

The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 10, 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
Scot Farthing, County Attorney
Martha G. Collins, Administrative Assistant/Clerk
Bill Vaughan, County Engineer

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bobby Angles
Josh Blevins
Two others

Linda Meyer
Theo & Cherie Shillig

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Reeves determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Mike Ingo, Draper Valley Pentecostal Holiness Church provided the invocation and Chair Reeves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS' TIME

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

1. Feedlot – Ms. Linda Meyer reported on Speedwell issue and its air quality. She's been in touch with VDAC and DEQ but states that they keep shuffling responsibility back and forth. Ms. Meyer asked the Board for any updates.

Mr. Vaughan indicated there's been no change, and that VDACS does the animal side of it.

Ms. Meyer tried to find out about the limit, and although VDAC and DEQ are the principle regulators, they don't want to know about the volume of animals.

Mr. Vaughan explained DEQ water quality and run off, and that according to VDOT, the slope drains were to have been removed, but they are confirming that. There doesn't seem to be any set regulation.

Ms. Meyer said no one is monitoring. Ground water monitoring shifted to DEQ, and everyone seems to be passing the buck and getting nothing accomplished.

Chair Reeves asked Ms. Meyer if she has spoken to any state agencies. She said that she called the EPA and they referred it to DEQ. Ms. Meyers also called Mt. Rogers Environmental Health and spoke to several people who were not really helpful.

Ms. Meyer said that the property values have significantly decreased due to the feedlot, and there are huge health concerns. Ms. Meyer came across a study titled Animal Feeding Operations and Air Quality and Public Health which is a 2018 release from a doctor and has information about air quality and other potential risks. She asked the County to contact Mt. Rogers to see if they can do a survey in the area of public health and environmental concerns (i.e. local wells). Ms. Meyer said the smell is absolutely awful and something needs to be done.

2. Scowanda Springs Road – Ms. Cherie Shillig is a 23-year resident of Scowanda Springs Road and understands the road is going to be paved. Ms. Shillig does not want this road paved citing potential issues with increased traffic, vehicles speeding and accidents. She said that she and another resident enjoy the gravel road, especially in a rural setting where they can ride horses. Ms. Shillig stated that they are not the only ones against having the road paved.

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board was presented with the June 29, 2018, minutes for approval.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lawson, to approve the June 29, 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

PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on July 10, 2018, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30101386-30101419 as follows:

**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
July 10, 2018**

CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
30101386	7/06/2018	APPALACHIAN POWER CIAC-VA	852.36
30101387	7/06/2018	BUSINESS CARD	4,886.96
30101388	7/06/2018	CENTURYLINK	51.61
30101389	7/06/2018	CENTURYLINK	4,589.76
30101390	7/06/2018	WYTHE CO WATER & WASTEWAT	127.48
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 07/06/2018			\$10,508.17

CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
30101391	7/10/2018	AKERS, FRANCES C	339.00
30101392	7/10/2018	APPALACHIAN POWER	221.96

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30101393	7/10/2018	BUSINESS INFORMATION SYST	2,159.72
30101394	7/10/2018	CITIZENS TELEPHONE COOP	720.00
30101395	7/10/2018	CW WARTHEN	385.95
30101396	7/10/2018	GRANT, BRUCE M	4,136.75
30101397	7/10/2018	KEGLEY, ROBERT	412.34
30101398	7/10/2018	KING, CAROLYN	402.12
30101399	7/10/2018	KING, MARY ELLEN	413.12
30101400	7/10/2018	KING-MOORE INC	1,488.50
30101401	7/10/2018	LEXISNEXIS	207.00
30101402	7/10/2018	MANSFIELD OIL CO	8,170.60
30101403	7/10/2018	POSTAGE BY PHONE RESERVE	776.14
30101404	7/10/2018	RGM ERECTORS INC	372,372.73
30101405	7/10/2018	SPILMAN THOMAS & BATTLE P	8,500.00
30101406	7/10/2018	TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNA	36.10
30101407	7/10/2018	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC	1,623.60
30101408	7/10/2018	VACO	6,032.00
30101409	7/10/2018	WILLIAMS, KEVIN	98.15
30101410	7/10/2018	WYTHE CO WATER & WASTEWAT	62.94
30101411	7/10/2018	XEROX	498.60
30101412	7/10/2018	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	2,282.00
30101413	7/10/2018	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	2,514.00
30101414	7/10/2018	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	11,572.00
30101415	7/10/2018	STANLEY HUNT DUPREE & RHI	1,456.25
30101416	7/10/2018	SUNTRUST	36,881.92
30101417	7/10/2018	SUPERION LLC	6,102.05
30101418	7/10/2018	UNITED STATES TREASURY	298.32
30101419	7/10/2018	VLGMA	286.11
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 7/10/2018			\$470,450.01

TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 07/10/2018 **\$480,958.18**

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

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

NAYS: None

**APPALACHIAN REGIONAL EXPOSITION CENTER ADMISSIONS TAX ORDINANCE –
SET PUBLIC HEARING**

The Board reviewed a draft APEX Center Admissions Tax Ordinance.

Mr. Bear stated that next steps would be a Public Hearing set for September 11, 2018 at 7:05 p.m. The levy rate would be 10% allowed under code Section 2, and should be advertised for consideration. Mr. Bear does not recommend advertising for a hearing on August 14, 2018 as there are already two public hearings scheduled for that night.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester, to set the Public Hearing date and that the tax rate be advertised at 10%.

The roll call 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

GROUSE RIDGE ROAD MEETING

Mr. Bear provided an update on the Grouse Ridge Road information meeting held in Max Meadows on July 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Approximately 50-60 people attended. Mr. Bear said there was a lot of support, as well as concerns from others, and that he expects a good turnout on August 14, 2018.

NOISE ORDINANCE

Supervisor Vaught inquired as to the status of the noise ordinance that was sent back to the committee.

Mr. Bear said that another meeting needs to be scheduled to further discuss this issue and get recommendations.

SCOWANDA SPRINGS ROAD

Supervisor Lawson referenced Ms. Shillig's concerns and asked if this road is on the Six-Year Plan.

Mr. Bear confirmed it was approved to be added to the plan, however, it could be removed from the plan next year but only with more support from the residents of that road.

SOMIC AMERICA SITE PLAN

Mr. Bear explained that Somic America would like to add a new generator at their site and directed the Board to the map showing where the generator would be installed.

Mr. Bobby Angles (Somic) said that this small generator is very quiet and will be placed behind the shrubs not affecting the landscape of Trinkle Drive.

Mr. Bear saw no issues approving the site plan, but said the Board would need to approve the site plan.

Supervisor Hale asked why a vote was even necessary.

Mr. Bear explained that Progress Park covenants require a site plan to be submitted for all construction items and any exterior items.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester, to approve the site plan.

The roll call was as follows:

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

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Circuit Court Renovations - Carpeting - Supervisor Lester made a motion, as recommended by the Building & Grounds Committee, to approve Building & Design's change request in the amount of \$906 for a change in carpet type.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

2. Circuit Court Renovations – Lighting – Mr. Bear provided a handout and explained that Building & Design, who are doing work in the courtroom, looked at the lighting issue. Currently, there are 15 LED lights that were designed to be in the courtroom. Building & Design and Mr. Bowers and his team do not believe there is sufficient light for a room that size and recommend new lights that will be on a dimmable switch. We will purchase the lights and Building & Design will install them at no additional cost and cover warranty.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to approve the change request for additional lights in the Circuit Court courtroom in the amount of \$1,025.

The roll call 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. New Maintenance Foreman Position – Supervisor Lester made a motion to establish a new Maintenance Foreman position for the Building & Grounds department. This position would have oversight of two maintenance positions and would report to the B&G supervisor.

Mr. Bear said that during the June 29 meeting there was discussion about lack of maintenance and attention around the complex which necessitated additional staff. Currently, there is one department head, Mr. Bowers, and two maintenance positions, and the person who would be promoted in the Maintenance Foreman position is planning to retire. This would add one additional position to the Building & Grounds department.

Supervisor Hale explained to Ms. Meyer, who previously raised concerns, that this working foreman or team leader, would be someone who could work on mechanical units and save money each year by having the work done in-house as opposed to contracting the work out. We hope this new hire would have multiple mechanical skills and actually be able to pay their own way.

Supervisor Vaught said that currently there are three people on the Building & Grounds crew, and asked for an estimate of the number of buildings those three are responsible for.

Mr. Bear responded that the buildings that Building & Grounds are responsible for Rural Retreat pool and campgrounds, all the buildings here at this complex, all the fire department buildings and rescue squads buildings, Ager Park, Max Meadows park, the library, Progress Park, mowing and bush hogging of additional land we bought at Exit 77, road signs, etc. He also stated that there is a lot of maintenance oversight over the years on County offices and buildings that need to be addressed.

Mr. Vaught added that he doesn't like spending money unnecessarily but this is a definite need, not just a want.

The roll call 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

ANIMAL SHELTER TRANSFER AGREEMENT

July 10, 2018

Mr. Bear requests approval of the animal shelter transfer agreement, stating that Stacy Pettit of Rescue and RemEMBER met with Arlan Dunford and him. Mr. Bear noted that Ms. Pettit has done tremendous work with other agencies and she and her husband dedicated the a/c unit out there at the site. They want to start their own rescue agency and be able to receive transfers from the County. Mr. Bear added that an agreement is in place that basically states the rescue will keep records in compliance with the Code of Virginia and that the County authorizes the transfer of dogs to them. They will provide names and certification from everyone they have that will be pulling dogs from them. Similar agreements are in place with other agencies. Mr. Dunford and Mr. Bear have reviewed those and recommend updating those agreements as well due to some of their leadership changes. Mr. Bear recommends this and appreciates the work they do.

Supervisor Vaught made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lawson, to approve the transfer agreement with Rescue & RemEMBER.

The roll call was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

APEX LEASE

Mr. Bear put this on the agenda for Board review and discussion and stated this has also gone to the APEX Authority who are meeting to discuss tonight. Mr. Farthing is drafting the lease but Mr. Bear recommends the lease agreement be finalized soon to get the center in the Authority's name so they can enter into agreements on their side. Mr. Bear suggests that a few Board members meet with a few members from the APEX Authority, review the agreement together, ironing out any differences, and try to execute this lease at the next meeting.

Supervisor Vaught referenced the Triple Net Lease, #7, wherein it states the tenant shall be responsible for services, utilities, electricity, phone, internet, water, sewer etc. He is concerned there is no mention of the tenant bearing responsibility for providing adequate security. Supervisor Vaught believes this needs to be added and that the responsibility should not fall on the taxpayers. Traffic is also a concern until VDOT decides what they are going to do. Supervisor Vaught also asked what all makes up the 41 acres.

Mr. Bear stated the 41 acres is basically the whole area that's been graded down to the bottom of the hill. The storm water management pond basically flips right around that 41 acres. Mr. Bear added that the County is keeping the 56 acres roughly to the east of that and to the south of that line. Mr. Bear said that it has already been subdivided out and the plat has been recorded.

Supervisor Vaught felt that a 10-year lease is too long, adding that 10 years is a long time for the County to be paying the debt service on it.

Supervisor Lawson asked for clarification on Real Estate Tax #5 – Landlord is County, and that Tenant shall pay taxes on personal property.

Mr. Bear stated that the County is exempt from paying real estate taxes on the property.

Mr. Farthing added that the Tenant is responsible for paying taxes on the personal property (tractor, machinery, tools, etc.).

Chair Reeves asked for two volunteers to meet with the Authority. Supervisors Hale and Vaught agreed to be that two-person panel.

Supervisor Hale voiced concerns to the Board regarding Supervisor Vaught working on this panel. Supervisor Hale feels that because Supervisor Vaught has been against this project since the beginning, he may not be a productive member of this panel.

Chairman Reeves stated that as a representative of the Board, Supervisor Vaught can serve to volunteer on this two-person panel.

Supervisor Lawson added that she believes everyone wants this project to be successful in spite of how they may feel.

Mr. Bear responded that a meeting with the Authority to work out the lease agreement will be scheduled as soon as possible.

RECESS

The Board recessed until Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. for a School Board session.

RECONVENE

The Board reconvened on Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at the School Board Office.

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

SCHOOL BOARD PRESENT:

Tonya Freeman
Chalmer Frye
Lee Johnson
Ann Manley

Steve Sage
Peggy Wagy
Alan Wilder

SCHOOL BOARD STAFF PRESENT:

Nicki Blankenship
Catrina Hall
Becki James

Scott Jefferies
Wes Poole

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda from the School Board. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

OPENING COMMENTS

July 10, 2018

Mr. Bear welcomed and thanked the School Board for their hospitality and provided a brief update on school projects and funding. He is hopeful that today's joint meeting will be a forward-looking session.

Dr. Scott Jefferies, Superintendent, also welcomed the group and reiterated Mr. Bear's comments about a forward-looking session and good working relationship between the boards.

INSTRUCTIONAL PRESENTATION

Dr. Becki James provided a presentation on the school's current instructional program including college and career readiness programs, working with the JIDA on skill sets needed for local industries and a new class for cyber security. Dr. James also spoke about programs encouraging and teaching students to give back to the community. Last but not least, she highlighted many of the accolades, achievements and honors received by Wythe County Public Schools.

OPERATIONAL PRESENTATION

Dr. Wes Poole provided an update on the school system's operational functions and the George Wythe High School Renovation Project. Dr. Poole reported that when the renovation work is complete, it will likely end up costing a lot less than originally anticipated.

FINANCIAL OVERSITE

The Boards discussed the financial oversight and procedures for the School Board. The School board reported that quite a bit of work goes into establishing the budget, and monthly expenditures are reviewed carefully by the Board in relation to the budget. They are audited annually and held accountable.

FACILITY MAINTENANCE

Dr. Poole provided the Board of Supervisors an overview of the school's facility maintenance procedures. A custodial manual was also shared with the group. Regular and preventive maintenance is a significant undertaking when you consider the newest building is 60+ years old.

NOVEMBER MEETING

The Boards will plan to meet again in November. Additionally, the School Board will have their meetings in September, November and March and have invited the Board of Supervisors to attend those meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Reeves adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair