department Deputy, Annual Salary \$33,709, Effective May 1, 2018
- I. Druien, Jennifer – Resigned, Full-time County Administration Secretary, Effective May 9, 2018
- J. Holliday, Crystal – Hired, Full-time Accounting Technician, Annual Salary \$31,000, Effective May 10, 2018

4. BUDGET AMENDMENT:

- A. \$3,421.86 (3102-461250) – Auto Claim, February 15, 2018, 2013 Ford Taurus
- B. \$3,028.09 (31021-461250) – Auto Claim, April 18, 2018, 2014 Ford Taurus

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

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

NAYS: None

CONSOLIDATED DISPATCH RECORDING SYSTEM

Mr. Bear reported that proposals were received for a new recording system for Consolidated Dispatch. He asked that discussion on this item be deferred until the Wednesday, May 23, 2018, meeting in order to get a recommendation from the Director of Dispatch, Darlene Lang.

RECESS

The Board recessed at 11:15 a.m. until Tuesday, May 22, 2018, at 12:00 Noon.

RECONVENE

The Board reconvened on Tuesday, May 22, 2018, at 12:00 Noon at the Exit 24 Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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
Martha Collins
Don Crisp
Willie Dalton
Kelly Kincer
Lewis Newkirk
Patrick Nicola

Rick Stoneman
Blake Stowers
Bill Vaughan
Caleb Whalen
Kevin Ward
Ann Wynn

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lori Cox, Wythe-Bland Chamber of Commerce
David Kause, Joint Industrial Development Authority Chairman
Representative from WDBJ7

EXIT 24 WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT RIBBON CUTTING

A ribbon cutting ceremony for the Exit 24 Wastewater Treatment Plant ensued.

RECESS

The Board recessed at 12:45 p.m. until Tuesday, May 22, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

RECONVENE

The Board reconvened on Tuesday, May 22, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. 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
Brian W. Vaught

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

Charlie G. Lester

STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Karen Aker	Anita Libby
Jennifer Brewster	Millie Rothrock
Paul Cassell	Tony Stroupe
Anne B. Crockett-Stark	Stacy Terry
Stephanie Davis	Mary Thomas
Lori Guynn	Alan Wilder
Stephanie James	Annie Zorn
Rusty Jones	Approximately 15 Others

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED WYTHE COUNTY & PUBLIC SCHOOLS FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 BUDGETS AND PROPOSED CALENDAR YEAR 2018 TAX LEVY

Chair Reeves announced that, notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of Wythe County, Virginia, pursuant to Section 15.2-2506 of the Code of Virginia and amendments thereto, will hold a joint public hearing to receive comments on the proposed Wythe County and Wythe County School Board Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budgets and the proposed Calendar Year 2018 tax levy. The joint public hearing, which may be continued or adjourned, and at which persons may appear and present their views on the issues, will be held at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on May 22, 2018, before the Board in the Boardroom of the County Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia.

Mr. Bear provided a synopsis of the proposed budget and comparison of past years.

The following citizens addressed the Board regarding the proposed budget:

1. Mr. Rusty Jones appeared before the Board and stated, "I'm Rusty Jones, tonight I'm going to speak on behalf of an organization I'm Chairman of, which is Wythe County Public Schools Foundation for Excellence. A brief history on us for people who may not be familiar with what we do, we're a non-profit organization that started in 2004. Our sole purpose is to raise money on tax revenue and put it back into our school system. I was the initial Chairperson in 2004 and served in that capacity through 2008 when we founded and started this. It's grown over the

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years. I got talked into going back on the board last September and the next meeting got appointed Chairman. I'm back in my old job. I want to say, we're very much behind the changes you're proposing. The safety for the children obviously is top for everyone's concern, and for the teachers and people that work there. \$400,000 sounds like a lot of money but it's about \$100 a person. I don't know anybody in Wythe County that isn't worth \$100 bucks. I really thank you and commend you, the Sheriff's Department and everyone for working through this and getting to this point. Let's get that across the finish line and get that funded. The tragedies just keep piling up around us and we do not want to be the next one of those statistics. Secondly, I would tell you, since I went back on as Chairman of the Foundation, we went on a tour recently. We've reorganized our organization and we realize that we need to be more efficient. We need to find more sources. We are very thankful, and the citizens of Wythe County really dig hard and do everything they can to support our public school system. It's a lot. When you look at the fact that every dollar of our personal property and real estate is going back into our school system, we can't be the ungrateful recipient of that. So we thank you. And we're your partners just like we are with the school board itself. But over the last year we've went out, me and the Executive Director. We've met with our new committees we've set up at every school. Fourteen schools in Wythe County now have their own Foundation of Excellence Subcommittee. And what we're trying to do is decentralize how we spend our money, which this year we've put about plus or minus \$200,000 into the system. So it's not insignificant. But as I went through the schools, one thing I will warn you, as much as we are on track to go forward with George Wythe, and I know you know this, I'm preaching to the choir, there's a lot more to be done. Fort Chiswell has it's needs. Speedwell has theirs. There's lots of places. Even some of the schools when I was back there in 2004 through 2008 going through this same tour that were updated back then are starting to look a little tired. So it's very important that we move forward now with this level of funding. And I know the tax increase is a tough thing to vote for. I know it's a tough thing to ask of many Wythe County families but if we don't make this down payment now on where we are at George Wythe then the other needs that are so immediately obvious, Scott, Spiller, Speedwell, Fort Chiswell High School and others, we're just going to be in that much bigger of a hole when we get there. I want to commend you for having the courage to go through all you've done. I want to thank you for all you've done to get us to where we are today. I do want to encourage you to work with the School Board and we're going to work with you, both of you, and start developing that long range plan about a bigger picture. What our 5, 10, 15, 20 year plan is for education in Wythe County. What kind of facilities we're going to

have, how we're going to fund them because I think that is one of the last, kind of Achilles heel our community has. We've done so many things with our industrial parks and other incentive projects that are going to yield many, many tax dollars but we are still kind of getting hurt when people come down and they go through our facilities and they compare to Montgomery County and other places that are a little bit in front of us. And that's ok because we can catch up. I know you have to do it in increments so for tonight, I'm going to leave it at this. Thank you for putting what you've put in this budget. I think it took a tremendous amount of courage and I hope we can let you know the community supports you in this, so that we can take this across the finish line and keep on moving forward with the education needs of Wythe County. Thank you."

2. Mr. Paul Cassell appeared before the Board and stated, "I don't come here very often but I want to commend you very much for the School Resource Officers. I think the community, a lot of people in the community feel the same way that do, that it was an essential expenditure. I just wanted to come and personally thank you for doing that. I have one kid there and one kid on its way and my wife works there too. I just think that was a necessary expenditure. I also want to commend you on the continued development of our schools. Much like Mr. Jones said, if we want to continue with the development and growth, we're going to have to keep working on that. We're a great community, we're going to figure it out. Thank you."
3. Mrs. Annie Zorn appeared before the Board and stated, "My name is Annie Zorn and I'm speaking to you in three capacities. One, I'm a teacher at Spiller Elementary. Two, I'm a mother of three children and the last one hopefully will make pre-k this year. The third one is my husband is co-present of the Education Association for Wythe County and he is at a church Vestry meeting tonight so, here I am. Those are my three capacities that I'd like to speak to you tonight. The first is the Education Association is speaking for the five cent increase on taxes because we know that school buildings are imperative and we also know that teacher salaries are imperative. As a teacher at Spiller, I have taught in the building since 2006. I invite all of you to come on a tour of our school if you have not been there lately. My comparison to anyone who asks me is that I don't drive a '93 Chevy because it's an antique. If I wanted to keep it running that would cost me a lot of money and it would be very hard for me to find parts to replace what would fall apart and I might be able to keep the exterior looking nice but to keep the engine running that would cost a lot of money and they might not even be making the parts anymore. In having talked with the custodians and the

maintenance people at Spiller, I know that's what we're facing with our buildings. We wax the floors every year right before school starts and they're nice and shiny but we have to tile over tile because we can't replace the tile because of asbestos that's under the floors. So I invite you, you can call me and I will be happy to give you a tour of the school buildings I've been in most of them. Any teacher I know would be happy to give you a tour. You'll get a kick out of this, before the air conditioning that Spiller got, my oldest child went to Spiller for kindergarten and first grade. When I went to get my Master's degree, we couldn't afford daycare for him too so we sent him to Sheffey where my husband teaches. On the first day at Sheffey he said, 'I'm never leaving Sheffey because it's air conditioned.' So kids have a good perspective of the building conditions that they're living in and they are living there for a lot of hours of the day. The third capacity is as an individual. My husband and I are teachers and as teachers we accumulated a lot of debt because we got our Master's degrees. And we're raising three children now. When people look at teachers in Wythe County they say, 'wow, those teachers make great money.' But if you compare us to other professions who also got four year degrees, you would look at it from a different perspective. And maybe teachers, who are teaching our most valuable resources, deserve a little bit more. I really appreciate you guys and all that you do because I know it's not easy. I would like the five cent increase in taxes. Thank you so much."

4. Ms. Stephanie Davis appeared before the Board and stated, "Mr. Chairman, Board of Supervisors, County Administrator, my name is Stephanie Davis, and I serve as one of Board of Trustees for the Wythe-Grayson Regional Library. On behalf of the trustees, I want to thank you for your generous contribution to the Wythe-Grayson Regional Library system. I also want to thank Charlie Lester who serves as the board representative on the Library Board. Your funding supports the mission of the Wythe-Grayson Regional Library and our mission is to provide materials and activities for the life enriching informational and educational needs of the individuals and institutions of Wythe and Grayson counties and other users in the surrounding areas. Our Fiscal Year 19 budget request totals \$342,576 and represents a 4% increase or in dollars \$13,176. This request will support the information technology structure in our libraries and will continue programing in all of our locations. Further, as a result of reductions in state funding, our localities are being asked to do more and more in terms of financial contributions. So we've carefully considered the additional funding request and recognize the needs and priorities in this county. But as you consider the adoption of the FY19 budget, please consider our request for additional funds and we thank you for your continued support."

5. Mrs. Stephanie James appeared before the Board and stated, "Hello, I am Stephanie James and I think Annie sold most of my thunder. I'll put my teacher hat on right now and I will say thank you very, very much for supporting education. We do know that you all go above and beyond what is required by the state. It doesn't mean that when there's cracks in the walls and tiles blowing up and 21st century students working in older buildings, doesn't mean that I won't complain every once in a while and I'm really sorry. But I do want to say that I absolutely appreciate you all going above and beyond and I know that you all have our children's best interest and want to help put them above to give them the education that they need to compete in our new world, our forever changing world. I'll put my mommy hat on, I'm now an empty nester so I could say you know I don't really have a lot of skin in the game anymore, but we really do. We all do because these little buddies are our future. So I applaud you all for supporting education the way that you do and just tell you that I'm going to be your number one cheerleader for that 5% tax increase. I think listening to other community members and other educators, we are all very excited and very happy that the tax increase is going to go toward some renovation at George Wythe and the safety of our students because something that you notice, every time there is a tragedy on the television the one thing that they always say is, 'we never thought it would happen here.' So we definitely, we don't want to be the next, 'we never thought it would happen here.' And then I'll be your next cheerleader for the next five cent raise or however we can find it for Spiller and Scott Memorial because they are in desperate need as well. Thank you very much. I reiterate what Annie said, you can message me on Facebook, I'll give you my cell number, I'd be happy to give you a tour. If you know of people that are adamantly opposed and feel like that it's not needed, you say I got this little teacher, first grade teacher, she will give you a tour. And I'm going to give you a tour and you're going to see that things are taken care of to the best of our abilities and that it's pretty clean except at the end of the day. You know we're past time for renovation. You all know that but I'll give anybody a tour that has doubt."
6. Mr. Alan Wilder appeared before the Board and stated, "Board members, Mr. Bear, my name is Alan Wilder. I live at 2975 North 4th Street in Wytheville, Virginia. I want to begin by thanking you all for being a responsible governing body. That's a good thing to be. I recently listened to the YouTube recordings of your April 24th and May 8th meetings and I was impressed by the level of detail and expertise that this Board and Mr. Bear brought to those discussions. It kind of

reminded me of pulling crocodile teeth. You guys just did an outstanding job and I thank you. I'm speaking today in my role as the School Board member representing the citizens in the West Wytheville District. I wish to address several issues with you today regarding the 2018 budget. As I discuss these matters, I do need to say I'm speaking as an individual board member. You all know that unless we're all sitting together, it don't mean a thing. I have some opinions that I'd like to share with you. First of all, I want to thank you for the extra \$5,000,000 that you've put in the budget for funding the George Wythe renovation. I believe that's going to be money well-spent. It's going to be money that I think our citizens will be proud of in years to come. When people look at the building, when they tour the building, when they sit in the air-conditioned auditorium and other spaces I think they're going to be happy. I appreciate your help with that area. We're grateful for your support. That's felt like a wrestling match for the last two or three years and it looks like the final bell's about to ring. I for one am glad of it. Number two, school resource officers. You all asked the School Board for our input into the composition of school security personnel. And you give us exactly what we've asked for. I was surprised. We passed that motion and I thought, 'it's a piece of paper going across to the county'. And Joe, under your leadership, you have been a junkyard dog. You have not let go of this issue. You have advocated for our children, our staff and our teachers and I want to say to all the Board members, you guys really hit a homerun in this. I appreciate it very much. So I want you to keep up the good work. I want to talk now about SRO funding. You all have taken a bold step in regards to a tax increase, I completely support that. I believe it's the right thing to do and I implore the citizens of this County to fully embrace the initiative in its entirety. I would furthermore ask that this body continue to keep a 100% of the funding in your hands. Suggestions have been made that the School Board should share in the cost of this initiative. As you know, the School Board, we don't have any money of our own. The Constitution of Virginia requires that we provide a free and appropriate education to the children of our community. That means we don't have any revenue other than what other governing bodies provide to us. It's also been suggested that surely in a budget of our size, there's room for us 'having skin in the game' to use a popular slogan. I want to address the funding of new programs with cost savings in our present budget in just a moments. But first I want to make a personal comment. I have to tell the members of this board that our board, our teachers, our administrators and staff already have skin in the game. We have real actual skin in the game. Our people greet the children at the front door, some of them stand out in the grass in the bus loop greeting children every morning. We look to their safety each and every day. I recently spoke with a

custodian who greets children at the front door. We were discussing the need for the SRO's, once again thank you, you all have come through for this and I appreciate it. We were discussing that and I made a somewhat crude comment that I immediately thought, 'that wasn't very bright.' I said, 'you know if this school gets attacked, you are the first to die' and without blinking an eye, she said, 'that's okay with me, I love these kids.' So I just wanted to remind the citizens of this County and you all that we already do have skin in the game. Furthermore, I would remind you that we're taxpayers so we have skin in the game just like these folks do as well. So what about finding \$40,000 a year to help pay for this initiative? Let's talk a little bit about School Board cost savings. I'm happy to hear from any citizens in our county and especially from any of you all, as to any cost savings that you think we can squeeze out of our budget. I'll be glad to sit down with you and look at any line item, I'll sit down with our Superintendent and our finance people and we can get out checks and look at invoices. I will literally go over any item with you until you're satisfied that our School Board is spending money appropriately. If there are any problems, we would be glad to identify them and rectify them just as I know that you would. I personally review the invoices provided each month to look for any irregularities or anything unusual or suspicious. This past January, in fact, an invoice was rejected at my request because it did not meet the standards of our School Board policy. And I know that other School Board members do the same. We don't have a savings account, you won't know that. We maintain some contingency in our budget to account for unexpected situations. I don't think you guys want us to come back in February saying we had something happened, we need another \$10,000. So we do have a contingency built into our budget because that's our 'savings account'. If we don't use that contingency then it's returned to you at the end of the year unless we spend it on things like parking lots or roofs or replacing a door or painting a classroom. This past year, we didn't have to buy any paper. Why? Because we bought a lot of paper last year with contingency. So I just want to assure you, that all the projects we do keep the kids in mind. We do appreciate that when we return money to you, that often times you reappropriate it right back and we appreciate that cooperation. You do that for special projects like portable air conditioners, for school furnishings. I want to remind you also that last year we reduced our teacher salary scales by thousands. Not every position was affected but several positions were affected. We are reducing costs even when you might not realize it. The bottom line is I think is that we do our best to spend taxpayers money for the benefit of her kids. Of course if we continue to receive level funding or God forbid, we should go to minimum required effort, obviously that contingency squeeze will get harder and

harder and some pretty tough decisions are going to have to be made. I look forward to cooperating with any of you that have any concerns. Myself and our new Superintendent who is coming in, will be glad to work with you. We've done a lot together. It hasn't always been pretty but heck, that's what governance is, that's what democracy is. Let's keep working together for the citizens of our County and I thank you."

7. Mrs. Anne B. Crockett-Stark appeared before the Board and stated, "Good evening to all of you. I'm here tonight to speak for the Mountain Empire Airport Commission. I'd like you to picture for a minute, Wythe County as a big ol' round man. I see the Board of Supervisors as the head. You all oversee all parts of the county, our needs and our desires. Of course with an emphasis on the needs first. You are elected by the people, of the people and for the people, therefore you are the mouth who must inform us of what you're doing. And we the people are the ears and eyes and sometimes the mouth to inform you when we have concerns. Thank you for tonight, this is one of those times. Now the legs and feet of this of this infrastructure are the roads, public buildings, water and sewer. They are what keeps us running. No the arms and the hands are our law enforcement, and our emergency services. And they're the ones that keep their arms around us all to keep harm from happening to our people and our infrastructure. But then there is a body, this big old round body is full of vital organs. And I must say, that I think the heart has to be the schools because the schools are our future. Remember this, someday when you're in a nursing home it's those children we're educating that will put you in a good one or a bad one. Just keep that in your mind. We also have lungs and this is our economic development machinery that keeps us breathing in fresh new air. New businesses and industry both inside and outside of the county. And yes, it is within the lungs that I want to talk for the Airport Commission. Of course we have the Health Department, the Social Service Boards, the PSA and the IDA, and all of these function individually and have their own strengths. But put us all together and we're those agencies that keep the vital organs moving in this County, that make it possible for people to be employed here and choose to live here, work here and educate their children here. So we all of course, have to be adequately funded to make a worthy quality of life for our people. I believe that our budget in the Mountain Empire Airport is like everyone else. It is complicated because the federals are there was 60-80%, the state's there with their part and we're there with our part. But I have learned from Mr. Bear tonight that we have finally gotten rid of the debt service on our building at the airport. I want to thank you first for that. And then I want to thank you for the runway funding and the other projects that we've had going for the

last several years that you have done more than your share funding. I always think there are four entities, as you know, that run the airport and Wythe County does more than their fourth. I do know that and I do appreciate your efforts to give us adequate operating budget. I realize that we have work every year. We always ask for more than we get and I think that goes for everyone. I think you all have always adequately funded us because we rob Peter to pay Paul all over the place and keep it moving. We have three people now, two full-time staff and one half-time. I want to say it right here that Brian Burkett is our full-time staff and the man is multi-talented. The man has kept equipment operating that probably should have retired years ago but he makes them work one more time, one more effort. And because of Brian I think, as Danny McDaniel used to say on this board, he gives us 'a bang for our buck' and therefore he gives you 'a bang for your buck'. He keeps our costs down and we are glad to be part of this little round body that's the whole part of our Economic Development. I wanted to remind you that tomorrow at 2 p.m. there's a meeting at the airport on the obstructions that the FFC says we must get rid of. It's for County Administrator's and Town Administrator's but it's also an open invitation to all Board members and Town members that wish to come, okay. It is at 2:00 tomorrow, I hope to see some of you there. I want to tell you one really good thing that's happening in the last couple weeks. We're in our second year of doing a RAM program and that is Remote Area Medical Services. We did it two weeks ago at our airport and no, it didn't interfere with any of the flights or anything. It's well operated. We had people lined up at 3:30 in the morning waiting to get in. At the end of Friday afternoon, there were people that were turned away, a couple hundred we could not get to. This is dental and medical services. They came back the next morning before dawn and were finally served by the end of Saturday. It's very successful. It is very important and it even though it may not seem like air flights, it certainly helps us provide a major service for our people. I really wanted to share that with you all because the expense of medicine and all is high and there's so many people that have to let themselves and their children go because of it. I appreciate the airports use of facilities for that. I really wanted to say thank you all. Thank you for the funding this year. I think you gave us a little more in operating with the debt service gone then maybe we deserved but we do need it. And we thank you for it. As I said we will try to give you a 'bang for your buck' with it. Once again, any of you are always invited to go out to a meeting with me. Thank you."

Chairman Reeves thanked Mrs. Crockett-Stark for her service on the Airport Board.

8. Mr. Tony Stroupe appeared before the Board and stated, "I am here with the library people. I got a personal interest in the library. I use the library plus my wife works there. I guess what I want to start my comments off with is I've got a question for each one of you. How many of you have been in the library every? How many know what services they provide? Anybody know what services they provide? I'm just asking a question, I'm just wanting you to think about some things. Last week, they had classes in from school, various schools in the county. They got a lot of children's programs. Those children were read to and some exposed to books that hadn't ever been exposed to books. So that is part of our education of the county whether people believe it or not. And it's not only children, there's a lot of adult programs. There's book clubs, reading programs for adults as well as children. People come in to give them more books to read or more areas of books to read and to look into movies. Just different things for the county. And there's lots of people in this county that their only social activities is probably the library, especially some of the older people. And like the comment that was made earlier, a lot of these children, it helps them toward their education. These children are going to be taking care of all of us as we get older. So they need everything they can get to go toward their education and encourage them to learn. And I think the library does that. You got people that work there that are dedicated, and they don't get paid as well as some of the others, they are not county employees. The county funds but they are not county employees. There's a lot of people that believe they are county employees but they are not. And they don't get paid as well as some of the county employees. They don't have the same benefits. So when a budget request goes through, they don't get a raise. And they are working and living and paying their taxes in this county as well as anybody else. I wanted you to consider that and look at the good. Maybe go by when you get a chance, go by the library sometime. I'm sure any of the library staff that works there would show you around, tell you about the programs, show you what they are doing and just to give yourself an overall view of that little old building. You go by there and the parking lot is full most of the time. A lot of people have access to computers because of that. Where they are trying to get jobs, trying to education themselves or whatever they need. There's a lot of that served by the library that people don't even think about or people don't ever see. A lot of people probably don't even know where the library is at in this county. That's my comments. Think about what the library does and what the people that work there do and how some people, they really depend on it daily. There are some people in there daily that would have no

other access to social media, educational materials, or anything like that if the library was not there. Thank you very much.”

RECESS

The Board recessed until Wednesday, May 23, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.

RECONVENE

The Board reconvened on Wednesday, May 23, 2018, at 10:16 a.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair(11:12 a.m.)
Joe F. Hale, Vice Chair
Brian W. Vaught

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ryan M. Lawson

STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Alan Wilder

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the proposed budget public hearing comments, specifically the Library, Airport and School Board funding.

Supervisor Vaught suggested the Board have joint meetings with the School Board on a regular basis and also asked if staff can prepare a press release outlining the options available to help pay taxes.

Supervisor Horney referenced the public hearing comments being in favor of the tax increase but he has had several people tell him in person that they are opposed to the increase.

Mr. Bear confirmed he will schedule a meeting with the School Board. He also noted that he would be scheduling a Personnel Committee meeting to follow up on the Noise Ordinance and discuss merit increases.

CONSOLIDATED DISPATCH RECORDING SYSTEM

Mr. Bear distributed a bid tabulation for a replacement recording system for Consolidated Dispatch. The Emergency Communication Committee met and recommended Carolina Recording for the replacement system.

* Mr. Wilder exited the meeting.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts, to proceed with Carolina Recording for the replacement recorder system for Consolidated Dispatch.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ryan M. Lawson

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Reeves adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:25 a.m.

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair