

**November 27, 2018**

The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 27, 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  
 B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.  
 Ryan M. Lawson

Charlie G. Lester  
 Coy L. McRoberts  
 Brian W. Vaught

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mike Forrest  
 Andy Fowler (arrived late)  
 Lori Guynn  
 Pam Heath (arrived late)  
 Mike Jones

Brian Lawson  
 Linda Meyer  
 Jeff Russell (arrived late)  
 Larry Scott

**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**

County Administrator Stephen Bear provided the invocation and Chair Reeves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CITIZENS' TIME**

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

With no one wishing to address the Board, Chairman Reeves closed Citizens' Time.

**COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY**

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Chairman Reeves welcomed and introduced the new Commonwealth Attorney, Mike Jones.

Mr. Jones, who has been in this position for 20 days, announced that he has already hired two new assistant attorneys, and a legal secretary who will be starting on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. He has been to each court here and in Pulaski and is getting back into asset forfeitures to insure they are filed timely. He looks forward to working with everyone and he is reachable 24/7.

Supervisor Lawson congratulated Mr. Jones and expressed enthusiasm to have him as our Commonwealth Attorney.

Supervisor Vaught asked the Chairman if we could discuss the Noise Ordinance with Mr. Jones since he will be prosecuting those cases.

Mr. Jones would like to review the Ordinance first and then he will provide his input to the Board.

#### **PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES**

Supervisor Lester made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on November 27, 2018, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30102313-30102430 as follows:

#### **EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS November 27, 2018**

<b>CHECK #</b>	<b>ISSUE DATE</b>	<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
30102313	11/14/2018	APPALACHIAN POWER	25,023.21
30102314	11/14/2018	CENTURYLINK	284.95
30102315	11/14/2018	SHENTEL	73.37
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES 11/14/2018</b>			<b>\$25,381.53</b>

<b>CHECK #</b>	<b>ISSUE DATE</b>	<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
30102316	11/19/2018	APPALACHIAN POWER	591.26
30102317	11/19/2018	CENTURYLINK	50.84
30102318	11/19/2018	CENTURYLINK	58.40
30102319	11/19/2018	CENTURYLINK	257.97
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES 11/19/2018</b>			<b>\$958.47</b>

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<b>CHECK #</b>	<b>ISSUE DATE</b>	<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
30102320	11/27/2018	AKER, TERESA B	189.40
30102321	11/27/2018	AKERS, CORY	125.00
30102322	11/27/2018	ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC-SAF	500.00
30102323	11/27/2018	APPALACHIAN JUVENILE COMM	4,375.00
30102324	11/27/2018	APPALACHIAN POWER	604.96
30102325	11/27/2018	ARNOLD, LYNN E	135.00
30102326	11/27/2018	ARROWHEAD SCIENTIFIC, INC	55.87
30102327	11/27/2018	ATKINSON, BARBARA R	135.00
30102328	11/27/2018	BLUE RIDGE AUTO PARTS INC	24.56
30102329	11/27/2018	BMS DIRECT INC	6,158.90
30102330	11/27/2018	BOWERS, ASHLEY	135.00
30102331	11/27/2018	BRENNTAG MID-SOUTH INC	2,057.20
30102332	11/27/2018	BRITAIN, ANGELA C	165.00
30102333	11/27/2018	CAMPBELL, JACQUELINE H	175.00
30102334	11/27/2018	CARTER BANK & TRUST (NOTE	36,751.39
30102335	11/27/2018	CASSELL, MARY B	135.00
30102336	11/27/2018	CENTURYLINK	39.98
30102337	11/27/2018	CENTURYLINK	72.93
30102338	11/27/2018	CENTURYLINK	148.18
30102339	11/27/2018	CENTURYLINK	167.78
30102340	11/27/2018	CLINE, DEBRA B	135.00
30102341	11/27/2018	CLIPPARD, EURAL D	135.00
30102342	11/27/2018	COPENHAVER, JANET F	135.00
30102343	11/27/2018	COUNTY OF WYTHE	1,416.67
30102344	11/27/2018	DEPOT DESIGNS OF RURAL RE	195.25
30102345	11/27/2018	DEPT OF MOTOR VEHICLES	20.00
30102346	11/27/2018	DISHON, PATRICIA TICKLE	192.60
30102347	11/27/2018	DISTRICT THREE	4,147.50
30102348	11/27/2018	EATON, LISA	135.00
30102349	11/27/2018	EDMONDS, BETTY F	197.40
30102350	11/27/2018	EMS INC	1,570.00
30102351	11/27/2018	EVERGREEN ACTIVITY CENTER	110.00
30102352	11/27/2018	FARMERS MILLING & SUPPLY	50.70
30102353	11/27/2018	FASTENAL	109.24
30102354	11/27/2018	FIRE RESCUE AND TACTICAL	129.97
30102355	11/27/2018	FN WHOLESALE LIGHTING & S	58.20
30102356	11/27/2018	FOOD COUNTRY	20.75

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30102357	11/27/2018	FORT CHISWELL HIGH SCHOOL	550.00
30102358	11/27/2018	GEARHART, JAMES D	125.00
30102359	11/27/2018	GORDON, BETTY	125.00
30102360	11/27/2018	GRANT, BRUCE M	4,136.75
30102361	11/27/2018	GROSE, WENDY H	135.00
30102362	11/27/2018	GRUBB, KATHERINE	135.00
30102363	11/27/2018	HALL, PATTY U	135.00
30102364	11/27/2018	HARRIS, KAREN G	175.00
30102365	11/27/2018	HASH, JOEL L JR	135.00
30102366	11/27/2018	HORTON, ELIZABETH	135.00
30102367	11/27/2018	JASON'S AUTO SERVICE	16.00
30102368	11/27/2018	JONES, BRANDI	135.00
30102369	11/27/2018	JONES, JANIE R	135.00
30102370	11/27/2018	JONES, JOHN B	135.00
30102371	11/27/2018	KEGLEY, GEORGE A JR	175.00
30102372	11/27/2018	KING, CAROLYN	18.83
30102373	11/27/2018	KING-MOORE INC	630.00
30102374	11/27/2018	LEONARD, DONNA	135.00
30102375	11/27/2018	LESTER, LINDA F	135.00
30102376	11/27/2018	LIENHART, JEFFERY S	125.00
30102377	11/27/2018	LINDSEY, PATSY D	184.60
30102378	11/27/2018	MABE, DONNA U	125.00
30102379	11/27/2018	MANLEY, HOWARD	125.00
30102380	11/27/2018	MANSFIELD OIL CO	8,182.40
30102381	11/27/2018	MCI COMM SERVICE	33.08
30102382	11/27/2018	MCI COMM SERVICE	69.60
30102383	11/27/2018	MCI COMM SERVICE	528.28
30102384	11/27/2018	MILLER, JERRY G	165.00
30102385	11/27/2018	MOODY, JOHN S	197.40
30102386	11/27/2018	NACO	585.00
30102387	11/27/2018	NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL	118,250.00
30102388	11/27/2018	NEWBERRY, ALBERT L	135.00
30102389	11/27/2018	TLA ENTERPRISES	456.00
30102390	11/27/2018	RICHARDO SALDIVAR	147.84
30102391	11/27/2018	OWEN G. DUNN CO	81.67
30102392	11/27/2018	OWEN, ALVADA L	135.00
30102393	11/27/2018	PEED & BORTZ LLC	6,690.00
30102394	11/27/2018	R&R ENTERPRISES INC	460.00
30102395	11/27/2018	REASOR, SMITH	135.00

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30102396	11/27/2018	ROESCH, PAULA C	135.00
30102397	11/27/2018	RURAL RETREAT HIGH SCHOOL	82.04
30102398	11/27/2018	SALEM STONE	423.94
30102399	11/27/2018	SAWYERS, MARTHA A	191.00
30102400	11/27/2018	SHEFFEY, SANDRA M	135.00
30102401	11/27/2018	SIRCHIE FINGER PRINT LABO	381.61
30102402	11/27/2018	SMYTHERS-STITT, ANNA E	191.00
30102403	11/27/2018	SOUTHWESTERN EQUIPMENT	16.68
30102404	11/27/2018	SOUTHWESTERN VA GAS SERVI	726.53
30102405	11/27/2018	SOENCER, BRIDGET S	135.00
30102406	11/27/2018	STICKLAND, CAITLEN M	125.00
30102407	11/27/2018	SUTHERS, DAVID	104.02
30102408	11/27/2018	THOMPSON TIRE	203.78
30102409	11/27/2018	TOWN OF RURAL RETREAT	748.71
30102410	11/27/2018	TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE	7,457.15
30102411	11/27/2018	TRI CITIES/SW VA REGIONAL	502.30
30102412	11/27/2018	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	273.67
30102413	11/27/2018	UNIFIRST CORP	69.08
30102414	11/27/2018	USA BLUE BOOK	1,475.06
30102415	11/27/2018	VACA	350.00
30102416	11/27/2018	VERIZON WIRELESS	80.02
30102417	11/27/2018	VIARS, DAVID G	135.00
30102418	11/27/2018	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYST	695.96
30102419	11/27/2018	VUPS	143.85
30102420	11/27/2018	WEAVER, ROSEDITH S	135.00
30102421	11/27/2018	WILLIAMS, KEVIN	216.69
30102422	11/27/2018	WILLIAMS, MAHALEY MARIE	125.00
30102423	11/27/2018	WILLIAMS, MARY ANN	135.00
30102424	11/27/2018	WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROU	148.00
30102425	11/27/2018	WRIGHT LINE LLC	1,450.00
30102426	11/27/2018	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	388.97
30102427	11/27/2018	WYTHEVILLE COMMUNITY COLL	157.50
30102428	11/27/2018	WYTHEVILLE METALS	230.25
30102429	11/27/2018	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	507.42
30102430	11/27/2018	XEROX	186.67

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**TOTAL EXPENDITURES 11/27/2018** **\$223,483.78**

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 11/27/2018** **\$249,823.78**

Supervisor McRoberts seconded the motion and the roll call vote 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

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The Board was presented with the November 14, 2018, minutes for approval.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Vaught, to approve the November 14, 2018, minutes as presented.

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

**ABSTRACT OF VOTES**

Mr. Bear reported that there were a few minor corrections to the numbers, a copy of which he had previously emailed to the Supervisors.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lawson, to accept the amended Abstract of Votes.

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

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## **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 \$59,386,431 of which \$30,295,588 was in the General Fund Account at the end of October. She stated that those numbers will spike in November and December due to incoming tax payments.
2. 2018 Tax Bill Deadline – Ms. Guynn mentioned that most people seem appreciative of the tax deadline extension, although December remains a difficult time of year to pay taxes. Ms. Guynn does not anticipate any future bills going out until early November because the rates don't get approved until June 30<sup>th</sup>; then the Commissioner's Office has 90 days to complete the tax books and transfer a copy over to her. It then takes about 2-3 weeks for the Treasurer's Office to process, and a couple weeks at the printers. Ms. Guynn asked the Board if they could possibly adopt the tax rate by May 30<sup>th</sup> as she feels it would make it easier on all concerned and, hopefully, allow the tax bills to go out in early October.

Supervisor Vaught asked if the Treasurer can set up payment plans for citizens.

Ms. Guynn said they do offer pre-payment plans to make it easier for the taxpayer. Her office collects approximately \$200,000 each year in pre-payments but she added that many people prefer not to pay in advance.

Supervisor Vaught appreciates that there are options for the taxpayers, although December is a difficult time for many. He asked about the drop-box and how that is working.

Ms. Guynn responded that they are receiving payments that way but she needs to promote it online to increase awareness. She is still waiting on decals for the drop-box.

As of November 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Treasurer's office has collected slightly less than 15% of the taxes we billed out.

## **WATER COMMITTEE REPORT**

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1. Water Department Petty Cash Fund – Supervisor Horney made a motion, as recommended by the Water Committee, to increase the Water Department’s petty cash fund from \$500 to \$750 for an additional till drawer. The roll call vote 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. Fort Chiswell Well #2 - Supervisor Horney made a motion, as recommended by the Water Committee, to enter into an agreement with Hurt & Proffitt to prepare a PER that provides alternatives and cost estimates for completing the required inline chlorine monitor and recording system, and the additional treatment of UV disinfection, filter, etc. at the Fort Chiswell Well #2 site. The proposed fee is \$5,600.

Mr. Bear explained that in accordance with the October 29, 2018 letter from the Health Department, it was determined that Well #2 is a groundwater source and is not under the direct influence of surface water. However, the Health Department recommends installation of UV disinfection or other systems to treat the water. Mr. Bear stated that Well #2 is a primary water source that allows us to not have to buy water from NRRWA. The PER will determine what the cost will be, then we can decide whether to implement this work or to purchase the water from NRRWA.

The roll call vote 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



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3. Pepper's Ferry Regional Wastewater Treatment Authority – Supervisor Horney made a motion, as recommended by the Water Committee, to approve the annual Septage Treatment Memorandum of Understanding with Pepper's Ferry Regional Wastewater Treatment Authority. 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

### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – NOISE ORDINANCE**

Mr. Bear said the primary changes that were made to the Noise Ordinance were in Section 2 Prohibitive Conduct, where it originally proposed hours between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.. That has now been moved to Section 2(A)(4) specifically as it relates to lawn care, maintenance, timbering and unnecessary discharge of firearms. Exemptions and Report of Violation remain the same as they were before.

Supervisor Vaught asked if target shooting is still exempt.

Mr. Farthing responded that the way the Ordinance is written, you cannot discharge firearms after 11:00 p.m. and before 6:00 a.m.

Mr. Bear said the Board can wait to hear what the Commonwealth Attorney's opinion is on the proposed Ordinance, or they can go ahead and set the Public Hearing.

Chairman Reeves advised putting this on the December 11<sup>th</sup> agenda, to set the Public Hearing for January 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

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

1. Crystal Springs Recreational Access Road – Mr. Bear stated that this road has been approved by the State and, as such, it will come off the six-year plan and free up funds and space for additional projects. No timeframe yet as to when the work will start.

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2. Exit 24 Sewage Collection System – Mr. Bear said the necessary paperwork and certifications to operate there have all been received. The system is flowing well and he is hopeful that, in the near future, there will be another business connecting to it.
3. Planning Commission – Capital Improvement Plan Input Meeting Schedule – Mr. Bear reported that the first session will be tonight in Rural Retreat, another on Thursday night here, then next Tuesday at Sheffey Elementary School. They are promoting the meetings on social media and welcome everyone’s input.

Supervisor Lawson added that there will be a drawing for a \$100 gift card that was donated.

## COUNTY ATTORNEY’S REPORT

1. Evatran Settlement Agreement - County Attorney Scot Farthing reported that Thomas Hough (guarantor) has signed the settlement agreement regarding Evatran’s payback of grant money (\$100,000 in three installments). JIDA has already signed the agreement and Mr. Farthing asks the Board to accept the agreement.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester, to accept the settlement agreement as presented and authorize the Chairman to sign it.

Supervisor Hale inquired about interest on the grant money.

Mr. Farthing responded that according to the original grant agreement, no interest would be charged on the payback. He further stated that they have until April 30, 2019 to pay in full. They are processing a payment now for \$50,000 then another payment of \$25,000 will be submitted in January, with their final payment of \$25,000 in April.

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. Personnel Matter – Supervisor Vaught requested the Board go into a closed meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

The Board agreed to do this later in the meeting.

2. County/Town Sports Venues – Supervisor Lawson was contacted by a concerned citizen regarding the use of sporting facilities. The citizen is upset that the Town is charging the County Schools (swim teams) to practice and hold their meets at the Recreation Center. However, the County does not charge the Town for use of its football fields. Supervisor Lawson believes there should be an agreement between the Town and the County to use each other's facilities and asks if the Board could look into this.

Mr. Bear responded that such an agreement would have to be worked out between the Town and the School Board, but he understands the concern. He said it's not really a County issue, but he will consult with the Town Manager regarding this subject and report back to the Board.

Chairman Reeves does not like that the Town charges County residents more than Town residents for use of the Wellness/Recreation Center.

Supervisor Lester believes, depending on what Mr. Bear hears from the Town Manager, that the Board should lend support to the School Board.

Supervisor Vaught said that it's easy to say the issue is between the Town and the School Board, but we fund the School Board. He said we allow the Town to use the football fields, and all the schools have their proms up there, and are barely given a break. Supervisor Vaught said that a good partnership works both ways, but he views this as going but one way.

3. Exit 80 Demolition Update – Supervisor Hale asked for an update on Exit 80 demolition of the gas station. He's already received two queries about this. Will VDOT require a turn-lane be put in?

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Mr. Vaughan stated that the initial plan had been reviewed for Erosion and Sediment Control by the County. VDOT reviewed for other requirements, such as entrances. The current Circle K entrance is being removed and moved further west on East Lee Highway. Internal circulation around the tanks and new convenience store will have two exits for right turn only onto southbound Max Meadows Road. There are no turn lanes associated with the project at this time. Mr. Vaughan replied that the existing tanks are being removed and new tanks relocated internal to the lot away from the intersection of East Lee Highway and Max Meadows Road.

4. Ivanhoe Paving – Supervisor McRoberts referenced the road that goes through the middle of Ivanhoe and said they were finally told it would be paved next year. However, VDOT told them that Route 619 was going to be paved this past summer and it still hasn't happened yet. It's going to be snowing soon and that will delay them even more.

Mr. Bear advised that Mr. Russell (VDOT) will be here at 10:00 this morning and will address those concerns.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Supervisor Lester made a motion to approve the consent calendar as presented for November 27, 2018, as follows:

#### **1. PAYROLL – October 2018:**

General County Fund	\$	510,218.22
Police Activity Fund		70,867.36
Courthouse Security Fund		9,200.86
Water Department Fund		19,079.64
Wythe County Wastewater Fund		19,265.10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>628,631.18</b>

**Check Numbers:** 20000347-20000366

**Voucher Numbers:** 5304-5477

#### **2. STATUS REPORTS:**

- A. Animal Control – Arlan Dunford
- B. Building Inspection – Tim Spraker

- C. Engineering – Bill Vaughan
- D. Finance – Bruce Grant

**3. PERSONNEL:**

- A. Goins, Jacob – Salary Increase, Full-time Deputy Sheriff, Annual Salary \$33,000, Effective September 16, 2018
- B. Carter, Joshua – Salary Increase, Full-time Deputy Sheriff, Annual Salary \$33,000, Effective September 16, 2018
- C. Brewer, Peyton – Salary Increase, Full-time Deputy Sheriff, Annual Salary \$33,000, Effective September 16, 2018
- D. Akers, Frances – Salary Adjustment, Full-time Deputy Clerk, Clerk of Circuit Court, Annual Salary \$47,214.00, Effective November 7, 2018
- E. Musser, Jeremiah – Elected, Clerk of Circuit Court, Annual Salary \$110,825, Effective November 7, 2018
- F. Saliba, David – Not Reappointed, Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney, Effective November 7, 2018
- G. Jones, Mike – Elected, Commonwealth’s Attorney, Annual Salary \$121,906, Effective November 7, 2018

**4. BUDGET AMENDMENT:**

- A. \$235.92 (43048-443020) – Auto Claim, September 28, 2018

Supervisor Vaught seconded the motion.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

**APEX CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

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Mr. Bear reported that the framing of the bleachers is in place and that work has been done throughout the weekend. His main concern is with the access road and parking lot because the asphalt plants may be closing soon. However, they still intend to complete the paving this week. Mr. Bear said they're working on the entrance road and ditch lines, and that the curb and gutter work on Ready Mix Road should be starting this week. On the interior, there are a few closeout items but everything should be completed by early next week.

Regarding the arena floor, Mr. Bear said they delayed putting the media mix down because there were a few areas not well compacted. He said they will compact it better and bring more dirt in before they put material on top of that.

Supervisor Hale inquired about gas.

Mr. Vaughan said the pad is in for propane tanks but the 4-in carrier pipe is not yet installed. The plumber is scheduled to install by Thursday and then Hall Propane will place the tanks, run the supply line, and set the regulator.

#### **CLOSED MEETING – DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL MATTERS**

Supervisor Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Vaught, to enter into Closed Meeting under Section 2.2-3711.A.1 (Personnel) of the Code of Virginia.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

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

#### **RESOLUTION CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

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

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

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

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

#### **VDOT REPORT**

Mr. Russell said regarding the six-year plan, they're currently working on Nixon Road. They were going to put down base stone, but the weather caused some delays. Regarding Pump Hollow Road, he said they did get approval for recreational access funding so the \$160,000 that was budgeted, can go towards other roads. Mr. Russell said as soon as the weather breaks, they'll start on Millers Creek Road, Grouse Ridge Road, and Major Grahams Road.

Mr. Russell stated the bridges over Reed Creek and the interstate bridges will likely be under construction towards the end of 2021.

Regarding I-81 acceleration lane extension (77 South to I-81), Mr. Russell reports that it has been bid out and work should begin early next year.

Mr. Russell spoke with the construction division contractor regarding Route 619, and while they did pave some last week, it was supposed to have been completed this week. Mr. Russell said that it will get done but he's not sure exactly when.

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Mr. Larry Scott, was invited to appear before the Board. Mr. Scott stated that he was born and raised here, is retired military, and he moved back to Wythe County about 20 years ago. In or around 2009, he raised the issue of Route 619. Over the past 20 years, he said tar has been put down with gravel on top of it, but the paving keeps being delayed. Mr. Scott said that Route 619 (towards Route 52) is a disaster and probably the worst road he's seen in the State. He said he's received five tax notices in the mail this past week, which he pays every year, along with everybody else. Mr. Scott encouraged the Board to drive along Route 619 so they can see first-hand how bad it is. He was told about four or five years ago the road was going to be paved but absolutely nothing has been done. He said there are drop-offs along that road and it's dangerous, not just for him but for the school buses and young, inexperienced drivers. Mr. Scott said that last year, after so many accidents, they did pave a small portion. He appreciates the Board time and consideration and hopes that something can be done.

Chairman Reeves encouraged Mr. Scott to reach out to the State government officials because VDOT is a state agency. He said Mr. Russell can only do what the District allows him to do. Chairman Reeves doesn't understand why it's taken so long to correct the road; it's been contracted out and is on the schedule. Chairman Reeves told Mr. Scott that he would pass along his concerns to Senator Suetterlein and Delegate Campbell.

Mr. Scott said he will also contact the Senator and Delegate but feels it's a waste of his time to come in front of the Board with no results. He shouldn't have to do that. We're only talking about a half mile to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile.

Mr. Russell said that Supervisor McRoberts has regularly inquired about Route 619. Mr. Russell confirmed that it is on the schedule, and that he would expect that it be completed by Spring. He added that Route 619 going west that is a slurry seal contract (not paving) and is also on the schedule.

Supervisor Hale referenced blowouts and said that if you're dealing with DEQ, it would make more sense to keep the water in the creek instead of water in the road. He said those big blowouts cause us to lose hundreds of tons of crusher run or 21A every time it gets out.

Mr. Russell does not think DEQ is prohibiting them from making those improvements.

Supervisor Hale was told that VDOT can only design for a 10-year storm. He said we're having 10-year storms two or three times a summer. Supervisor Hale wants to know



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how we can get you to make some local decisions? He added that in 20 years, we've probably spent close to \$4mm on Millers Creek alone. It doesn't seem logical that a 10-year storm design is adequate in today's world.

Mr. Fowler said that a lot of the pipes on Millers Creek were put in but were never designed (or sized said Supervisor Hale) and, as we've replaced them, we put in bigger pipes. Mr. Fowler stated they upsize them when they replace them, but they can't do them all at once.

Chairman Reeves asked, when pipes get washed out time and time again, does anyone consider that too much money is being spent continuing to replace the pipes? Has anyone suggested a different approach?

VDOT stated they had put in bigger pipes in two to three years ago, and the floods we had this past summer did not affect them.

Supervisor Lester received a complaint about Sharitz Road, which needs to be scraped and ditches cleaned out.

Mr. Bear said that road (approximately 1.4 miles) might be considered in the six-year plan.

Supervisor Hale asked Mr. Russell if we have about \$700k more going into next year's maintenance budget?

Mr. Russell responded that \$160k will be additional money but the \$500k, when they programmed it last year, it was assumed they'd get it and didn't count it against the plan last year.

Supervisor Hale asked if the jobs that are allocated will continue until the money runs out, and will it go past the Mansion toward Red Hollow?

Mr. Russell responded that it will go past the Mansion about 400-500 yards. He also said that they keep working until the money runs out.

Mr. Bear asked for an update on Grouse Ridge Road.

Ms. Heath spoke with AEP yesterday and they're working to resolve the issue with the gas line.

Mr. Bear thanked her for that and for her help with Pump Hollow.

Mr. Bear reported that a meeting has been set for tomorrow regarding Progress Park Connector Road and Smart Scale application.

Mr. Bear asked, regarding Exit 80, are they revising any of the entrances?

Ms. Heath said they are eliminating one of the entrances.

Mr. Bear asked Mr. Russell if VDOT had a recommendation regarding the abandonment of Buckley Drive.

Mr. Russell said that, to the best of his knowledge, VDOT has not been maintaining that road and it's basically a dead-end driveway. He said their recommendation is to not spend public dollars to maintain a road that basically serves as a driveway, and they recommend abandonment.

Supervisor Vaught asked, if we abandon it, are we taking away a right-of-way from the landowner?

Mr. Russell believes the landowner will still have access to that property and added that the right-of-way was non-existent when the landowner inherited the property. He said the landowner would still have access even if he later decides to subdivide the property.

Supervisor Vaught asked Mr. Bear to provide them with a list of all the roads that qualify for the six-year plan.

Mr. Russell said they are working towards getting an updated list.

Mr. Russell informed Supervisor McRoberts that another speed study was requested on Route 94 (around the curves). Mr. Russell asked the speed limit be lowered but, unfortunately, they would not approve it. He did say there is an area where they will try and widen the shoulder, if they haven't already done it.

*(Supervisor Hale left the meeting at 11:13 a.m.)*

Supervisor Horney asked Mr. Russell that Jonas Town Road be scraped.

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**RECESS FOR SITE VISITS**

The Board recessed to conduct site visits of Buckley Drive, George Wythe High School and the APEX Center.

**RECONVENE**

The Board of Supervisors reconvened at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 27, 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  
B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.  
Ryan M. Lawson

Charlie G. Lester  
Coy L. McRoberts  
Brian W. Vaught

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Joe F. Hale, Vice Chair

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

**BUCKLEY DRIVE**

Mr. Bear reported that due to the timeframe VDOT requires for abandonment of Buckley Drive right-of-way, December 11<sup>th</sup> is too soon. He recommends the public hearing take place on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester, to set the Buckley Drive public hearing for January 8, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business to come before the Board, Chairman Reeves adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:01 p.m.

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Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair