The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 10, 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
James D. “Jamie” Smith
Stacy A. Terry (via phone)

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

OTHERS PRESENT:
Jerry Blevins
Anthony Cline
Jim Cox
Jim & Dee Ennis
Charlie Foster
Andy Fowler
Rick Hogston
Zach Lester
Two reps from ProComm

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
Retired Pastor Jim Cox, Seventh-day Adventist Church, provided the invocation and Supervisor Cook led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECTRONIC MEETING POLICY
Chair Vaught announced that Supervisor Terry is out of town and has requested to join the meeting by phone, in accordance with Rule 5.3 in the Rules of Procedure. Approval is automatic unless someone wishes to move to disapprove the electronic participation.


CITIZENS’ TIME

1. **WCPS Pornography** – Mrs. Diane ("Dee") Ennis appeared before the Board, distributed a resolution to each member, and stated “The title of this resolution is ‘Objecting to Pornography in Wythe County Schools’, and as I said, you can read it. I hope that you all understand what’s written in here, and we would recommend that this resolution be put on the agenda for the next meeting, May 24, 2022. We need to get a vote from you all. Thank you.”

2. **Section 8 Assistance** – Mr. Jim Ennis appeared before the Board and stated “I want to make a few comments about - I got to read this residential anti-displacement and reconciliation assistance plan. And I got to reading it and I go ‘Oh my goodness - wow!’ All occupied and vacant properties that were basically Section 8 housing are going to be rebuilt, redone, restored to make more and better upgrade housing for Section 8 people and I go ‘Who the heck is that for, you know?’ My goodness. I’m sure all of you are aware, over the past year and a half we’ve had open borders; tens of thousands of people have crossed into the country. We have Afghans coming into the county; we have Taliban coming into the country; and these people need a place to stay. So, I’m concerned about our little county out here. Our rural county is a great place where they would love to send more and more of these people to occupy and live in our neighborhoods. So, I don’t know what you all can do about this resolution thing about the federal agency wanting to upgrade and increase, you know, housing for all these Section 8-type people and we don’t think we need or want that much going on in our county; but they need to find a place for all these people that are coming into the country and I don’t know if we want them all here. So, I hope you can do something about it. I’m not sure what power or authority you have but it’s kind of alarming that … ‘cause I knew it was coming because you keep hearing stories about open borders, open borders, people from all these foreign countries coming in here. So, if you can do something about it, please do.”

3. **2022 Tax Assessments** – Mr. Jerry Blevins appeared before the Board and stated “Recently I received a 2022 Tax Reassessment form in the mail and I saw my tax reassessment go up by almost 400%. Apparently, reassessors had arrived at my locked gate and decided to estimate my reassessment rather than leave a note in my mailbox or gate with their phone number on it so I could contact them. After further looking at the reassessment, I discovered that I’d only received a partial reassessment leaving out the detailed parts which can be obtained through the Commissioner of Revenue Office of Wythe County. By not mailing out a full
reassessment, it makes it difficult on taxpayers not having an office to meet one-on-one with reassessors, it also makes it difficult for taxpayers. A fortnight ago I came to you to give analysis of my experience with the Wythe County Sheriff’s Department as well as problems obtaining a copy of the 911 call made to the County Call Center on February 15, 2022. I wanted to complain to the Department of Social Services about problems with a neighbor and the problems continue. And then Major Cline called my attorney apparently to complain about speaking to the Board of Supervisors and Ms. Lawson. My attorney asked why I did this and I replied that people have the right to know the truth and since I’m apparently the only person that seems to know that, who better than I to relay it? Some of the problems I went to DSS with continue including messing with my chainsaw switch, my TV interference, turning off my SIM card on my smart phone, as well as causing my smart phone to jump from one app to another without input from me. I probably just messed with and one was a very bad case that’s now infected. My computer printer changes a number of copies to be made without input from me. And then over a year ago, I went to Salem, NC for a VA disability exam and while there I told my examiner about some of the cyber problems I was having and I expected we had taken similar cyber technology on the road and messed around with some other countries namely Cuba and that’s why our embassy boys were attacked with what is now called Embassy Syndrome. My examiner said ‘Yeah, I know that and had once treated some of the patients while working in Washington metro area.’ I then asked the examiner how I was going to tell the American public, to which she replied ‘You’re not.’ Little did my examiner or I at that time realize my immortal friend would soon create a set of circumstances that would indeed make this possible. I’ve worked closely with my immortal friend from Boston for 50 years and although at times it can be intimidating to have a friend that always has the best ideas and is never wrong but the outcome is so nice and beautiful. One soon gains great respect for his knowledge and power. God blessed Wytheville the evening of May 6, 2022 and brought a lot of hail, wind and tornado warning directly over the Bowling Hotel that’s giving a clear warning that He can find Wytheville and He is displeased with what’s going on there. I realize this statement is in the abstract but the following statement will quickly remove the abstract by providing my name, social security number, birthday and address. The following states my relationship with God in finite terms that anyone can understand. Upon the Sheriff’s Deputy taking me to the Wythe County Community Hospital and chained me to the bed, the hospital did comprehensive testing and billed Medicare a total of $3,046; and Medicare approved the entire amount. However, Medicare only paid the hospital $.58 and then notified me that I had fully met my $223 dollar deductible for Part B for
2022. But situations like this are not isolated events but eventually occurred quite frequently. Since being released from jail I've had two hearings in General District Court. They were very interested and . . .” (Chair Vaught advised Mr. Blevins that his three minutes were up) “. . . okay I've got a couple more sentences but whatever. Thank you.”

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

PUBLIC HEARING – VDOT SECONDARY SIX-YEAR PLAN
Mr. Bear read the following public notice, “The Virginia Department of Transportation and the Board of Supervisors of Wythe County, in accordance with Section 33.2-331 of the Code of Virginia, will conduct a joint public hearing in the Boardroom of the Wythe County Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, VA 24382 at 6:00 p.m. on May 10, 2022. The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comment on the proposed Secondary Six-Year Plan for fiscal Years 2022/23 through 2027/28 in Wythe County and on the Secondary System Construction Budget for Fiscal Year 2022/23. Copies of the proposed Plan and Budget may be reviewed at the Wytheville Residency Office of the Virginia Department of Transportation, located at 2843 Chapman Road, Wytheville, VA 24382 or at the Wythe County offices located at 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, VA 24382. All projects in the Secondary Six-Year Plan that are eligible for federal funds will be included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), which documents how Virginia will obligate federal transportation funds. Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate in this hearing should contact the Virginia Department of Transportation at (276) 228-2154. Persons wishing to speak at this public hearing should contact the Wythe County Board of Supervisors at (276) 223-4500.”

With no citizens wishing to address the Board, the Chair Vaught closed the comment period of the public hearing.

Mr. Andy Fowler, VDOT Area Manager, commented that they had one mile to add to the Six-Year Plan, and that they had rearranged a couple of routes. They propose to swap approximately ½ mile of Doe Run with Millers Creek Road. Due to inflation and rising material and delivery costs, they had to update the costs on all the existing projects on the Six Year Plan. But after those changes were made, VDOT was still able to add another .9 miles to Conners Valley Road and they used the last tenth of a mile to add to Foster Falls Road.
Supervisor Smith said he appreciates the accommodations made on Doe Run and Conners Valley.

Chair Vaught inquired about Foster Falls Road and how pleased the citizens would be to have that road improved.

Mr. Fowler said they met with Ms. Mabry last week and their objective is to get that section of the road paved (better for winter plowing). He said that VDOT will also need a turnaround there and they will continue to work with Ms. Mabry and/or her son.

Mr. Bear distributed another copy of the Six-Year Plan that includes Conners Valley and Foster Falls (that were omitted from the board package copy).

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Burnett, to approve the Secondary Six-Year Plan as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

**AYES:** Brian W. Vaught
Rolland R. Cook
Ryan M. Lawson
James D. “Jamie” Smith

**Jesse R. Burnett**
**B. G. “Gene” Horney, Jr.**
**Stacy A. Terry**

**NAYS:** None

Chair Vaught thanked Mr. Fowler for so quickly addressing the traffic light at the crossroads.

Mr. Bear asked that Mr. Fowler forward him any necessary resolutions for rural rustic so they can get adopted prior to July 1.

The Chair also said Chief Deputy Cline has been working with the drug/recovery court program and perhaps some of those guys would be able to help with the trash pickup.

Mr. Fowler will reach out to the Chief Deputy.
PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES
Supervisor Cook made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on May 10, 2022, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30112437-30112529 as follows:

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
May 10, 2022

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Vice Chair Lawson seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows:

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

Jesse R. Burnett  
B. G. “Gene” Horney, Jr.  
Stacy A. Terry
NAYS: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
The Board was presented with the April 26, 2022 minutes for approval.

Supervisor Cook made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to approve the April 26, 2022 minutes as presented.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

APPOINTMENTS
Mr. Bear announced that a vacancy exists on the Appalachian Exposition Center Authority. There is an individual who may be interested but is pending confirmation. There is also an opening on Mount Rogers PDC and Wytheville Community College board. If any board member has someone to nominate, please advise Mr. Bear.

BLUE LINE SOLUTIONS CONTRACT
Mr. Hankins shared with the Board a copy of the final contract with Blue Line Solutions for the speed camera enforcement. Mr. Hogston from Blue Line Solutions is in attendance to address any questions or concerns the Board may have.

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to approve the agreement with Blue Line Solutions and authorize the County Administrator and Sheriff to execute the contract.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: Jesse R. Burnett

ABSTAIN: Brian W. Vaught Ryan M. Lawson

Chair Vaught asked Mr. Hogston to extend the Board’s thoughts and prayers to Mr. Hutchinson and his family at this difficult time.
**PRO COMM AGREEMENT**

Mr. Hankins said the agreement with Pro Comm is for construction and physical upgrades to the public service radios. Certain language in the agreement was revised at the request of this board. Mr. Hankins noted the County is still trying to locate a tower in Speedwell, which could impact the cost of this agreement. Pro Comm reps are in attendance should the Board have any questions.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to approve the agreement with Pro Comm for upgraded radio services and authorize County Administrator to execute.

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  
James D. “Jamie” Smith

**NAYS:**  None

Mr. Hankins added that the new Speedwell fire truck is outside and he hopes to deliver it to the fire station this week.

**DHCD LOTS GAP TANK PROJECT**

Mr. Bear commented that the County applied for and received $2.5M in funding to build the Lots Gap tank (land was secured last week). DHCD funding requires adoption of various documents, each of which Mr. Bear touched upon:

Vice Chair Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to adopt the Business & Employment Plan. The vote on the motion was unanimous.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Burnett, to adopt the Non-Discrimination Policy. The vote on the motion was unanimous.

Supervisor Cook made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to adopt Section 504 Non-Discrimination Based on Handicap. The vote on the motion was unanimous.

Vice Chair Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to adopt Section 504 Grievance Procedure. The vote on the motion was unanimous.
Vice Chair Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to adopt Certification of Signatures & Address. The vote on the motion was unanimous.

Mr. Bear referenced the first sentence of the Residential Anti-Displacement & Relocation Assistance Plan that reads “Wythe County will replace all occupied and vacant occupiable low/moderate-income dwelling units demolished or converted to a use other than as low/moderate income dwelling unit as a direct result of activities assisted with funds provided under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.” Mr. Bear clarified that this project will consist of construction of a water tank on Lots Gap Road and that no homes or buildings will be affected by this construction. No one will be displaced or will need to be relocated.

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to adopt Residential Anti-Displacement & Relocation Assistance Plan. The vote on the motion was unanimous.

Vice Chair Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to adopt Fair Housing Certification Resolution. The vote on the motion was unanimous.

Mr. Bear also said that two other applications are in to further help with funding of this project ($5.4M total project cost).

**READY MIX ROAD – PROJECT ADJUSTMENT RESOLUTION**

Mr. Bear said the County worked on Ready Mix Road to bring it to State-maintained standards; this Board recently approved the plat. This resolution is required in order to enter Ready Mix Road into the State system.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to adopt Ready Mix Road Project Adjustment Resolution 2022-05.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

**NAYS:** None
PROCLAMATION – WYTHE COUNTY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
Mr. Bear mentioned that this Proclamation is in honor of the hospital’s 50 years of service in Wythe County for which we are most appreciative.

Vice Chair Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to approve the Proclamation for the Wythe County Community Hospital.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

SHERIFF’S OFFICE – SOLE SOURCE REQUEST FOR NIGHT VISION SYSTEM
Sheriff Foster explained that TNVC is the only manufacturer/distributor of this one-of-a-kind technology (using a white phosphor tube). In addition, this night vision system that will be used in their tactical vehicle, comes with a lifetime warranty and seems to be the best product out there.

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to approve the request and authorize posting of notice for sole source procurement from TNVC.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Brian W. Vaught Ryan M. Lawson

BUDGET COMMITTEE
Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to authorize the Treasurer to place $500,000 in a 30-month Certificate of Deposit to satisfy DHCD’s grant requirements for the Lots Gap Tank Project.

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
James D. “Jamie” Smith
NAYS: None

SUPERVISORS’ REPORTS

1. Trash & Recycling Centers – Chair Vaught mentioned that he has visited a couple of the centers over the past couple of weeks and have found them to be nearly at full capacity on the weekend. This has been an ongoing issue for far too long, and he said we can’t expect our citizens to have to sling a 30-pound bag of trash over the top of the trash bin. He would like to Mr. Bear to discuss the issue with Mr. Bowers and find a viable solution.

Mr. Bear and Mr. Horney will raise the issue at the next JPSA meeting. But JPSA cannot transfer the trash to Tazewell on Saturdays because they are closed. However, perhaps JPSA has room to hold the trash in their containers/trailers.

Mr. Bear also said that spring cleaning can present challenges but the County has been fortunate the past few years not having to face any serious issues.

FY 2023 BUDGET REVISIONS
Mr. Bear said the Board agreed to set the public hearing for June 14th for personal property tax rate, but we need to approve the budget for advertisement no later than the May 24th meeting. He asked if the Board wishes to schedule a final work session to review/discuss.

Supervisor Cook asked if we know about State funding yet?

Mr. Bear said that he hasn’t heard anything yet, other than it could be in mid-May, but he is not holding his breath. Many localities are moving forward to adopt their budgets and will then amend them in July once the State determines funding.

The Board agreed to conduct another Budget Work Session on May 18th.

RECESS
Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to recess until Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. for a Budget Work Session. The vote on the motion was unanimous.

RECONVENE
The Board reconvened on May 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. for a Budget Work Session.
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Brian W. Vaught, Chair                     B.G. “Gene” Horney, Jr.
Ryan M. Lawson, Vice Chair                James D. “Jamie” Smith
Rolland R. Cook                           Stacy A. Terry

MEMBER ABSENT:
Jesse R. Burnett

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

OTHERS PRESENT:
Mike Forrest

BUDGET WORK SESSION:
The Board and staff reviewed and discussed revisions to the FY23 Budget.

CLOSED MEETING
Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to enter into Closed Meeting under Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711.A.1 – Discussion of Personnel.

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

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

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

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 unanimous, with one absent.

ADJOURNMENT
With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Vaught adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:10 p.m.

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Brian W. Vaught, Chair