The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 12, 2022. The location of the meeting was in the Boardroom of the County Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Brian W. Vaught, Chair
Ryan M. Lawson, Vice Chair
Rolland R. Cook
B. G. “Gene” Horney, Jr.
Jesse R. Burnett
Stacy A. Terry

MEMBERS ABSENT:
James D. “Jamie” Smith

STAFF PRESENT:
Stephen D. Bear, County Administrator
Martha Collins, Administrative Assistant/Clerk
Matt Hankins, Assistant County Administrator
Scot Farthing, County Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT:
Ely Blevins & Family
Anthony Cline
Carrie Sage Dalton
Molly Dalton
Mike Forrest
Michael Hoback
Gus Kincer
Zach Lester
Linda Meyer
Dickie Morgan
Wes Poole
Greg Puckett
Steve Red
Tatum Robinson & Family
Lydia Sprano & Family
Parker Stone & Family

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Pastor Michael Hoback, Wytheville First Assembly of God, provided the invocation and Supervisor Cook led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION OF SPORTS RESOLUTIONS
Chair Vaught presented the following resolution honoring Parker Stone of the Rural Retreat High School Wrestling Team:
WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2022-01
A RESOLUTION HONORING
PARKER STONE
OF THE RURAL RETREAT HIGH SCHOOL
WRESTLING TEAM

WHEREAS, junior Parker Stone completed his 2021-2022 wrestling season with an overall record of 32-2; and,

WHEREAS, Parker advanced to the Virginia High School League Group 1A State Wrestling Championships on February 19, 2022, at the Salem Civic Center; and,

WHEREAS, Parker defeated Tanner Hartford of Grundy capturing the 2022 State Championship title in the 106-pound weight class; and,

WHEREAS, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors officially commends Parker for his spirit, character, and dedication to excellence for which we should all strive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors presents this resolution to Parker Stone in recognition of his 2022 individual Wrestling State Championship title; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be incorporated into the official minutes of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors.

Adopted this 12th day of April 2022.

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to adopt Resolution 2022-01 honoring Parker Stone of the Rural Retreat High School Wrestling Team.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Brian W. Vaught
       Rolland R. Cook
       Ryan M. Lawson
       Jesse R. Burnett
       B. G. “Gene” Horney, Jr.
       Stacy A. Terry

NAYS: None
ABSENT: James D. “Jamie” Smith

Chair Vaught also presented the following resolution honoring Ely Blevins of the Rural Retreat Wrestling Team:

WYTHER COUNTY RESOLUTION 2022-02
A RESOLUTION HONORING
ELY BLEVINS
OF THE RURAL RETREAT HIGH SCHOOL
WRESTLING TEAM

WHEREAS, junior Ely Blevins completed his 2021-2022 wrestling season with an overall record of 34-1; and,

WHEREAS, Ely advanced to the Virginia High School League Group 1A State Wrestling Championships on February 19, 2022, at the Salem Civic Center; and,

WHEREAS, Ely defeated Aaron Peterson of Grayson County capturing the 2022 State Championship title in the 132-pound weight class; and,

WHEREAS, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors officially commends Ely for his spirit, character, and dedication to excellence for which we should all strive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors presents this resolution to Ely Blevins in recognition of his 2022 individual Wrestling State Championship title; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be incorporated into the official minutes of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors.

Adopted this 12th day of April 2022.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to adopt Resolution 2022-02 honoring Ely Blevins of the Rural Retreat High School Wrestling Team.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Brian W. Vaught Jesse R. Burnett
Chair Vaught presented the following resolution honoring the George Wythe High School 200-Yard Girls Medley Relay Team:

**WYTHER COUNTY RESOLUTION 2022-03**  
**A RESOLUTION HONORING**  
**THE GEORGE WYTHE HIGH SCHOOL**  
**200-YARD GIRLS MEDLEY RELAY TEAM**

**WHEREAS**, the George Wythe High School 200-yard Girls Medley Relay Team, consisting of senior Tatum Robinson, senior Morgan Dalton, sophomore Lydia Sprano and freshman Carrie Sage Dalton completed a very successful 2021-2022 season; and,

**WHEREAS**, the George Wythe High School 200-yard Medley Relay Team advanced to the 2021-2022 Virginia High School League State Class 1A/2A Swim & Dive Championship in Richmond, Virginia on February 17, 2022; and,

**WHEREAS**, the George Wythe High School 200-yard Medley Relay Team defeated the competition capturing the VHSL 1A/2A State Championship title with a time of 1:58.25; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors officially commends Tatum Robinson, Morgan Dalton, Lydia Sprano and Carrie Sage Dalton for their outstanding dedication, athletic ability, and sportsmanship.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors presents this resolution to the 200-yard Medley Relay Team in recognition of its 2021-2022 Swimming State Championship title; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be incorporated into the official minutes of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors.
Adopted this 12th day of April, 2022.

Vice Chair Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to adopt Resolution 2022-03 honoring the George Wythe High School 200-Yard Girls Medley Relay Team.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:        Brian W. Vaught          Jesse R. Burnett  
             Rolland R. Cook           B. G. “Gene” Horney, Jr.  
             Ryan M. Lawson            Stacy A. Terry

NAYS:        None

ABSENT:      James D. “Jamie” Smith

Chair Vaught also presented the following resolution honoring Tatum Robinson of the George Wythe High School Swim Team:

**WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2022-04**
**A RESOLUTION HONORING**
**TATUM ROBINSON**
**OF THE GEORGE WYTHE HIGH SCHOOL**
**SWIM TEAM**

WHEREAS, George Wythe High School senior Tatum Robinson completed a very successful 2021-2022 swim season; and,

WHEREAS, Tatum advanced to the 2021-2022 Virginia High School League State Class 1A/2A Swim & Dive Championship in Richmond, Virginia, on February 17, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, Tatum captured the 100 Butterfly championship with a time of 57.86; and,

WHEREAS, Tatum captured the 200 Meter Individual Medley championship with a time of 2:08.88, making her the four-time state champion in this event; and,

WHEREAS, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors officially commends Tatum for her dedication to excellence for which we all should strive.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors presents this resolution to Tatum Robinson in recognition of her 2021-2022 Swimming State Championship titles and wishes Tatum much success in her future swimming endeavors at Marshall University; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be incorporated into the official minutes of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors.

Adopted this 12th day of April, 2022.

Chair Vaught made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to adopt Resolution 2022-04 honoring Tatum Robinson of the George Wythe High School 200-Yard Girls Medley Relay Team.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Brian W. Vaught
       Rolland R. Cook
       Ryan M. Lawson
       Jesse R. Burnett
       B. G. “Gene” Horney, Jr.
       Stacy A. Terry

NAYS: None

ABSENT: James D. “Jamie” Smith

Mr. Bear commented that these students go above and beyond with their dedication and commitment. These sports require a significant amount of time to train and practice, from the early morning hours to weekends and holidays, and all of these student athletes should be applauded for their efforts.

Chair Vaught added that the parents too should be commended for their involvement and support of the kids in these programs.

CITIZENS’ TIME

1. WCPS Proposed Resolution – Ms. Linda Meyer appeared before the Board and stated “As you well know, I’ve been carrying the torch about pornographic material in our schools for the last 10 months and I have met with every Tom, Dick and Harry possible, and so on. So, I’ve written up a resolution which I would hope you would take into consideration. This resolution is objecting to
pornography in Wythe County schools. WHEREAS, the Wythe County Schools has confirmed the existence of sexually explicit material in our school system; and, WHEREAS, the curriculum director, citizens and the school committee has met to review said books; and, WHEREAS, examples of objectionable books were provided by me, chapter and book and samples such as The Kite Runner, The Bluest Eye, Tricks and Sloppy Firsts; and, WHEREAS, the Wythe County School Board has not taken action to remove these objectionable books noted. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors supports the citizens’ efforts to remove these books and asks the School Board to do so without further notice to promote a moral compass. States across the U.S. have been becoming aware and, right next door, our Lieutenant Governor has been doing a fight, let’s say, against or objecting to pornography in the North Carolina schools. It’s catching on here all over the place and I have written up this resolution. I hope you take it into consideration and act on it so the School Board will have, this will have some teeth and the School Board will, in fact, remove these books from our system. It’s interesting to note that even our Public Library only has three of the 25 books that we’ve objected to which is kind of interesting. So, I’m hoping that you people will take it upon yourselves to help the citizens and if you don’t remember, we have a petition with almost 200 people signing objecting to pornographic books which was presented to the School Board and so on and so forth. And we’ve jumped through all the hoops that they placed and been very explicit about everything. And they still have not made a determination. Thank you.”

2. **VDOT Issues in Max Meadows** – Mr. Steve Red appeared before the Board and stated “Good evening, everybody. What I have to say won’t take very long. I’ll try to not waste your time. It’s an issue about three different things. One, my girlfriend lives in Max Meadows, owns a home on Carterville Heights Road, and there is every so often, VDOT will come along and they’ll, for lack of a better word, they’ll whack at a tree. These trees, I don’t know what they’re invasive trees I’ve always heard them called Lady Bird bushes. You guys might know what I’m talking about. They’re a very invasive tree and they’re hard to kill. Well, for the last couple of years, VDOT has continually just nipped on this tree, and now, it’s dead on one side and it’s growing up out the other side and it’s in the ditch; it’s in the ditch line. And I know ‘cause I’ve subcontracted over 12 years with VDOT, I know where they’re usually, not every case, I know where their right of way is too. Back this year, January maybe early February, I went over to the VDOT lot and talked with the supervisor there. Well, he said ‘I will - can’t promise you when I’ll get to it.” was his very word. He wrote it down on a post-it-note and stuck it on
top of his desk, like the light over the top of his desk. Well, this has never been resolved and I was trying to give him a hint like you know if you guys still have a piece of equipment called a Boom Axe or Mowtrim, they’ve got different names for it, they can just take it right off. And the winter time’s a good time to do that ‘cause people are not outside much, not running the lawnmowers; it’s a good time to take care of something like that. But everything’s starting to green out now. I had already talked with Mr. Smith; he’s not here tonight but he said that he would email or text one of you why I was coming here. I think that would be something so easy to take care of. If you are proud of a house, you got the yard mowed just right, the last thing you want to see is a bunch of dead trees right in your front yard, right in front of your front door, 70 feet away from it. It’s too easy to take care of to not do it. And I know they’ve paid a lot of taxes and taxes on top of taxes to get that road paved in there which I think happened about eight years ago if I’m not mistaken. But I think that’s one thing that VDOT should do.

Another thing is at the end of Carterville Heights where it enters Peppers Ferry Road, you have a culvert with two, what we used to call a drop inlet, but there are two pavers that go to it. First paver that runs to the culvert pitch goes under the road; the first one goes, it’s filled up with everything you can imagine. It’s never been cleaned out, to my knowledge. Me and my girlfriend been looking at this for the last decade, I guess. It’s been at least that long. Now that would be on one side of the street you see a really nice, well-kept yard. He’s got the same inlet, got the same culvert; he keeps his up. But the other side, it’s neglected. It’s where the stop sign is at. And not only the stop sign, I looked at it before I come down, you got a stop sign that doubles for a road number sign, then you have the County, Peppers Ferry/Carterville Heights Road sign and you have the fiber optic boxes coming up right within a 10-foot circle. So, there’s really no way for the State to come in there and mow that really effectively without moving some of these signs – oh, it’s the industrial park sign; I’m sorry. You have all those signs, a bunch right together and then I couldn’t hardly ride a lawnmower in between, much less than what you have now. So, I think that is an issue that I think VDOT can solve and, probably a backhoe and a couple of hours, it would take manual labor, you have to shovel it out. But I think they could take care of that in no problem whatsoever.

Lastly, one thing that I have on my mind, there used to be a way to contact VDOT. You could contact your local - but you can’t now. No way to contact them. So if, hypothetically, I have a deer in front of the house, or a tree limb busted off in a storm, I mean a big one, not one you can just pick up and carry off, aint no
way to contact anybody. I don’t know if this counsel has a number that you can contact them. I posed Mr. Smith this, I said ‘Am I supposed to try to contact you for everything I need to be talking to someone else about?’ He did not give me a definitive answer but he didn’t avoid the answer either. So, I’m posing this to you. With that, that’s basically all I have to say. Is there anything you’d like to tell me?”

Chair Vaught responded that Supervisor Smith did communicate with the local VDOT representative regarding these concerns, and this Board will bring it up again tomorrow at their VDOT work session. The Chair understands that everything now has to go through Salem.

Mr. Red continued “But maybe during your meeting you might want to bring up the State taxpayer, and local taxpayer maybe, had to pay for that culvert. It flows and it’ll go around it and make a big mud puddle in the road. It has no way, no water leads, it’s cut off in it. There’s no way for it to get the water in to where it’s supposed to go. It’s mind-boggling how much taxpayers’ money went into building that just so we could let it stop up. You’d been better off not to even put one in there.”

The Chair said they would follow-up with VDOT tomorrow at their joint meeting.

Hearing no other comments, Chair Vaught closed Citizens’ Time.

PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES
Supervisor Cook made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on April 12, 2022, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30112205-30112351 and one wire transfer as follows:

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**TOTAL EXPENDITURES 04/12/2022** $843,475.98

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 04/12/2022** $855,610.23

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

**AYES:**
- Brian W. Vaught
- Rolland R. Cook
- Jesse R. Burnett
- B. G. “Gene” Horney, Jr.
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
The Board was presented with the March 22, 2022 minutes for approval.

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to approve the March 22, 2022 minutes as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:


NAYS:  None

ABSENT:  James D. “Jamie” Smith

RURAL RETREAT LAKE LEASE
Mr. Hankins stated that the Rural Retreat Lake Lease has been reviewed by DWR counsel and by the Attorney General’s Office. It’s an initial five-year lease with option to renew three times for a total maximum of 20 years. However, the County must contact DWR for each renewal, as automatic renewals are not allowed under State Code. If and when the lease should expire, we are required to remove the disc golf course and pool. Also included in the lease is the County’s ability to hold two community recreational events each year. DWR continues to prohibit gasoline engines on the lake, as well as horseback riding around the lake.

Mr. Bear added that DWR reserves the right to offer water fowl hunting October through February.

Supervisor Cook made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to approve the Rural Retreat Lake Lease Agreement as presented and authorize staff or Chair to execute.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:
AYES: Brian W. Vaught
       Rolland R. Cook
       Ryan M. Lawson
       Jesse R. Burnett
       B. G. “Gene” Horney, Jr.
       Stacy A. Terry

NAYS: None

ABSENT: James D. “Jamie” Smith

Supervisor Cook asked about the email requesting a food truck on Memorial Day. He will forward that email to Mr. Hankins for consideration.

MOUNT ROGERS PDC APPOINTMENT
Mr. Bear referenced Mount Rogers PDC and the open appointment needing to be filled.

Vice Chair Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to appoint Stephen Moore to Mount Rogers Planning District Commission.

The vote on the motion was unanimous, with one absent.

WYTHEVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE APPOINTMENTS
Chair Vaught mentioned two open appointments at WCC, one vacated by Mr. Danny McDaniel who has served two consecutive four-year terms and is no longer eligible. The other open appointment is that of Mrs. Leslie Farthing.

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to reappoint Leslie Farthing to the Wytheville Community College Board.

The vote on the motion was unanimous, with one absent.

Mr. Bear brought the general requirements of the WCC Board to the Supervisors’ attention when considering potential applicants. Such requirements are included in the board package.

DCJS (LOLE) GRANT AWARD
Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to approve and accept $1,244 of federal grant money, and to amend and appropriate same to the Sheriff’s Office budget.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:
AYES: Rolland R. Cook                         B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
       Jesse R. Burnett                         Stacy A. Terry

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Brian W. Vaught                    Ryan M. Lawson

ABSENT: James D. "Jamie" Smith

**SHERIFF’S OFFICE TRANSFER REQUEST**
Supervisor Burnett made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to approve the transfer of $370.01 from 31026-455010 to 3102-461100 for printing services.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Rolland R. Cook                         B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
       Jesse R. Burnett                         Stacy A. Terry

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Brian W. Vaught                    Ryan M. Lawson

ABSENT: James D. "Jamie" Smith

**LANE GROUP – AMENDMENT 1 TO A/E SERVICES AGREEMENT**
Mr. Bear explained that the original agreement with The Lane Group didn’t include construction administration services necessary to review contractors’ plans, submittals, etc. Staff recommend approval of this amendment in the amount of $58,750.

Supervisor Cook made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to approve Amendment 1 to Lane Group’s Architectural and Engineering Services Agreement as presented.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Brian W. Vaught                         Jesse R. Burnett
       Rolland R. Cook                         B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
       Ryan M. Lawson                         Stacy A. Terry
NAYS: None

ABSENT: James D. “Jamie” Smith

**READY MIX ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION**
Mr. Bear asked for Board approval dedicating Ready Mix Road Right-of-Way to VDOT as the final step in designating the road as State-maintained, from Chapman Road up to the APEX Center.

Vice Chair Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to approve the right-of-way dedication for Ready Mix Road.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

**AYES:**
Brian W. Vaught  Jesse R. Burnett
Rolland R. Cook  B. G. “Gene” Horney, Jr.
Ryan M. Lawson  Stacy A. Terry

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** James D. “Jamie” Smith

**IVANHOE VFD VEHICLE SURPLUS**
Mr. Hankins commented that IVFD has requested the use of their old tanker at the fairgrounds for water control, as the tanker is no longer in use for emergency service purposes.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Burnett, to declare Ivanhoe VFD’s vehicle as surplus and to transfer the title back to them provided stipulations are met (insured and non-emergency usage).

The vote on the motion was unanimous, with one absent.

**EARMARK FUNDING**
Mr. Bear shared a letter with the Board from Mr. Andy Kegley, H.O.P.E., Inc., requesting a general letter of support to request earmark funding from Congress. This funding would be used for workforce housing and development which is crucial in light of new industries coming to Wythe County.
Vice Chair Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Burnett, to authorize a letter of support for H.O.P.E., Inc.’s workforce housing.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:  
Brian W. Vaught  
Rolland R. Cook  
Ryan M. Lawson  
Jesse R. Burnett  
B. G. “Gene” Horney, Jr.  
Stacy A. Terry

NAYS:  None

ABSENT:  James D. “Jamie” Smith

PUBLIC SERVICE RADIO PROVIDER
Mr. Hankins said that the County has been working to get a contract in place for a public service radio provider. It is still being negotiated and he hopes to have something for the Board to consider at the next meeting.

RAIL EXPANSION DOCUMENTS
Mr. Hankins mentioned that the rail expansion documentation was received today and will be executed as soon as a comprehensive review is completed.

MAX MEADOWS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
Mr. Hankins received comments from Max Meadows VFD regarding the draft Memorandum of Agreement. While there are some issues the County cannot agree to, both parties will continue working on the agreement.

BLUE LINE SOLUTIONS CONTRACT
Mr. Hankins said that the County is working on the contract with Blue Line, the speed camera enforcement company. He hopes to present this to the Board for approval at the next meeting.

REGIONAL IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION
Mr. Hankins shared information with the Board regarding this Commission along with a draft letter to send to neighboring counties. As background, he said the General Assembly authorized creation of casino gambling in Virginia and that the Bristol District was selected as a location. However, Bristol is not allowed to retain all the gaming tax revenue, and it must be shared by members of the Transportation District. No one has yet moved forward to create the Regional Improvement Commission that is tasked with
disbursing funds from gaming tax revenue. Each county/city will have one representative on the Commission. Mr. Hankins also shared a draft letter he intends to send to the other counties in order to get the ball rolling.

Supervisor Cook made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Burnett, to appoint Mr. Hankins as representative for Wythe County on the Regional Improvement Commission.

The vote on the motion was unanimous, with one absent.

**SPEEDWELL FIRE TRUCK**
Mr. Hankins mentioned that the Speedwell fire truck should arrive by the end of the month. That delay was due to a few last-minute changes.

**LEAD MINES RESCUE SQUAD (“LMRS”)**
Mr. Hankins wanted to set up a meeting with LMRS and this Board tomorrow but conflicting schedules precluded this from happening. The County had previously agreed to a $40k match on the purchase of a new ambulance, and it is requested that the Board approve pre-payment of that money upon receipt of an invoice.

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to authorize pre-payment of $40,000 for LMRS’s new ambulance.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

**AYES:**
- Brian W. Vaught
- Rolland R. Cook
- Ryan M. Lawson
- Jesse R. Burnett
- B. G. “Gene” Horney, Jr.
- Stacy A. Terry

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** James D. “Jamie” Smith

**SUPERVISORS’ REPORTS**

1. **National Telecommunicator’s Week** – Chair Vaught announced that this is National Telecommunicator’s Week and everyone should reach out and thank our dispatchers. It is a very difficult and stressful job, one that results in a lot of turnover, so please let our dispatchers know how much they are appreciated.
CLOSED MEETING
Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to enter into Closed Meeting under Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711.A.3 – Acquisition or Disposition of Real Property (APEX Property and Speedwell District).

The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:       Brian W. Vaught       Jesse R. Burnett
             Rolland R. Cook        B. G. “Gene” Horney, Jr.
             Ryan M. Lawson         Stacy A. Terry

NAYS:       None

ABSENT:     James D. “Jamie” Smith

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

The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:       Brian W. Vaught       Jesse R. Burnett
             Rolland R. Cook        B. G. “Gene” Horney, Jr.
             Ryan M. Lawson         Stacy A. Terry

NAYS:       None

ABSENT:     James D. “Jamie” Smith

Upon returning to open meeting, Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, 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  
Rolland R. Cook  
Ryan M. Lawson  
Jesse R. Burnett  
B. G. “Gene” Horney, Jr.  
Stacy A. Terry

NAYS: None

ABSENT: James D. “Jamie” Smith

RECESS
The Board recessed until Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. for VDOT Work Session.

RECONVENE
The Board reconvened on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the Boardroom of the County Administration Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Brian W. Vaught, Chair  
Rolland R. Cook  
B. G. “Gene” Horney, Jr.  
Jesse R. Burnett  
James D. “Jamie” Smith  
Stacy A. Terry

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Ryan M. Lawson, Vice Chair

STAFF PRESENT:
Stephen D. Bear, County Administrator
OTHERS PRESENT:
Andy Fowler, VDOT

VDOT WORK SESSION:
The Board of Supervisors and County staff met with Mr. Andy Fowler, VDOT, to review the Secondary Six-Year Plan.

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to authorize VDOT to make requested changes to the Six-Year Plan, including .45 miles of Doe Run above Millers Creek, and take 0.5 miles of Millers Creek after Doe Run.

The Six-Year Plan will be updated for public hearing at a later date.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Brian W. Vaught  Jesse R. Burnett
Roland R. Cook  B. G. “Gene” Horney, Jr.
James D. “Jamie” Smith  Stacy A. Terry

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ryan M. Lawson

The group then discussed Regional Improvement Commission, followed by an update of existing road projects by Mr. Fowler.

(Supervisor Burnett left the meeting.)

CLOSED MEETING
Supervisor Cook made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to enter into Closed Meeting under Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711.A.1 – Discussion of Personnel Matters (County Administration Salaries and Max Meadows Fire Department Personnel)

The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Brian W. Vaught  B. G. “Gene” Horney, Jr.
Rolland R. Cook
James D. “Jamie” Smith

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ryan M. Lawson
Jesse R. Burnett

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to return to open meeting.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Brian W. Vaught
Rolland R. Cook
James D. “Jamie” Smith

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ryan M. Lawson
Jesse R. Burnett

Upon returning to open meeting, Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, 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 vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Brian W. Vaught B. G. “Gene” Horney, Jr.
Rolland R. Cook Stacy A. Terry
James D. “Jamie” Smith

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ryan M. Lawson Jesse R. Burnett

RECESS
The Board recessed until Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. for a Budget Work Session.

RECONVENE
The Board reconvened on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the Emergency Operations Center conference room.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Brian W. Vaught, Chair Jesse R. Burnett
Rolland R. Cook James D. “Jamie” Smith
B. G. “Gene” Horney, Jr. Stacy A. Terry

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Ryan M. Lawson, Vice Chair

STAFF PRESENT:
Stephen D. Bear, County Administrator
Martha Collins, Administrative Assistant/Clerk
Matt Hankins, Assistant County Administrator
Regina Williams, Finance Director

LEAD MINES RESCUE SQUAD BOARD:
Sissy Anders Chuck Parnell
Cody Jackson William Watts
Kim Lovingood

WORK SESSION
The Board of Supervisors and County staff met with Lead Mines Rescue Squad ("LMRS") Board of Directors to review and discuss LMRS operations.

Afterwards, the Board of Supervisors and County staff discussed Reassessment Values as well as Tax Rates (real estate and personal property).

(Supervisor Terry left the meeting.)

CLOSED MEETING
Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Burnett, to enter into Closed Meeting under Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711.A.1 – Discussion of Personnel Matters (Salaries).

The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Brian W. Vaught Jesse R. Burnett
       Rolland R. Cook       B. G. “Gene” Horney, Jr.
       James D. “Jamie” Smith

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ryan M. Lawson Stacy A. Terry

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to return to open meeting.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Brian W. Vaught Jesse R. Burnett
       Rolland R. Cook       B. G. “Gene” Horney, Jr.
       James D. “Jamie” Smith

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ryan M. Lawson Stacy A. Terry
Upon returning to open meeting, Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to adopt the following Resolution certifying the business conducted in closed meeting as follows:

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The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Brian W. Vaught
       Rolland R. Cook
       James D. “Jamie” Smith

       Jesse R. Burnett
       B. G. “Gene” Horney, Jr.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ryan M. Lawson
       Stacy A. Terry

ADJOURNMENT
With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Vaught adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:20 p.m.

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Brian W. Vaught, Chair