

January 10, 2017

The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, January 10, 2017. The location of the meeting was in the Boardroom of the County Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Charlie G. Lester
Steven T. Willis
Joe F. Hale

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Gary M. Houseman

STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Anthony Cline
Barry Dickens
Rick Lindamood
Linda Meyer

David Morris
Millie Rothrock
Randy Wright

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

County Administrator Bear determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Rick Lindamood of the West End United Methodist Church provided the invocation and Mr. Bear led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHAIR FOR 2017

Mr. Bear opened the floor for nominations for the Wythe County Board of Supervisors Chair for calendar year 2017.

Supervisor Willis nominated Supervisor Reeves as Chair for 2017.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester to close the nominations and elect Supervisor Reeves as Chair for 2017.

The motion passed unanimously with six ayes and one absent.

VICE CHAIR FOR 2017

Chair Reeves opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair for 2017.

Supervisor Lester nominated Supervisor Hale as Vice Chair for 2017.

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Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to close the nominations and elect Supervisor Hale as Vice Chair for 2017.

The motion passed unanimously with six ayes and one absent.

PRO TEM CHAIR/VICE CHAIR

Chair Reeves appointed Supervisor Willis to serve as pro tem in the absence of the Chair or Vice Chair.

CITIZENS' TIME

Chair Reeves welcomed the citizens present at the meeting and inquired if anyone wished to address the Board.

- 1. Speedwell Feedlot – Linda Meyer of 1118 Dry Road in Speedwell addressed the Board. Ms. Meyer requested an update on the Speedwell feedlot issue.

Mr. Vaughan reported that the drains that were placed on the site were only temporary, to help alleviate runoff until the weather improves and the grass has established. He noted that they have scheduled a follow up onsite meeting for January 23.

With no one else to address the Board, Chair Reeves closed Citizens' Time.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board was presented with the December 27, 2016, minutes for adoption.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts to approve the December 27, 2016, minutes as presented.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Charlie G. Lester Joe F. Hale Coy L. McRoberts	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr. Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.
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NAYS: None

ABSENT: Gary M. Houseman

ABSTAIN: Steven T. Willis

PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

Supervisor Willis made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on January 10, 2017, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30097259-30098343 as follows:

**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT
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CHECK NO.	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	TOTAL
30097259	01/10/17	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$2,575.09
30097260	01/10/17	AYERS AND SONS SEPTIC LLC	\$600.00
30097261	01/10/17	BARKER, FAYE	\$45.00
30097262	01/10/17	BLUE RIDGE AUTO PARTS INC.	\$399.59
30097263	01/10/17	BORING CONTRACTORS	\$71,131.25
30097264	01/10/17	BRENNTAG MID SOUTH INC.	\$1,444.00
30097265	01/10/17	BUSINESS CARD	\$3,934.42
30097266	01/10/17	CARTER BANK AND TRUST (NOTE)	\$16,120.00
30097267	01/10/17	CARTER MACHINERY CO INC.	\$944.73
30097268	01/10/17	CENTURY LINK	\$39.98
30097269	01/10/17	CENTURY LINK	\$44.43
30097270	01/10/17	CENTURY LINK	\$46.29
30097271	01/10/17	CENTURY LINK	\$52.76
30097272	01/10/17	CENTURY LINK	\$75.53
30097273	01/10/17	CENTURY LINK	\$114.25
30097274	01/10/17	CENTURY LINK	\$115.58
30097275	01/10/17	CENTURY LINK	\$145.98
30097276	01/10/17	CENTURY LINK	\$157.10
30097277	01/10/17	CENTURY LINK	\$186.84
30097278	01/10/17	CENTURY LINK	\$226.76
30097279	01/10/17	CENTURY LINK	\$244.53
30097280	01/10/17	CENTURY LINK	\$4,034.05
30097281	01/10/17	CENTURY LINK	\$4,876.05
30097282	01/10/17	CENTURY LINK LABOR	\$241.13
30097283	01/10/17	CITIZENS TELEPHONE COOP	\$720.00
30097284	01/10/17	COMPLETE TRUCK SERVICE INC.	\$1,518.97
30097285	01/10/17	COUNTY OF WYTHE	\$1,416.67
30097286	01/10/17	CREATIVE GLASS INC.	\$271.97
30097287	01/10/17	CW WARTHEN	\$3,910.00
30097288	01/10/17	DASH TRANSPORTATION LLC	\$337.50
30097289	01/10/17	DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES	\$40.00
30097290	01/10/17	DOWDY, MARK	\$3,564.00
30097291	01/10/17	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES	\$570.10
30097292	01/10/17	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES	\$3,971.87
30097293	01/10/17	GRANT, BRUCE M.	\$4,074.25

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30097294	01/10/17	GRUBB FUNERAL HOME	\$716.75
30097295	01/10/17	HORNEY, HAYDEN H.	\$350.45
30097296	01/10/17	JOHNSON CONTROLS	\$1,788.92
30097297	01/10/17	JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY	\$37,274.12
30097298	01/10/17	KC AUTOMOTIVE	\$16.00
30098299	01/10/17	KING MOORE INC.	\$741.00
30098300	01/10/17	LEXIS NEXIS	\$192.15
30098301	01/10/17	LEXIS NEXIS	\$710.00
30098302	01/10/17	LUMOS NETWORKS	\$62.97
30098303	01/10/17	MCI COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE	\$32.26
30098304	01/10/17	MCI COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE	\$76.79
30098305	01/10/17	MCI COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE	\$494.76
30098306	01/10/17	MEREDITH'S GARAGE	\$91.00
30098307	01/10/17	NEW RIVER REGIONAL WATER AUTH.	\$12,819.39
30098308	01/10/17	NEW RIVER RESOURCE AUTHORITY	\$387.26
30098309	01/10/17	PIONEER COLLISION CENTER LLC	\$995.99
30098310	01/10/17	PITNEY BOWES	\$591.00
30098311	01/10/17	POSTAGE BY PHONE RESERVE ACCT	\$486.00
30098312	01/10/17	R & C TOWING AND REPAIR CO.	\$318.35
30098313	01/10/17	R & R ENTERPRISES INC.	\$135.00
30098314	01/10/17	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$2,282.00
30098315	01/10/17	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$2,514.00
30098316	01/10/17	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$11,572.00
30098317	01/10/17	SUBURBAN PROPANE 1241	\$659.52
30098318	01/10/17	SUBURBAN PROPANE 1241	\$677.95
30098319	01/10/17	SUBURBAN PROPANE 1241	\$1,377.53
30098320	01/10/17	SUNTRUST	\$36,881.92
30098321	01/10/17	THOMPSON TIRE	\$674.49
30098322	01/10/17	TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE	\$31.50
30098323	01/10/17	TWO WAY RADIO	\$76.50
30098324	01/10/17	U S CELLULAR	\$64.10
30098325	01/10/17	V & M RECYCLING	\$71,107.45
30098326	01/10/17	VACORP	\$10,000.00
30098327	01/10/17	VERIZON	\$37.00
30098328	01/10/17	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$50.50
30098329	01/10/17	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYSTEMS	\$756.51
30098330	01/10/17	VIRGINIA LAWYERS WEEKLY	\$369.00
30098331	01/10/17	VIRGINIA RESOURCES AUTHORITY	\$2,619.73
30098332	01/10/17	VITA	\$40.08
30098333	01/10/17	VITA	\$139.77
30098334	01/10/17	VITA	\$148.41
30098335	01/10/17	WELLS, DALE D.	\$250.00
30098336	01/10/17	WILLIAMS SUPPLY	\$28.60
30098337	01/10/17	WYTHE ARTS COUNCIL LTD	\$10,000.00
30098338	01/10/17	WYTHE COUNTY WATER/WASTEWATER	\$280.18

30098339	01/10/17	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	\$130.00
30098340	01/10/17	WYTHE GRAYSON REGIONAL LIBRARY	\$76,250.00
30098341	01/10/17	WYTHEVILLE ENTERPRISE	\$52.00
30098342	01/10/17	WYTHEVILLE METALS	\$1,290.62
30098343	01/10/17	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	\$356.13
TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 01/10/17			\$417,188.32

Supervisor Lester seconded the motion.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Charlie G. Lester Coy L. McRoberts
Steven T. Willis B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
Joe F. Hale Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Gary M. Houseman

2017 RULES OF PROCEDURE AND MEETING CALENDAR

The Board reviewed and discussed the 2017 Rules of Procedure and Meeting Calendar.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to approve the 2017 Rules of Procedure and Meeting Calendar as presented.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Charlie G. Lester Coy L. McRoberts
Steven T. Willis B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
Joe F. Hale Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Gary M. Houseman

BRANCH BOTANICALS SITE PLAN

The Board reviewed and discussed the site plan submitted by Branch Botanicals for approval.

Mr. Bear advised that the Board had authorized the Economic Development Committee to approve the Branch Botanicals site plan, but due to the absence of a member, they were not able to do so. He explained that County Engineer Vaughan and the County Building Official have completed a review of the plan and have determined that it is in

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compliance with the Wythe County Progress Park Covenants. Mr. Bear recommended approval of the site plan as presented on behalf of staff. He added that the site plan would be submitted to the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Willis to approve the Branch Botanicals site plan as presented and in accordance with Progress Park Covenants.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Charlie G. Lester	Coy L. McRoberts
	Steven T. Willis	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Joe F. Hale	Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Gary M. Houseman

AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester to appoint Faye Barker, Samuel Cassell, Eural Clippard, James Collins, Eric Crowgey, William Hall, Tom Jones, Tim Reeves, Phyl Snapp, and Diane Stephens to the Agricultural and Forestal Advisory Committee as recommended by the Planning Commission.

The motion passed unanimously with six ayes and one absent.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Appalachian Regional Exposition Center Grading – Supervisor Hale made a motion, as recommended by the Economic Development Committee to approve a 90-day suspension of the Appalachian Regional Exposition Center project grading work, allowing the contractor to return to work if the weather improves.

Mr. Vaughan advised that he has received permission to authorize the contractor to return to work when the weather allows.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Charlie G. Lester	Coy L. McRoberts
	Steven T. Willis	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Joe F. Hale	Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Gary M. Houseman

2. Southwest Virginia Horsemen's Association Agreement – Supervisor Hale made a motion, as recommended by the Economic Development Committee to approve the agreement with the Southwest Virginia Horsemen's Association as presented.

Mr. Bear reported that the Southwest Virginia Horsemen's Association would provide the funding to the County within 10 days of execution of the agreement for the purchase of seating within the Exposition Center. He noted that the funds would be placed in the previously established account as approved by the Board. Mr. Bear recommended that the Board authorize the Chair to execute the agreement with the final amount of \$267,641 or higher.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Charlie G. Lester	Coy L. McRoberts
	Steven T. Willis	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Joe F. Hale	Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Gary M. Houseman

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Board of Equalization – Supervisor Hale made a motion, as recommended by the Personnel Committee to approve Board of Equalization compensation in the amount of \$13 per hour with a minimum of \$40 per day.

Mr. Bear noted that three of the four Board of Equalization members met on January 9, 2017, for training and requested a salary increase to \$15 per hour.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Charlie G. Lester	Coy L. McRoberts
	Steven T. Willis	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Joe F. Hale	Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Gary M. Houseman

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Chair Reeves noted that the current Board committee members would continue to serve until new appointments are made at the January 24 meeting.

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PUBLIC HEARING – VACATION OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY

Mr. Bear reported that David Morris has requested discontinuation and vacation of the Tenth Street right-of-way between Brock Avenue and Virginia Avenue. He explained that a frame garage, wood deck, and another building are currently located on the property in question, which the Morris family has maintained for over 60 years. Mr. Bear noted that the adjoining landowners have been notified of the vacation and have expressed their support. He added that upon vacation of the right-of-way, the Morris family and adjoining landowners would prepare a final plat detailing the division of the right-of-way property.

Supervisor Hale requested an explanation of the fee.

Mr. Bear advised that in 2004 the Board adopted a vacation of right-of-way policy requiring purchase of the right-of-way from the County in the amount of the acreage vacated multiplied by the land value of the surrounding property. He explained that the property surrounding the Tenth Street right-of-way is valued at \$4,000 per acre, which multiplied by the 1.424 acres totals \$5,696. Mr. Bear noted that Mr. Morris has also requested waiver of the payment to the County for purchase of the right-of-way.

Supervisor Hale inquired if there were any easements on the property that may benefit the County.

Mr. Bear explained that several surveys of the property have been completed. He noted that there are no waterline easements on the area of property to be vacated.

Supervisor Hale noted that the Fort Chiswell Emergency Services Building shower has been installed.

Chair Reeves announced that, notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of Wythe County, Virginia, in compliance with the Code of Virginia and amendments thereto, will hold a public hearing to hear comments related to the adoption of Ordinance 2017-01, an Ordinance Discontinuing and Vacating a Public Right of Way Located on Tenth Street between Brock Avenue and Virginia Avenue in the Community of Max Meadows, Fort Chiswell Magisterial District, Wythe County, Virginia. The public hearing, which may be continued or adjourned, and at which persons may appear and present their views on the matter, will be held at 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on January 10, 2017, before the Board in the Boardroom of the County Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street Wytheville, Virginia.

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

David Morris of Max Meadows addressed the Board. Mr. Morris explained that his father purchased the property in the 1950s, unaware of the Tenth Street right-of-way. He noted that they requested the vacation once they became aware of the issue.

With no one else to address the Board, Chair Reeves closed the public hearing.

Following discussion, Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester to adopt Ordinance 2017-01, Discontinuing and Vacating a Public Right of Way Located on Tenth Street between Brock Avenue and Virginia Avenue in the Community of Max Meadows, as presented.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Charlie G. Lester	Coy L. McRoberts
	Steven T. Willis	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Joe F. Hale	Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Gary M. Houseman

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester to waive payment of the right-of-way vacation fee.

Supervisor Hale questioned if a policy is in place delineating why the fee is waived for some vacations and not others.

Mr. Bear explained that the fee is waived on a case-by-case basis at the Board's discretion following evaluation of each individual situation.

Supervisor Hale inquired if it would be beneficial to consider establishment of a policy for the waiver of fees.

County Attorney Farthing stated that he believes that a policy would only cause more issues due to the diverse variables involved in each case. He recommended waiver of the fee at the Board's discretion based on evaluation of each situation.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Charlie G. Lester	Coy L. McRoberts
	Steven T. Willis	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Joe F. Hale	Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Gary M. Houseman

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ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Reeves adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:37 p.m.

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair