

The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 14, 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  
Don Crisp, Water/Wastewater Director  
David Manley, Executive Director - JIDA  
Bill Vaughan, County Engineer

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Jim & Wanda Brinkley  
Sharon Cooke  
Doug Glisan  
Elaine Griffin  
Buford Grubb  
Richie Helsabeck  
Ben Hoback  
David Kause  
Veronica Loop

Linda Meyer  
Travis & April Montgomery  
Jack Phillips  
John Thompson  
Samuel Warren  
Kenneth R. Snipes  
Joe W. White  
Gladys Yates

**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 Todd Porter, Life Changers Christian Center, provided the invocation and Chair Reeves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED GROUSE RIDGE ROAD TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT**

Chairman Reeves announced that notice is hereby given that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 7:05 p.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia for the creation of the Grouse Ridge Road Transportation Service District of Wythe County for the consideration of street improvements to serve landowners pursuant to Section 15.2-2400 of the Code of Virginia.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to hear from residents and property owners in the proposed district.

Chairman Reeves opened the public hearing and inquired if anyone present wished to address the Board.

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Mr. Bear explained that over the past 10-13 years, the Board has used revenue-sharing in transportation service districts as an avenue to bring 50' non-State maintained right-of-ways into the State maintained system. Last year, several people from Grouse Ridge Road approached the County with a revised plan for making a State-maintained road into this subdivision. Other routes were also considered. The residents of Grouse Ridge Road created a petition to create a transportation service district. Last fall, Mr. Vaughan applied to VDOT, on behalf of the County, for revenue-sharing for approximately 1.3 miles of road into Grouse Ridge Road. VDOT approved this road for revenue-sharing as of the end of June 2018. VDOT will pay  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the construction cost and the residents will pay  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Rather than pay this in a lump sum, the residents can petition the Board to create this tax district for additional taxes over a 7-year period. Mr. Bear presented a map showing that the State-maintained road will run from Peppers Ferry Road all the way to the intersection of Quail Forest. The areas in blue are residents designated in Area A that will be directly on the State-maintained road; and yellow are residents in Area B which is not on the State-maintained part but is accessed by it. This proposal has been signed off on, as required by law, by more than 50% of land owners (owning more than 50% land mass). Residents in Area A will pay additional tax of \$.46 for a 7-year period; residents in Area B will pay additional \$.35 tax over a 7-year period. Staff met on July 9, 2018 at Max Meadows Methodist Church to advise people, and to go over this information. Should this ordinance be adopted, the County would issue a check to VDOT for one half of the revenue sharing so they can begin construction.

The following citizens addressed the Board regarding the proposed ordinance:

1. Mr. Joe White (Area A) appeared before the Board and stated, "Mr. Chairman, Mr. Vice-Chairman and members of the Board, I am not very schooled in public speaking but I'm going to give it my best shot. As you can see by this map, this has been more than a 20-year plus battle for us to try to obtain a decent road into the neighborhood. There've been many many people in the neighborhood who have spoken to members of the VDOT, members of the County Supervisors, the politicians, I think some of people have even spoke to the postal service at a point to try and get their input into what it would take to get a decent road into our neighborhood. So, like I said, over the course of 20+ years that I pass all these people in this neighborhood, we've diligently paid our taxes, personal property and real estate, but the only tax dollars that we've ever seen come back to that would affect us directly is from Peppers Ferry Road out to the main interstate, as far as snow removal and maintenance of that particular road. The roads in our neighborhood are deteriorating to the point that it's going be virtually impossible in a few years for even the rescue squad to get up there in case of a medical emergency. There's a possibility that we may lose postal service up there. I worked for the postal service for 22  $\frac{1}{2}$  years and just retired from the postal service this past November, and I know for a fact if the carrier deems the road is deteriorated to the point that it's doing more damage to their vehicle, the postal service will deny service to that particular area. And that's something that I know some of the elderly people that live in our neighborhood certainly don't want to see that happen. That is a great possibility. But the main concern is, like I said, we've all paid our taxes, we have done things in the correct way in trying to take the proper channels to get this road into the neighborhood, and this is the only possibility that we've ever seen that is tangible enough that we can reach out and touch it. All of the others are just, you know, voices in the wind. This is the only opportunity we've had to upgrade these roads, and I hope and pray that it doesn't stop here. I hope and pray after this first seven years, extending this road into Grouse Ridge, that we can do it in another seven years and provide a

state-maintained road to some of these other people over here in the yellow areas. I know I personally would not object to paying double taxation for the next 21 years if that's what it takes to get these roads up into this neighborhood, and I think there's a few people in the neighborhood that would agree with me. But of course, I am sure there are some of them that don't want to see their taxes raised. I don't think any of us want to see that but the benefits from my perspective certainly outweigh the cause in that neighborhood. And I thank you and I certainly do hope that you will pass this ordinance."

2. Ms. Elaine Griffin (Area B) appeared before the Board and stated, "My name is Elaine Griffin and he's pretty much kind of covered what I was going to talk about. I did have a fire, my deck was on fire, and started up my house in November, and they did come as quick as they could but it was difficult and the ambulance driver from Lead Mines, while she was checking me out, she said that a few months prior to that, they tried to get up there for a code and they broke something very major on their ambulance. So I'm thinking if for no other reason, that is a big reason, that we have to have access, and if there is an accident or whatever and the emergency vehicles can't get in there, that's just bad; and I live clear at the end so it's pretty scary to think that they wouldn't be able to get up there. And also I'm sure it's been mentioned too, I wasn't here at the other meeting, how unsafe the bus stop area, kind of makeshift bus area, that there is for the children right when you come over Peppers Ferry Road because people come up over there, and then there's the kids waiting for the bus. I guess safety is my main concern. And I've lived there 18 years and it's been very difficult to get in and out a lot of times, so thank you."
3. Mr. Samuel Warren (Area A) appeared before the Board and stated, "Seems they both just about stepped on my toes, and the other thing I was going to say like Elaine said talking about the ambulance getting up there. I'm a heart attack survivor but the next time I might not be that lucky because they had a hard time getting up there and when they got me this last time and the roads just getting so bad it's just tearing up everybody's vehicles. Of course I'm not one of them that comes out of there at 20-30 mph; I'm a 5 mph man myself but anyhow it still tears your vehicles up, and the road needs to be done. I'm on a fixed income but I don't care to pay the extra taxes to get the road done."
4. Mr. Kenneth R. Snipes (Area A) basically said that he was in agreement with what the others said and apparently had nothing further to add.
5. Mr. Buford Grubb (Area A) appeared before the Board and stated, "Good evening. They pretty much said everything. I live in the blue, closest one probably to the road about  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles in, but it's like one of the other folks said this is as close as we've ever been and I'm afraid we won't ever be this close again, and I'm definitely in support of it and it's going get to the point of being impassible if we don't do something. Thank you folks."
6. Mr. Travis Montgomery (Area A) appeared before the Board and stated, "Evening. I live over in Area A. Basically, just touching on what everyone else has said. The road is horrible. There's potholes in there; there's a bunch of us who tried to fill them up as best we can but it just ruts it back out. My mother had an accident three or four years ago, and it took the ambulance almost 15 minutes to get a mile down the road. That's ridiculous. Vehicle damage. Something's got to be done. We've only lived in the area for four years now and from what I've heard,

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this is the closest that it's ever been to actually becoming a reality. I'm hoping this can become real."

7. Mr. Ben Hoback (Area B) appeared before the Board and stated, "Good evening. I'd just like to, I guess, pretty well reiterate what they said. I have a little girl that's almost three years old. I stay out of town a lot. I work on the power lines so I stay gone more than I am home. My wife, however, has to deal with a lot in the winter and I worry about her and the little girl, I guess, if she can't get in or out and she needs to, as well as you know the school bus being able to get back there to get my little girl in a couple of years, it would be a great help I reckon. I guess the biggest thing is like this past winter, I guess several vehicles actually got stranded in the first initial dip and VDOT actually had to come in there. I guess it's even illegal for them to access that road, but they accessed it to get some pedestrians that were hung up out of there, so I mean I'm totally for it. I own two lots in Area B as far as what the tax costs, it would be nothing to what we'll gain from it. Appreciate it."
8. Ms. Veronica Loop (Area B) appeared before the Board and stated, "I'm pretty much reiterating what everybody else said. The day the ambulance ran off the road, I actually had to come from one job and be at the other one, and I don't have an option with my job. I have to be there. I have to get in and out. I've got a 4-wheel drive pickup truck and it does well, but I have switched to a 2-wheel drive car that if one of those wheels goes into one of our famous potholes, I'm stuck and I have to call my son to help get me out. I do live in the yellow area. I'm off of Quail Forest is where I'm at. But we've talked about it amongst ourselves for many years to have this road repaired. The guys that do the repair now, they do an awesome job with what they're able to do, but we need someone to come in and really fix that road, get the drainage right, get everything right, so like the young couples, the elderly, the ones that depend on oxygen, can get the help that they need and we can have the service vehicles come in and out. Thank you."
9. Ms. Sharon Cooke (Area A) appeared before the Board and stated, "Thank you. I just wanted to give you an idea what it's like to have Grouse Ridge Road as your address. We have had a small child's swimming pool sitting in our den for the last eight months because our roof leaks. And we've been trying to get bids for roofers to come and work on our roof and when I give our address, immediately I hear *'Oh, Grouse Ridge Road, well you know we have to bring our trucks in there and we have to get a roll-away dumpster in there to take the shingles away; I don't think we will bid on that one.'* So for eight months, we've had a leaking roof. So it's really a difficult thing. I dread saying Grouse Ridge Road. We have to get some assistance. And it's not a problem any of us can correct ourselves. We've tried as a community to correct it and repair the road and this is something we have to reach out to the County Commissioners and to VDOT and ask for assistance beyond what any of us can do because it's become a serious problem. I'm in section A, I forgot to tell you that, but we appreciate anything you can do to help us."
10. Mr. Doug Glisan (Area A) appeared before the Board and stated, "I have the closest lot coming into Grouse Ridge Road, it's 162-2 and we just drive a short ways to get to our farm, nonetheless, and if I had to drive all the way to where these other folks live, I don't know that I'd have a vehicle left. I feel real sorry for them they do a good job trying to keep that road up. But I think it would be very beneficial to everyone up there if we could do something with that road. I just

have a couple questions, but I'm not sure if you guys can answer them. We have a farm going down Grouse which we have a fence for our cattle, plus the telephone poles are right on our property. Who takes care of the fence going down there if it's on that 50' right of way? Is that something we have to take care of?"

Mr. Bear responded to Mr. Glisan that VDOT does not do any relocation of fences.

Mr. Glisan asked "Who's going to pay for that? Me?"

Mr. Bear stated that he can have VDOT meet Mr. Glisan out there and see. He said that generally, they do the work within where the road exists right now.

Mr. Glisan said "But there's not 50' between my fence and the drop-off of the railroad at a lot of places. Will that all fall back on me, probably?"

Mr. Bear said that he will get in touch with Mr. Glisan and that they will get with VDOT to discuss this matter.

11. Ms. Gladys Yates (Area A) appeared before the Board and stated, "Chairman, Vice Chairman, members of the Board, I'd like to thank the County staff. Since I have been working with the County staff, which is a little over a year, they have been very cooperative and provided lots of information to us. I am here to speak in favor of this but I do want to acknowledge the County staff and what they have done to try and move this forward. I understand this project has been in the hearts and minds of the folks who live up there for a very long time and the road is deteriorating. Every time I go into Thompson's, they say something to me about they can't believe I don't have more damage to my car from the road. They say it's one of the worst roads in the County and its definitely one of the worst ones that I have been on. So I would encourage the Board to support this ordinance and allow for this funding request to go forward."
12. Mr. Jack Phillips (Area A) appeared before the Board and stated, "Thank you. Greetings to you all. Good evening. Like everybody else, I'm very much in favor. I really don't like the idea of a tax increase, but I do realize that we can't get the people in Richmond to really pay attention to this kind of thing, and being able to get half the financing is the best we can do; and to be honest, when I look at the tax money involved, I'm spending more than that on my car anyways, and I'm really concerned about the safety. So that's all I really had to say, and I thank you for your time and attention to this matter."

Hearing no other comments, Chairman Reeves closed the public hearing.

Vice-Chairman Hale made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Vaught, to approve Grouse Ridge Road Ordinance #2018-03. 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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### RECESS

At 7:26 p.m., the Board recessed for three minutes.

### RECONVENE

The Board reconvened at 7:29 p.m..

### PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED CHANGE IN WATER RATES

Chairman Reeves announced that notice is hereby given that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing to give the citizens served by the Wythe County public water system an opportunity to comment on a proposed rate change. In accordance with the Code of Virginia Section 15.2-2119, and subsequent revisions, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors proposes to change the rates charged for water services on August 16, 2018, as follows:

<b>Current rates</b>	<b>Proposed Rates</b>
\$18.90 (0-1000 gallons)	\$20.79 (0-1000 gallons)
\$ 9.45 (per 1000 gallons after)	\$10.40 (per 1000 gallons after)

The public hearing will be conducted on Tuesday, August 14, 2018, beginning at or about 7:10 p.m. and may be continued if necessary. The public hearing will be held in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia. By Order of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors, Stephen D. Bear, County Administrator.

Chairman Reeves opened the public hearing and inquired if anyone present wished to address the Board.

Mr. Bear explained that Wythe County has worked hard over the last 20 years to provide municipal water throughout more of the County. In order to accomplish this, the County has had to invest heavily into infrastructure. The annual amount of debt service on the water system is \$1,566,755 including the annual payment to New River Regional Water Authority. Operational expenses include water purchases of \$230,000 and operational and maintenance expenses of \$623,000. Mr. Bear said that the proposal for a 10% increase is to assist with the shortfall of the anticipated revenue and expenditures. The Water Department is currently operating on a deficit balance, but cannot continue to do so. He added that the total debt of the Water Department is currently about \$14.1MM and that the rates have not been increased since 2015. The Water Department operates with minimal staff to insure water quality, safety and maintenance issues are addressed for the nearly 3,000 customers. Mr. Bear further explained that the average customer using 3,000 gallons would see an increase of \$3.79.

1. Mr. Jim Brinkley appeared before the Board and stated, "Good evening. The thing I want to know is why do you need an increase if the person's not hooked on the system? There's no cost to the county."

Chairman Reeves responded that you still have to pay the minimum.

Mr. Brinkley asked "But why do you have to increase?"

The Chairman further explained the current and proposed rates.

Mr. Brinkley stated, "Well, it started out at \$11.00 or something. And then it's jumped almost double and now you want another increase, for what? I'm not getting anything for that. If you can show me where I am getting anything for it, I'd be tickled to death. But how do you charge for something that you're not providing?"

Chairman Reeves said rural development requires us to make a mandatory hook up when we run the water lines. And if you don't hook up you still have to pay the minimum water charge.

Mr. Brinkley stated, "But it doesn't cost that but it didn't happen unless people didn't hook up. Somebody fudged the . . ."

Chairman Reeves added that they are all paying the minimum charge each month.

Mr. Brinkley said, "It might be doing that but how do you charge for it? I'm not satisfied till I get an answer for that."

Vice Chairman Hale told Mr. Brinkley that he's paying for it anyway. That money the water customers are not paying is made up of your other tax money. So you're paying anyway. It's just coming out of your other pocket.

Mr. Brinkley stated, "You all got water that comes from three of my farms, four of my farms. I don't send you a bill but I'm going to have to I believe if you all keep doing that. Over in Grayson County, Wyrick Springs in Crockett, I don't get a penny for that, and I pay taxes on that land that's the water you all use, a portion of it. But I still don't understand where you're coming from on paying charge me for something that nobody's used and it's hooked up."

Mr. Bear explained when there's a shortfall, we'd have to take it out of the small amount of reserve, but if there's nothing in reserve, then that money would come out of the General Fund, and that in turn would come out of everyone's taxes.

Chairman Reeves encouraged Mr. Brinkley to come to the County Office tomorrow morning to see everything that rural development requires us to do.

Mr. Brinkley stated, "But according to the Enterprise, you all are going to put this in effect on the 18<sup>th</sup> the increase."

Chairman Reeves confirmed the effective date is August 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Brinkley stated, "August 16<sup>th</sup>? So why are we here?"

Chairman Reeves explained that the Board hasn't yet voted on this, and that we are here to listen to what the public has to say. Then the Board will make their decision.

Mr. Brinkley stated, "Is the preacher still here? Ask him to pray for you all and make sure you listen. That's not right. To begin with, that wasn't right, not hooking up, I mean paying for something that you're not getting. But then you want to do it again and again. That's not right."

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Chairman Reeves said that utilities are always going up (cable, telephone, electricity).

Mr. Brinkley stated, "If you use it. I use the phone, I use the power, and I pay for it. I'm paying for something that really is foolish. All that water that you all get, comes from my places, believe it or not. Now you tell me, that's not right."

Mr. Farthing explained that the laws of VA allow the County to pass an ordinance that if we run a water line and your house is within so many feet of that water line, we can charge a non-user fee. Those non-user fees help to support the overall waterline which provides water access. Should you decide not to hook up, that's your prerogative. But you've got to pay the fee because the law requires you to. The non-user fee is based on 1,000 gallon use per customer. You can challenge that if you want to, but that's the law.

Mr. Brinkley stated, "I remember I went to Speedwell and had that hearing, talking about how many people you had for the line. Where'd they go? Did they disappear? Moved out or something?"

Chairman Reeves said they're hooked to it and using the water.

Mr. Brinkley stated, "No. No. Do you want me to show you some? I'm showing you a bunch of them. It didn't happen and yet I'm paying for it. Also, over in this district, that price increase, rate increase, from \$11 to \$19 or what it was must've fund, helped fund his district. Do you remember that? Do you need some help over there? So they increased the water. Go back and look at the minutes and it will be on there. So we ought to fund this and that? I'm still not satisfied with paying for something that you don't get."

Chairman Reeves offered to meet with Mr. Brinkley tomorrow, along with the County Administrator, if he so desired.

Mr. Brinkley responded, "Alright".

2. Mrs. Wanda Brinkley appeared before the Board and stated, "I'm looking at this sign up here that says Wythe County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing to give the citizens served by Wythe County public water system to speak. I'm not served by Wythe County water system. We are not hooked to the line, and I would like for you all to provide with me why it's necessary for an increase. Now did the bills overrun what was estimated for the water line? Did the contractors overcharge? And you all had to go back and pay some more money. I mean, I'd like to see the breakdown why we need a water increase."

Chairman Reeves invited Mrs. Brinkley to come and meet in the morning to go over this again.

Mrs. Brinkley stated, "That's not going to do me any good if you all are doing this and I'm sure this is a done deal, you're going to increase the water supply no matter what anybody says. I mean increase the bill. That's the way it works. I've seen it all my life. And I don't think me coming over there or even coming tonight, but I'm very passionate about this water line because I don't think it's a justification to have it under these conditions. Now, he talks about the rural development, but I don't have anything to do with the rural development. You all



represent me, and this should never have been started. It's wonderful to have water and I hope those people that have it, enjoy it. But it's not wonderful to have it at somebody else's expense. That's what bothers me about this whole thing. Then you come along and for two or three years out there, there was several people right in my neighborhood that didn't have no water because the pump station didn't have enough pressure to get that water to the house. Then you come back in with the Speedwell water line, second phase. I mean, this needs to stop. You people need to get yourselves in gear. Now that's what I have to say, and I would not, I don't have no regards or no hard feelings against you all except that I don't think you're representing Wythe County like it ought to be. I'm sorry, but that's the way it is, and I know some of you all are new but it's still follows through and that's what I'm saying. No matter what I say here tonight, or if I come over and sit with Mr. Bear for three hours tomorrow and go over all of this stuff, this is a done deal. There's going to be an increase in water because you all need the money and that's one way to get it. This town is going down the hill. I don't know whose fault it is, but I've lived here 73 years and I've seen the changes that has come and this county let it, and I didn't say that they're good, so you all get yourselves together and look after the people instead of the politics. That's all I have to say to all of you, and I wish you all the best."

Hearing no other comments, Chairman Reeves closed the public hearing.

**CITIZENS' TIME**

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

With no one to address the Board, Chairman Reeves closed Citizen's Time.

**PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES**

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on August 14, 2018, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30101552-30101703 as follows:

**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT  
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<b>CHECK #</b>	<b>ISSUE DATE</b>	<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
30101552	7/25/2018	SPEEDWELL FIRE DEPT	15,911.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES 07/25/2018</b>			<b>\$15,911.00</b>

<b>CHECK #</b>	<b>ISSUE DATE</b>	<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
30101553	8/01/2018	BUSINESS CARD	3,236.96
30101554	8/01/2018	TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE	5,887.21
30101555	8/01/2018	VITA	211.94
30101556	8/01/2018	APPALACHIAN POWER	3,047.06
30101557	8/01/2018	BUSINESS CARD	1,839.28
30101558	8/01/2018	CENTURY LINK	39.98
30101559	8/01/2018	CENTURY LINK	45.44
30101560	8/01/2018	CENTURY LINK	52.76
30101561	8/01/2018	CENTURY LINK	71.53
30101562	8/01/2018	CENTURY LINK	77.76
30101563	8/01/2018	CENTURY LINK	109.80

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30101564	8/01/2018	CENTURY LINK	115.24
30101565	8/01/2018	CENTURY LINK	147.03
30101566	8/01/2018	CENTURY LINK	286.68
30101567	8/01/2018	CENTURY LINK	337.21
30101568	8/01/2018	CENTURY LINK	4,747.36
30101569	8/01/2018	LOWE'S	524.10
30101570	8/01/2018	WYTHE CO WATER & WASTEWAT	118.41
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES 08/01/2018</b>			<b>\$20,895.75</b>

<b>CHECK #</b>	<b>ISSUE DATE</b>	<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
30101571	8/14/2018	A.K. CALI HOME RESTORATIO	380.60
30101572	8/14/2018	BROWNELLS INC	22.64
30101573	8/14/2018	BUSINESS INK CO	1,616.41
30101574	8/14/2018	C&D TRUCK & SAFETY SUPPLY	230.26
30101575	8/14/2018	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	152.46
30101576	8/14/2018	DEPT OF MOTOR VEHICLES	2,800.00
30101577	8/14/2018	EMS INC	1,475.00
30101578	8/14/2018	FROEHLING & ROBERTSON INC	3,735.75
30101579	8/14/2018	HALE, JOE	163.20
30101580	8/14/2018	HORNEY, B GENE JR	129.60
30101581	8/14/2018	HURT & PROFFITT INC	8,269.65
30101582	8/14/2018	IVANHOE FIRE DEPT	7,671.38
30101583	8/14/2018	LAWSON, RYAN M	230.40
30101584	8/14/2018	LEXISNEXIS	724.00
30101585	8/14/2018	MCROBERTS, COY L	153.60
30101586	8/14/2018	NEW RIVER RESOURCE AUTHOR	1,361.02
30101587	8/14/2018	OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDIC	40.00
30101588	8/14/2018	OGLE, DEREK S	150.00
30101589	8/14/2018	REEVES, TIMOTHY A SR	419.20
30101590	8/14/2018	SMG	4,000.00
30101591	8/14/2018	SPILLMAN TECHNOLOGIES INC	3,267.00
30101592	8/14/2018	TOWN OF RURAL RETREAT	2,950.29
30101593	8/14/2018	VAUGHT, BRIAN W	164.00
30101594	8/14/2018	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYST	663.60
30101595	8/14/2018	WYTHE CO HEALTH DEPT	457.00
30101596	8/14/2018	103 TOWING & RECOVERY LLC	85.00
30101597	8/14/2018	AKERS, FRANCES C	378.95
30101598	8/14/2018	APPALACHIAN POWER	16,548.95
30101599	8/14/2018	BKT UNIFORMS	303.82
30101600	8/14/2018	BLUE RIDGE AUTO PARTS INC	80.07
30101601	8/14/2018	BROWN EXTERMINATING CO	45.00
30101602	8/14/2018	BUILDING & DESIGN OF VA	31,860.00
30101603	8/14/2018	BW WILSON PAPER CO	617.10
30101604	8/14/2018	CARILION HEALTHCARE CORP	100.00
30101605	8/14/2018	CAVALIER SUPPLY CO	939.40
30101606	8/14/2018	CITIZENS TELEPHONE COOP	720.00
30101607	8/14/2018	COM TEC	350.00
30101608	8/14/2018	COVERT, JINJER A	1,718.99
30101609	8/14/2018	CW WARTHEN	746.19
30101610	8/14/2018	DALTON, WILLIAM	46.93
30101611	8/14/2018	DEPT OF MUSEUMS HERITAGE	1,250.00
30101612	8/14/2018	DUNAGAN, KEITH	455.45
30101613	8/14/2018	EEIS-ELEVATOR EQUIP INSPE	375.00

30101614	8/14/2018	ELECTRICAL EQUIP CO	125.30
30101615	8/14/2018	FARTHING, SCOT	4,055.00
30101616	8/14/2018	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES #5	568.58
30101617	8/14/2018	FIRE RESCUE & TACTICAL	279.43
30101618	8/14/2018	FOLEY COMPANY	110.00
30101619	8/14/2018	FOOD COUNTRY	6.72
30101620	8/14/2018	FROEHLING & ROBERTSON INC	627.50
30101621	8/14/2018	GALLS	3,511.25
30101622	8/14/2018	GRANT, BRUCE M	4,136.75
30101623	8/14/2018	GUN SHOP	2,499.90
30101624	8/14/2018	HARPO'S HARDWARE & BLDG S	217.84
30101625	8/14/2018	HERSHEY CREAMERY CO	202.06
30101626	8/14/2018	HEYWARD INCORPORATED OF V	306.98
30101627	8/14/2018	JOHNSON CONTROL FIRE PROT	475.02
30101628	8/14/2018	JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE AUTH	46,050.68
30101629	8/14/2018	KING-MOORE INC	1,739.50
30101630	8/14/2018	KIRBYS KUTTIN EDGE	1,800.00
30101631	8/14/2018	LEXISNEXIS	207.00
30101632	8/14/2018	LEXISNEXIS	724.00
30101633	8/14/2018	MANSFIELD OIL CO	9,069.67
30101634	8/14/2018	MARTIN, KAYLA	100.00
30101635	8/14/2018	MEREDITH, DAVID M	115.93
30101636	8/14/2018	MOUNT ROGERS COMMUNITY SE	37,033.75
30101637	8/14/2018	NEW RIVER REGIONAL WATER	453,046.71
30101638	8/14/2018	NEW RIVER VALLEY JUVENILE	3,950.00
30101639	8/14/2018	NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL	125,070.00
30101640	8/14/2018	ARTHUR JOHNSON	30.00
30101641	8/14/2018	ASHLEY JONES	8.00
30101642	8/14/2018	DAVID MANLEY	30.00
30101643	8/14/2018	DIANNA STEPP	30.00
30101644	8/14/2018	E. WAYNE KIRBY III	348.99
30101645	8/14/2018	THERESA DIX	30.00
30101646	8/14/2018	TONI WILLIAMS	46.00
30101647	8/14/2018	PAPER CLIP	383.43
30101648	8/14/2018	PARTNERSHIP SCREENING INT	14.40
30101649	8/14/2018	PITNEY BOWES INC	112.14
30101650	8/14/2018	PROTECT YOUTH SPORTS	127.60
30101651	8/14/2018	R&R ENTERPRISES INC	495.00
30101652	8/14/2018	RGM ERECTORS INC	427,313.86
30101653	8/14/2018	ROANOKE PUMP SALES & SERV	2,985.53
30101654	8/14/2018	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	2,282.00
30101655	8/14/2018	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	2,514.00
30101656	8/14/2018	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	11,572.00
30101657	8/14/2018	SECOM SYSTEMS	13,599.60
30101658	8/14/2018	SENTRY SERVICES	3,313.22
30101659	8/14/2018	SHENTEL	68.37
30101660	8/14/2018	SIRCHIE FINGER PRINT LABO	414.83
30101661	8/14/2018	SMG	8,000.00
30101662	8/14/2018	SMITH CONSULTANTS INC.	5,386.00
30101663	8/14/2018	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	738.44
30101664	8/14/2018	SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA CRIMIN	17,490.00
30101665	8/14/2018	SOUTHWESTERN EQUIPMENT	866.40
30101666	8/14/2018	SPILMAN THOMAS & BATTLE P	4,872.91

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30101667	8/14/2018	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	220.25
30101668	8/14/2018	SUBURBAN PROPANE-1241	75.82
30101669	8/14/2018	SUNTRUST	36,881.92
30101670	8/14/2018	SUPERION LLC	13,751.51
30101671	8/14/2018	SUPPLYWORKS	985.95
30101672	8/14/2018	TERRY, CHRIS J	169.92
30101673	8/14/2018	TESLA ELECTRIC SERV	432.72
30101674	8/14/2018	THOMPSON TIRE	593.59
30101675	8/14/2018	THRASHER GROUP INC	493.80
30101676	8/14/2018	TOWN WYTHEVILLE	250.00
30101677	8/14/2018	TRACTOR SUPPLY CO	139.99
30101678	8/14/2018	TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNA	65.10
30101679	8/14/2018	TREASURERS' ASSOC OF VA	400.00
30101680	8/14/2018	TRICOR DIRECT, INC	1,031.27
30101681	8/14/2018	TURNER LEASING COMPANY, I	150.00
30101682	8/14/2018	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC	56,745.10
30101683	8/14/2018	UNIFIRST CORP	69.08
30101684	8/14/2018	US CELLULAR	66.10
30101685	8/14/2018	US CELLULAR	701.90
30101686	8/14/2018	US CELLULAR	846.85
30101687	8/14/2018	US POSTAL SERVICE	100.00
30101688	8/14/2018	USA BLUE BOOK	467.77
30101689	8/14/2018	V&M RECYCLING	62,519.91
30101690	8/14/2018	VDH – WATERWORKS TECH ASS	9,838.25
30101691	8/14/2018	VIRGINIA RESOURCES AUTHOR	91,763.27
30101692	8/14/2018	VITA	163.18
30101693	8/14/2018	VUPS	127.05
30101694	8/14/2018	WASTE INDUSTRIES	526.58
30101695	8/14/2018	WATER & WASTE EQUIPMENT,	4,225.00
30101696	8/14/2018	WILSON BAIT & TACKLE INC	113.80
30101697	8/14/2018	WORRELL, KENNY	30.00
30101698	8/14/2018	WYTHE CO WATER & WASTEWAT	269.56
30101699	8/14/2018	WYTHE SHEET METAL INC	541.55
30101700	8/14/2018	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	1,755.68
30101701	8/14/2018	WYTHEVILLE ENTERPRISE	69.00
30101702	8/14/2018	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	1,138.73
30101703	8/14/2018	XEROX	354.37
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES 08/14/2018</b>			<b>\$1,585,024.77</b>

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 08/14/2018** **\$1,621,831.52**

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

#### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board was presented with the July 24, 2018, minutes for approval.

Supervisor Vaught noted that on page 24 of the minutes (page 62 of the Board package), under APEX Center, the reference to "Mr. Vaught" should be "Mr. Vaughan".

Supervisor Lester made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lawson, to approve the July 24, 2018, minutes with the amendment.

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

### **NOISE ORDINANCE**

Mr. Bear advised that the Committee met and reviewed the noise ordinance, copy which had been previously emailed to the Board members. Mr. Bear read the changes to the ordinance, adding that the County Attorney has reviewed the revisions and recommends a Public Hearing be held to consider changes.

Supervisor Vaught made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to set the Public Hearing for September 11, 2018.

The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

### **APPALACHIAN REGIONAL EXPOSITION CENTER AUTHORITY – LEASE AGREEMENT**

Mr. Bear said that the two-person Committee from this Board (Supervisors Hale and Vaught) met with the two-person Committee from the APEX Authority (Mr. Johnstone and Mr. Litton). He provided a handout of the revised agreement to the Board for consideration.

Supervisor Vaught explained that he had concerns about event security, but after meeting with the two Authority members, the Authority agreed to address this with the management firm. Supervisor Vaught did question the ten years, but they want to make some improvements, borrow some money to add some buildings, using funds they generate (not tax money). Supervisor Vaught added that we all want to see this succeed, and that he is comfortable with the lease agreement.

Supervisor Hale made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester, to approve the revised lease agreement.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Supervisor Lester advised that the Economic Development Committee met on August 2, 2018 and recommends the following:

1. Raper Ridge Water Tank Project and Crom LLC - To approve the construction contract with Crom LLC for the Raper Ridge Water Tank Project contingent upon County Attorney review.

Mr. Bear added that this project is ready to go forward, but because there wasn't sufficient time to schedule a Water Committee meeting, the Economic Development Committee agreed to take action on it without delay. This Board had previously reviewed/approved the bids on Raper Ridge from Crom, and this is just approving the contract. Mr. Bear also stated that there's a meeting this Thursday with Rural Development where this approval gives us the okay to begin this project.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

Supervisor Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to authorize Mr. Bear to execute the contract documents.

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. Raper Ridge Water Tank Project and Peed & Bortz LLC - To approve an amendment to the engineering contract with Peed & Bortz LLC to provide the full inspection of work on the Raper Ridge Water Tank Project. The total estimated not-to-exceed fee for part-time project representation is \$15,600.

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

**SHENTEL CABLE SERVICE ORDER**

Mr. Bear explained that we placed out bids on the APEX Center and we received two bids back. After review by staff and APEX Authority, they recommend agreement with Shentel for 100 MB service, nine telephones and up to four business fax lines. This gives them the ability to get started and have everything in place by early November. This will be a monthly on-going contract which the Authority will be responsible for paying after we turn everything over to them.

Supervisor Hale advised that it was subsequently decided to reduce the number of fax lines.

Mr. Bear indicated that under the notes, he requested, and they've added, that adjustments can be made during installation to the number of fax lines or desk tops, as more or less are needed; whereby adjusting the contract accordingly.

Supervisor Vaught asked if this money was coming out of money already allocated, and asked about the \$79k total cost value.

Mr. Bear explained that the money is coming out of their operational expenses in their budget. They had originally budgeted \$20k for the purchase of equipment, but this is not a purchase, rather a lease. He added that there is a monthly recurring cost but the total contract value of \$79k is the total cost over the life of the contract that the Authority will be responsible for paying. The Board of Supervisors is merely acting as an Agent.

Supervisor Lester made the motion, seconded by Supervisor Hale, to approve the contract with Shentel.

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

**VICTIM WITNESS GRANT**

Mr. Bear explained that we typically, on an annual basis, receive this grant for the Victim Witness Program, and that the Sheriff's Office recommends approval.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to approve receipt of the Victim Witness Program grant.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

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### WYTHE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Bear advised that there is one vacancy on the Rescue Squad (Stanley Demers).

Chairman Reeves said that Mr. Demers had called and spoken with him, explaining that due to health reasons, he was tendering his resignation on the Rescue Squad Board of Directors. He was advised to send a letter and to also speak with Mr. Bear.

Supervisor Vaught said that Brian Bard approached him to express interest in serving on the Board. He spent several years on the Rescue Squad, he co-owned a business so he has that business experience, he currently works for the police department and has regular contact with the Rescue Squad, and Supervisor Vaught believes he would be a great addition to the Board of Directors.

Supervisor Vaught made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to appoint Brian Bard to Wythe County Rescue Squad Board of Directors.

The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Reeves said that one more appointment will be needed in the near future.

Mr. Bear will put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

### APEX CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Mr. Bear said that the APEX Construction Committee met just prior to this meeting and had the following recommendations:

1. Sound System – The Committee requested bids for the sound system. Mr. Vaughan and others met onsite with Lee Hartman & Sons to review the bid they submitted for basically 14 speakers inside the arena, speakers outside the arena, allowing for some expansion, and allowing for video capabilities too. The Committee's recommendation is to approve the bid from Lee Hartman & Sons for \$115,242.40. Mr. Bear provided the Board with a handout showing financial status with respect to capital expenditure budget.

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. Range Hood and Exhaust Proposal – One of the concession areas needs to be outfitted with a fire hood for the use of a grilling surface. The Committee recommended approval of the RGM quote in the amount of \$19,331 for the installation of the exhaust hood.

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

3. Lightning Protection System – The County asked for bids on a lightning protection system, and a response was received from VFC out of Raleigh, NC. The recommendation from the Committee was approval of this quote in the amount of \$23,725 with the recommendation that the County Engineer review all matters with them to insure everything is in place with this system.

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

#### **PICNIC COMMITTEE**

Mr. Bear said that the Picnic Committee met and would like to hold the County picnic next Friday afternoon, August 24<sup>th</sup>, if that is acceptable with the Board. Mr. Bear asked for permission to close the offices for the picnic from 12:00 to 5:00. The picnic will be held at either Rural Retreat Lake or Foster Falls State Park.

Supervisor Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester, to close the County offices at noon on August 24, 2018.

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

#### **CLOSED MEETING – CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING POTENTIAL BREACH OF CONTRACT, AND DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL MATTERS**

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

The motion passed unanimously.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

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Upon returning to open meeting, Supervisor Lester made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts, to adopt the following Resolution certifying the business conducted in closed meeting as follows:

**RESOLUTION  
CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

**WHEREAS**, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and,

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Wythe County Board of Supervisors that such meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the Wythe County Board of Supervisors.

The roll call 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

**WATER RATES**

Mr. Bear referenced the Public Hearing on water rates and wanted to know if the Board would like this on the next agenda for consideration of adoption, or if they want to schedule a work session to further discuss.

It was noted that there were no real objections other than the Brinkleys objecting to the law.

Mr. Bear said he received only one email from a constituent in Supervisor McRobert's district, but according to the tax records, that person is not in an area where public water is provided, nor did the Water Department have him listed as a customer of the water system. Mr. Bear heard from no one else.

Supervisor Lester had a couple contact him that were opposed to the rate increase, one of whom attended tonight's Public Hearing, but chose not to speak.

Supervisor Lawson said she has questions about this issue and perhaps a work session is in order.

Supervisor Vaught said he has received several calls, and believes this is too close to the real estate tax increase. He understands the need for it, but now is not the right time.

The Board agreed to have a work session next Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr. Bear says we're at a disadvantage; the Town has a lot more density and more lines, and everyone in town is hooked up. He added that we have a lot of debt to cover, between that and the debt service on the NRRWA. Do we consider using funds from the general fund dollars, not out of water revenue, to pay the debt service?

Chairman Reeves said that people in the County, who don't have water service and who will never have water, should not have to pay.

Supervisor Lester asked if it's possible to raise the rates just on the second 1,000 gallons and up, and leave the initial rate on the first 1,000 gallons the same.

Mr. Bear said we don't want to encourage people not to connect. We would be better off if we had those 1,000 people who weren't connected, using the water, because more usage means more revenue.

Supervisor Hale added that we have a two million gallon tank capability, and we're only using a little more than 400,000 gallons. We should be in the business of selling water to residents; anyone who wants to buy bulk water to fill their swimming pools(\$400-500).

The Board further discussed the water system issues, costs and rates.

**RECESS**

The Board recessed until Thursday, August 23, 2018, at 3:00 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

The Board reconvened on Thursday, August 23, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town of Wytheville Municipal Building, 150 East Monroe Street, Wytheville, Virginia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Joe F. Hale, Vice Chair	Brian W. Vaught
Ryan M. Lawson	

**COUNTY STAFF PRESENT:**

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

**JOINT IDA MEMBERS PRESENT**

David Kause	David Manley
David Carpenter	John Matthews
Dicky Morgan	Virginia Crockett
Matt Clarke	

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Wayne Sutherland	Dan Tolley
Beth Taylor	Tom Burns

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Lori Cox

Karen Akers

**BRANCH BOTANICALS PRESENTATION**

Mr. Dan Tolley provided a status update on the Branch Botanicals project. Mr. Tolley indicated that over the past year, they have been busy with the building design, equipment purchases, farming support and restructuring their investments and Board of Directors. He noted commitments of \$277K for land purchases in 2018 and \$5.5M in the building equipment in 2018-2019.

Mr. Tom Burns assured the JIDA and Board of Supervisors that Branch is committed to staying in Wythe County. They have rebuilt their Board of Directors over the past year in record time. He expects to close on equity in about six weeks and with that, they will pay off the land.

**RECESS**

The Board recessed until Thursday, August 23, 2018, at 4:30 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

The Board reconvened on Thursday, August 23, 2018, at 4:30 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 (5:00 p.m.)  
 Charlie G. Lester

Ryan M. Lawson (5:10 p.m.)  
 Coy L. McRoberts  
 B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.

**COUNTY STAFF PRESENT:**

Stephen D. Bear, County Administrator  
 Martha G. Collins, Administrative Assistant/Clerk  
 Don Crisp, Water & Wastewater Director  
 Bill Vaughan, County Engineer

**PROPOSED WATER RATE INCREASE**

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed increase in water rates. They discussed a revision to the water rate structure next fiscal year.

**RECESS**

The Board recessed until Thursday, August 23, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

The Board reconvened on Thursday, August 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Emergency Operations Center Conference Room, 290 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 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.

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Eric Crowgey, Chair  
 Ron Boone

David Midkiff  
 Robert Walk

Heidi Davidson-Lyall  
Jeffrey Lienhard

Doug Wilson

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Reeves determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN**

Mr. Bear requested the joint meeting and proposed to have more joint meetings going forward. It was suggested that the two groups meet one or twice a year, and to have the Planning Commission more involved in capital planning.

The groups discussed various capital improvements, economic development, tourism, and technology, and how to get the public and our schools more interested and involved.

The Planning Commission hopes to finalize capital improvements plan by the end of December for review by the Board of Supervisors.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Reeves adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:45 p.m.

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Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair