The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 9, 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                Jesse R. Burnett
Ryan M. Lawson, Vice Chair          James D. “Jamie” Smith
Rolland R. Cook                        Stacy A. Terry
B. G. “Gene” Horney, Jr.

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

OTHERS PRESENT:
Paul Arnold                               Linda Meyer
Jerry Blevins                                David Midkiff
Todd Busick                                   Jeff & Kristin Miller
Allen Coe                                      Scott Pakidis
Charlie Foster                                 Cathy Pattison
Gus Kincer                                    Connie & Tommy Seagle
Mary Jo McKenzie                        and four other citizens

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 Paul Arnold, Asbury Church, provided the invocation and Supervisor Cook led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS’ TIME

1. Taxes and Water – Mr. Allen Coe appeared before the Board and stated “Thank you all for your time and thank you for your dedication and trying to make the county better. Dear Lord I don’t know what you guys deal with and what you’re
facing and all but I want to talk about taxes, personal property, a little bit and mostly the water bill. Personal property I understand; right now is the time for the county to make money. That personal property tax will eventually back off; these vehicles are going to back off. But what I’m afraid of is this water bill that I’m going to discuss is not going to back off. I’ve been dealing with it for twelve years now since it first started with my mother on Route 11. She was on a fixed income, she had to make choices; if it wasn’t for me and my brother helping her pay her bills, she couldn’t afford the water bill. But based on everything, we wanted to do our part and try to help. She had a good well, just like I’ve got a good well. And now we’re at the point that I’m looking at retiring down the road; I don’t want to be faced with a bill just the same shape she was in, down the road it might be $30, $40, $50 that I don’t have the money to pay for it, and I don’t have kids to take care of me like me and my brother took care of her. With a good well, when I came on to the 350 feet limit, I was within five feet of the limit until they set the meter, and I placed in 390 feet to get into the house or at the square where I wanted the spicket which is at that frost-proof spicket outside, not in the house. So, I could have put it at the road but that’s in a hay field so I run it to the house 393 feet. Didn’t really complain about that, still wanted to do my part to help out. I know people in Crockett needed it; I know some of my neighbors need to go there, by the way, but there seems to be now I get a bill that we’ve taken away the free gallons, the free first thousand gallons. I don’t mind paying but I don’t want to pay for nothing. And now that’s exactly what I’m asked to do, is pay a bill with no free gallons. I use anywhere from maybe 50 -350 gallons; during the summer I wash my car, wash my vehicle, but I still pay that bill. So, my other 5-6-700 gallons going to somebody else. But with that, I still didn’t complain but now I’m complaining because I’m paying a bill for nothing; I’m getting nothing in return other than a, as they termed it on the phone, a courtesy service is how it’s put now, not a connection or a disconnect fee; it’s a courtesy service that I don’t need because I’ve got a good well. So, I’m being punished ... Thank you for your time.”

2. Neighbor Complaints – Mr. Jerry Blevins appeared before the Board and stated “My domestic terrorism report for this reporting period is about the same as the last one I delivered to the Wythe County Board of Supervisors’ meeting. Problems still exist and in the early morning hours of approximately 6am on the 29th of October while still dark, two shotgun blasts came from 424 Bishop Road, and in the early morning hours of October 30th, another loud noise. Also, car doors were messed with on my Toyota. On November 3, 2022 I left on a business trip at 8am and returned at around 12pm. I locked my storage building door before I left and
removed the key and verified the door was locked; and when I returned at around 12pm, the door was unlocked. The door was verified to be unlocked before inserting a key. Nothing was messed with as far as I could tell. However, this presents a good opportunity for the police to determine who unlocked the door using geographic forensics since they have a location and timeframe the incident occurred. Also on November 3, 2022, a shotgun noise was heard at 4:37 pm coming from the field that was unoccupied. My television and headphones still continue to be messed with. At the last Wythe County Board of Supervisors’ meeting, I talked about my 47% increase in my personal property taxes. Kathy, of the Wythe County Commissioner of Revenue office stated to me that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors could have done better setting the rates. Kathy also stated that Wythe County only receives a 27.37% state car tax refund, thus being 11.63% less than what Smyth County receives. I decided to look into this matter further and contacted Jeff Campbell our legislative representative. However, Jeff was busy with a client and his legislative assistant. Jed Arnold talked to me. At first, Jed Arnold tried to steer me in several other directions but finally I informed him that all I needed was an answer as to why the state car tax relief was 39% in Smyth and 27.37% in Wythe. Jed informed me that it would take some research on his part to find that out, and for me to give him two weeks to mail me a letter with an explanation. I told Jed that all I needed was a copy of the law signed by then Governor Gilmore. At the time of this speech, I haven’t heard anything from Jed Arnold and it has been two weeks. Thank you.”

3. **Sewage Issue at Nathan King Trailer Park** – Mr. Tommy Seagle appeared before the Board and stated “I’m here in reference to the problem with the sewage at Nathan King Trailer Park. Most of you I think are aware, sewage is running on the ground; it’s running down the road; it’s affecting our wells, I mean it’s draining toward our wells. You can smell it. It’s a health hazard and it’s also a threat to your county water system because it’s running across your cross connections to your meters. Should you have a leak, you will be contaminated. I’m aware that they met with Mr. Tuck from the Health Department and he was told he’d need to his pump his tanks and make repairs and from what I understand, he didn’t have the funds to do that. So, I got a text from Mr. Tuck this afternoon and he said if he doesn’t make the repairs, he could be charged, prosecuted, he could either be fined, put in jail or whatever the judge decides. It does not fix the problem. We need something done immediately. And the history of him is this has been going on since 2018; he was charged, tried and convicted for discharging sewage, paid the repair, his fine was like $500 plus $211 of court costs which remains unpaid. His property taxes are delinquent and he’s also
delinquent on his non-user fee for county water. So, I don’t know what else can be done other than if repairs are not made, you condemn the place or put it up for auction. Thank you.”

4. **Gleaves Road Bridge** – Mr. David Midkiff appeared before the Board and stated “Good evening. I live at 1522 Gleaves Road and I know you all want to do a resolution for the bridge replacement tonight so I ask you all to vote in favor of that. The bridge being out has cost a hardship for many people that live on the road and working people who travel from Cedar Springs to Speedwell going to work down to Fort Chiswell, Pulaski, Hillsville, they come through there as a short cut instead of going through Wytheville. It’s an inconvenience, it’s an inconvenience to the school system, the school bus has to go in two different ways and increases the ride time to and from school for the kids. That bridge is a historic bridge. I looked at VDOT’s website and they said the bridge replacement is from 2027 to 2031. That’s too long. That bridge is a historic bridge; it was built by the Phoenix Bridge Company of Phoenixville, PA. It’s a rare Phoenix Column Pratt Truss Bridge; it is pin connected. Norfolk and Western Railroad styled that over Reed Island Creek in Carroll County in 1886 and when they upgraded the heavier rail and bridges in 1902-1903, they moved it there to where it’s at now. So that bridge is about 140 years old. It’s pin connected; they can take it apart; they can put new steel beams in the bottom of it and pin it back together. It’s made to do that. So, I ask you all to vote in favor of having VDOT to repair the bridge quicker than a replacement in 2027. Thank you.”

5. **Gleaves Road Bridge** – Ms. Linda Meyer appeared before the Board and stated “I am also here and concerned about the Gleaves Road Bridge that is an artery for a lot of people in Wythe County and especially down in that area. It’s heavily used by the locals and also as an entryway to our National Forest and the recreational activities in the area. We certainly support the resolution to upgrade and make it safe but we need it done way before 2027. Everybody’s concerned about this. The increase in mileage, the increase in gasoline costs, in addition to the inconvenience is not good for anybody. So, we’re asking you and we’re happy that you have the resolution and we need you to push through our local VDOT through our delegates or whoever to get this taken care of as expediently as possible, certainly before 2027. And also, if we could get VDOT to designate the alternate routes with signage going east and going west so people aren’t driving around the countryside that perhaps aren’t familiar with our roads. We need that taken care of as soon as possible. And we’d like you to also update the residents on a monthly basis to let us know what is happening with the bridge. Thank you so much.”
Hearing no other comments, Chair Vaught closed Citizens’ Time.

Chair Vaught referenced Mr. Coe’s concerns and asked Mr. Bear if that is something we can look into?

Mr. Bear said they could consider possible revisions (lower rate qualifications) but it would likely entail adjusting the entire water rate structure.

The Chair and Supervisor Smith said it wouldn’t hurt to look at the base rate structure again especially in light of the fact that Mr. Coe paid his bill faithfully for 12 years while other customers remain delinquent.

Chair Vaught mentioned the sewage issue, and Mr. Bear indicated he will share information he received with Mr. Seagle. But the Chair feels that if the customer has delinquent bills going back to 2018, perhaps we should consider taking him back to court.

Supervisor Cook added that per the information from the Health Department, the customer has 10 days to hire someone and fix the problem. The issue has been ignored since 2018 so why think that the customer is going to fix it in the next 10 days?

The Chair mentioned that included in the communication from the Health Department is information about financial assistance that’s available through the State to help correct the problem.

Mr. Bear said he will try to have a Health Department representative at the next meeting to provide an update on the sewage issue.

Chair Vaught also commented that he received a couple of emails from residents in support of the bridge resolution. The State’s been talking about fixing that bridge for years.

**PUBLIC HEARING – POTENTIAL LEASE OF WYTHE COUNTY APEX CENTER**

Mr. Bear read “The Wythe County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 6:05 p.m. to hear public comment for potential lease of the Wythe County APEX Center, identified as tax parcel 43-26M, located on Chapman Road and Ready Mix Road. The hearing will take place in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia.”

The Chair opened the comment period of the public hearing.
1. Mr. Scott Pakidis appeared before the Board and stated “Chairman of the Board, Supervisors, and all the other members, my name is Scott Pakidis and my residence is 282 KOA Road, I’m actually in a one-mile radius of where the APEX Center is at. I live on the KOA Campground; I’ve been there for about 10 years. I know the intersection of Exit 77 very very well. That’s why I came here tonight to talk about the APEX Center. Thank you again for the opportunity to speak tonight. I saw mixed signs of support and backlash on social media for the idea of a hockey stadium at the APEX Center. As a former employee of the Carolina Thunderbird stadium in Winston-Salem, I felt a semblance of responsibility to come to this meeting tonight and show my support for the hockey stadium that may be built in the APEX Center. In my opinion, this is a great opportunity for Wythe County and all its citizens. Although I do have a recommendation that will come at the end of my speaking. Last year, in the month of October, I was presented with a job opportunity to be a half-time announcer at the Thunderbird stadium in Winston-Salem. I took the opportunity, which meant that I would have to drive to Winston-Salem every Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. Unfortunately, the position was temporary as I could not be an announcer full time as they needed for other events that took place at the arena. So, I was only able to work a few games. But, for the time that I was there, I met the owner and his wife of the team and worked side-by-side with the assistant director of the stadium. I’ve known the assistant director for a couple of years because her and her family come to my employment at the Wytheville KOA for personal vacation. What I learned working there was that this was a hectic environment to work in, like the campground, but a lot of fun to work in. It’s non-stop action which made the shift go by fast and a lot of new experiences for me. There are a lot of job opportunities with the stadium; so many, in fact, I don’t know what everyone did and I could not possibly name what all the positions were. Two points that were brought up a lot on social media was (1) this will take away money and attention from extra-curricular activities at high schools in the area because it will be held on Friday nights and that (2) Wythe County is wasting money again on the APEX Center. Point #1 - Will the hockey stadium have some effects on extra-curricular activities at the high school? Probably. But the high school will probably also have effects on the stadium, again on Friday nights. If we all know something, everybody pretty much in Wythe County goes to George Wythe, Rural Retreat or Fort Chiswell. There’s a lot of people at those events. Probably, who knows, but here’s a little-known fact about this – hockey is not just for this county. It is for Bland County; it is for Carroll County; it’s for different counties around us and travelling people. I just also really would like to press the fact that if people are still worried about high schools not getting the attention needed, they must not
be paying attention to the high schools. For example, at George Wythe High School last year and in previous years, people, citizens of Wytheville and other parts of Wythe County come and support the high school football team, over and over and over again. Different examples of working on the field as maintenance crew, donating money and band moms in the concession stand is just one example. The extra-curricular activities at the high school will survive so please do not use that as an excuse to not go ahead with the APEX decision. Point #2 – Wythe County is wasting too much money, I mean let’s be honest, this is government - that’s all we do. That’s all government does is waste money. I mean should every government be audited? Yes, they should be, and I know that’s a crazy turn-around. That’s not what I’m calling for right now; I’m just saying as an example, yes. It really is an argument for another day. What’s in the past, is in the past. So, this building had been built in the first place, I’m not going to come up here and talk about that because that’s in the past, as I said. But if we let the building sit empty and deteriorate without improvements, it’s just going to fall apart and run into the ground. We must do something with this building and if somebody’s willing to come in, throw a few jobs into the economy, I say ‘go for it’. More transparency is necessary, though. I was a student at George Wythe High School during the renovations. There was no transparency with the students, we had no idea what was going on the whole time. Personally, I would like to know who is going to make all these major improvements to the APEX Center, and weekly updates should be given about the project, unlike what happened at George Wythe High School. Now is the time for my recommendation; Exit 77 on 81 is very dangerous. I would know. I live less than a mile from it. Most people that drive through it are not from the area and do not understand the flashing lights and the way the intersection works which causes confusion and frustration from locals and out-of-towners. I know a study has been done and conducted by VDOT on how to change the intersection. I’m not sure if a final decision has been made, I cannot find any information about that. I looked online for a few hours, actually, this morning. I looked at the j-ramps that were proposed for the exit ramps on the service roads to make the exit and entrance ramps a lot longer and it would make the sharp j-turn onto the service road, but looking at the Wythe County GIS, thank you for that service, I think that it would make more sense in a long-term decision to take the service roads and put them behind the APEX Center and gas stations. On the Burger King side of the interstate, there are four owners of the property that you would have to build a road through. One of the property owners is Wythe County so that would be kind of easy – or easier ... Thank you.”
With no one else signed up to address the Board, the Chair closed the public comment period of the hearing.

**PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES**

Supervisor Burnett made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on November 9, 2022, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30113855-30113929 as follows:

**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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Supervisor Cook seconded the motion and the roll call vote 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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board was presented with the October 25, 2022 minutes for approval.

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to approve the October 25, 2022 minutes as presented.

The roll call vote 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
PUBLIC SERVICE RADIO UPGRADES

Mr. Hankins shared a memo with the Board requesting budgetary changes to do the radio upgrades discussed last month. Total cost remains the same and the infrastructure cost is reduced from $1.17M down to $943k (increase is in the state contract purchase of the radio equipment to use UHF). The resolution details the change to the budget and appropriation from reserves. We need to move $395k from reserves to cover the remaining equipment cost.

Supervisor Smith asked if this now meets the needs for all the fire departments?

Mr. Hankins responded that it does and it also includes a few spare radios and pagers.

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to approve the resolution to amend and appropriate $395,000 to 9000-470232 for the public service radio upgrades.

The roll call vote 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

MAX MEADOWS COLLECTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Mr. Bear stated that the County has been working on the sanitary sewer project in Max Meadows for the infiltration system. The VRA letter delineates total funding package of $1,209,000 of which $302,000 is an interest-free principal repayment loan, and a principal forgiveness loan of $906,750. Staff request authorization to sign the VRA acceptance letter.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to approve the VRA funding agreements for the Max Meadows Collection System Improvements Project.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Brian W. Vaught  Jesse R. Burnett
       Rolland R. Cook  B. G. “Gene” Horney, Jr.
Mr. Bear asked that the Board hold off on awarding this work to until further review can be done. Revisions may need to be made and action can, therefore, be taken at the next meeting.

**STX CORPORATION – LOT 24 RAIL CHANGE ORDER #2**
Mr. Bear commented that this change order is to add the required stormwater management pond for an increase of $19,500. Staff recommends approval.

Supervisor Burnett made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to approve Change Order #2 for STX Corporation Lot 24 Rail Extension project.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:**
- Ryan M. Lawson
- James D. “Jamie” Smith

**STAFF STREET REVENUE SHARING PROJECT – FUNDING CANCELLATION**
Mr. Bear explained that this road was previously approved for revenue sharing; however, the residents decided to do the work on their own securing the necessary funding. Since the revenue sharing project was cancelled, VDOT requires a resolution indicating that funding is no longer required.

Supervisor Cook made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to approve the funding cancellation for the Staff Street revenue sharing project.

The roll call vote was as follows:

**AYES:**
- Brian W. Vaught
- Rolland R. Cook
- Jesse R. Burnett
- B. G. “Gene” Horney, Jr.
GLEAVES ROAD BRIDGE RESOLUTION
Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to approve Resolution 2022-24 Gleaves Road Bridge Route 619.

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

Mr. Todd Busick said that he opposes the bridge being replaced; that he would like to see it repaired.

The decision on and the future of the bridge rests solely with VDOT. The Chair hopes it can be saved, and he will certainly share any information he receives. He also agrees that better signage is needed.

Mr. Midkiff added that VDOT should add the bridge to historic landmarks.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

1. ARPA 2021 Transfer Request – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to transfer $514,754.55 from ARPA 2021 (700-260603) to the General Fund (100-101000).

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
2. **Telecommunications Transfer Request** – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to transfer a total of $14,836.23 (source line items below) to the County Administration – Telecommunications budget (1202-453021) and $9,700 from the Board of Supervisors – Unclassified budget (1101-461420) to the County Administration – Telecommunications budget (1202-453021):

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The roll call vote was as follows:

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

**NAYS:** None

3. **Reserves GF to Reserves Water & Wastewater Transfer Request** – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to transfer the following funds from BOS Reserve-Interim Financing Key Financing (700-260631) to Water Facilities Project Fund (510-260632) and Sewer Facilities Project Fund (560-260633) effective June 30, 2022:

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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

4. **Capitalization Threshold Increase and Revised Capital Asset Policy** – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to approve an increase in the capitalization threshold from $5,000 to $20,000 and to approve the revised Capital Asset Policy effective for leased assets July 1, 2021, and all other assets effective July 1, 2022.

Mr. Bear added that this was a recommendation that came from our auditors.

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

5. **Lead Mines Rescue Squad Water/Sewer Service** – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to amend and appropriate $500 to the Lead Mines Rescue Squad – Water & Sewer Service (32031-441010).

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
6. **Rural Retreat Lake Pool Resurfacing** – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to accept National Pools bid to resurface the Rural Retreat Lake pool at a cost of $169,450 and to amend and appropriate $119,000 to cover the difference in the original budgeted amount and to add a pool heater.

Supervisor Cook asked why a heater is necessary.

Others said that it’s the number one complaint about the pool, that the water is freezing cold.

Mr. Hankins said the heater is just under $20k.

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

**SUPERVISORS’ REPORTS**

1. **Sewage Issue @ Trailer Park** – Supervisor Cook would like to further discuss this; if the matter is not rectified in the next several days, he asked if we can condemn and shut down the trailer park?

Mr. Bear said he will work with the Health Department and the County Attorney to best address and remedy the situation as quickly as possible.

2. **Trash & Recycling Centers** – Supervisor Burnett still receives comments/concerns about the trash centers and use by non-residents.

3. **Ghent Lane** – Supervisor Burnett wanted an update about the meeting.

Mr. Hankins said the new County Planner is currently working on securing a location for the meeting.
4. **Four for Life Funds** – Vice Chair Lawson is requesting a check be issued to Lead Mines Rescue Squad (“LMRS”) for the Four for Life Funds.

Mr. Hankins said that Mrs. Delp has been working with the State, and that we’ve actually received the 2022 funds before the 2021 funds (currently pending). In total, it’s nearly $60k in funding to be split between the two rescue squads.

Vice Chair Lawson added that LMRS has already expended funds for their EMS training in Norfolk this week and they need to be reimbursed. She did not feel this should wait for Fire & Rescue Committee consideration.

Vice Chair Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to amend and appropriate $30,387.76 to be split equally between Rural Retreat Emergency Services and Lead Mines Rescue Squad to fund their equipment, training and operational costs.

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

5. **Crosswalk at 94/52** – Supervisor Smith reported that Dr. Poole, Mr. Bear and he will be meeting with VDOT tomorrow to discuss the need for a crosswalk as well as to address speeding in the Route 52/94 area.

6. **Security Systems Update** – Supervisor Smith asked for an update on a security system for this building.

Mr. Bear said that Mr. Bowers has plan for a security system for this building and the courthouse complex that, hopefully, will be put out to bid soon.

7. **Gleaves Road Bridge** – Supervisor Horney thanked the Board for approving the resolution and asked about getting the bridge on a historic register.
Mr. Bear asked Mr. Midkiff to please forward information to him about the bridge and historic register so he can draft an appropriate resolution.

8. **Paving** – Supervisor Horney asked for an update on paving/sealing for the fire department parking lots and whether Speedwell will be included.

Mr. Bear said bids are due tomorrow but he’s not sure if it includes Speedwell.

9. **Trash & Recycling Center on Rt. 52** – Supervisor Terry relayed his personal experience recently where the attendant was “extremely rude” when he was tossing a bag into one of the open bins.

Mr. Bear asked that Supervisor Terry forward him the specifics (date, time, attendant’s name, etc.) so he can follow-up with the contractor.

10. **Veteran’s Day** – Both the Chair and Supervisor Terry thanked Supervisor Cook and all the veterans for their service.

Mr. Hankins added that in accordance with NACo’s Go Green for Veteran’s Program, the lights in front of the County Administration Building are green all week to recognize our veterans and honor their service.

**CLOSED MEETING**

Supervisor Smith 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 Matters (Staff Engineer), Section 2.2-3711.A.3 Acquisition/Disposition of Real Property (APEX Lease), Section 2.2-3711.A.5 Prospective Business or Industry (Solar), and Section 2.2-3711.A.8 Consultation with Legal Counsel (Solar).

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

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

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

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 J. R. Burnette
Roland R. Cook B. G. “Gene” Horney, Jr.
Ryan M. Lawson Stacy A. Terry
James D. “Jamie” Smith

NAYS: None

APEX LEASE
Vice Chair Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to authorize the Chairman to execute the APEX lease.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Brian W. Vaught J. R. Burnette
Roland R. Cook B. G. “Gene” Horney, Jr.
Ryan M. Lawson Stacy A. Terry
James D. “Jamie” Smith
NAYS: None

**STAFF ENGINEER**
Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to approve advertising the position of Staff Engineer.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**
With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Vaught adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:58 p.m.

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Brian W. Vaught, Chair