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The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 5 p.m., Tuesday, February 14, 2017. The location of the meeting was in the Boardroom of the County Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair	Steven T. Willis
Joe F. Hale, Vice Chair (5:14 p.m.)	Coy L. McRoberts
Gary M. Houseman	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr. (5:15 p.m.)
Charlie G. Lester	

STAFF PRESENT:

Stephen D. Bear, County Administrator
Martha G. Collins, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

Alan Wilder
Millie Rothrock (5:15 p.m.)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Reeves determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

The Board discussed initial budget parameters and goals for the upcoming Fiscal Year 18 Budget.

RECESS

The Board recessed at 6:24 p.m.

RECONVENE

The Board reconvened at 7:01 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair	Steven T. Willis
Joe F. Hale, Vice Chair	Coy L. McRoberts
Gary M. Houseman	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
Charlie G. Lester	

STAFF PRESENT:

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

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OTHERS PRESENT:

Mark Boenke
Mary Boenke
Scott Bortz
David Carpenter
Sarah Fowler
Kim Ingo
David Kause
Robert Kegley
Brian Lawson
David Manley

John Matthews
Linda Meyer
Bruce Stephens
Caroline Stephens
Keith Storms
Stacy Terry
Julia Tomiak
Alan Wilder
Whitley Yates
Three Other Citizens

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alan Wilder of the Sunny Hills Community Church provided the invocation and Chair Reeves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS' TIME

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

1. Schools – Stacy Terry of 275 Havens Road in Wytheville addressed the Board. Mr. Terry expressed his concerns with the radon levels within the County schools. He advised that the radon levels at Spiller Elementary School are especially high. Mr. Terry noted that many parents and citizens are unaware of the radon levels within the schools.

Chair Reeves requested that Mr. Bear discuss the issue with Superintendent of Schools Jeff Perry. He advised that a radon study may be needed.

2. Agenda – Linda Meyer of 1118 Dry Road in Speedwell addressed the Board. Ms. Meyer requested that Board meeting agendas be published on the County website.

Ms. Collins advised that all Board meeting agendas and Board packages are published on the website for the public to view prior to each meeting.

3. School Capital Improvement Plan – Mark Boenke of 130 Eagle Drive in Wytheville addressed the Board and read the following statement:

"I am a resident of Wytheville for the past 17 years, but not a native. I have been here long enough to have my oldest child go through George Wythe, and graduate in 2015. My middle child is currently a junior at George Wythe and my youngest is at Scott, a sixth grader at Scott. I am concerned about the capital improvement program. First of all, I am not exactly sure, given what we have

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been hearing whether or not any of my kids are going to benefit from any capital improvement programs. I am not here for my children's sake. I am here for the parents and citizens who can't be here or are afraid to speak. I am here to speak for the kids who aren't even born yet or are too young to understand what is going on, who will eventually be educated in these facilities that we are discussing and eventually bear the financial burden that we are going to put on them. I am here to speak for the teachers who are much more than that in today's world. They are our unsung heroes. They do more than educate. They teach life skills and for some act or are a parental figure in a child's life. I am here as a parent, a citizen, and a business owner. To do my civic duty and be active and help and direct the future of this community. I do hold a vested interest in this community, as a business owner with my headquarters here in Wytheville. I am also here to hold you accountable for your actions and the promises that you have made so that you keep them. In going through this capital improvement program, I like to make an analogy to something that I can understand on how the whole system is, where we stand right now. So I am going to use an analogy of some technology. In 1979, the Sony Walkman came out. In that, it made music portable. You can use it, carry it with you. It had tapes. It opened up a whole new world of what you can do with your music. Before that, it was big large boom boxes that people carried around. In 2001, we had the iPod that came out. That was kind of an upgrade to the Sony Walkman. No longer did you have to have tapes and batteries, everything was electronic, digital, you recharged it. That was an upgrade to what we had originally. Then of course, today, we have the Smart Phones, the iPhone 7. How does this all relate to the schools and how we are with the schools? I like to say that if we start with our base foundation, we have four or five schools. We have Wytheville High School, Fort Chiswell High School, the Wythe Technology Center, and Speedwell that are kind of like the Walkmans of the day. Then going up with the improvements and upgrades that we had, we have Rural Retreat Middle School, Rural Retreat High School, Sheffey, Max Meadows are kind of in there. Then the iPad or Smart Phones are more like Fort Chiswell and Rural Retreat Elementary. They are the newer schools. You can throw Spiller kind of in between an upgrade and the original because they had some work done, but not totally. Jackson you can kind of throw in between an upgrade and a new one because it was pretty much redone. That kind of puts into prospective of where our schools are in relation to kind of a technology based reference point. In doing that, what we have come up with is these different levels. What we are saying is that the majority of schools are either where they have been for a while, 1979 technology or we have improved upon them. For those who think that it is good where we stand right now are living in here. You are limiting what can be done. The Smart Phone is not more than just a replacement of these two; it does a whole lot more. It opens up a lot of avenues. That would be building new. Upgrading what we have got adds more availability, but it stills limits because we can't do everything. I know that you guys have a tough job. It is not easy to balance everything you

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are doing within the County with the funds and money that goes on here. I want to say what was presented at the Town Hall meeting that Mr. Lester was at, at George Wythe two weeks ago is just unacceptable. We only addressed one out of the five schools here. That can't happen. We need to have more than that being addressed. That doesn't mean I am saying in the next six years build all new schools. No. You are probably going to run into updating all of these schools in anywhere from a 10 to 15 year plan. Once you hit that 10-15 year, everything you have updated here, is going to be redone or looked at. So what you guys need, you need a comprehensive plan. What was said to me and the citizens that attended the meeting at George Wythe was we are not presenting a big plan; we are only presenting one phase of a little plan because the Board of Supervisors couldn't handle a bigger plan. I would like to hope that that is not true. That you can't see a big picture of what is going on. When I attended last week's meeting of the joint work session that was one of the things that I heard, if this is phase one, what are we doing for the other one. We want to bite a little elephant a little at a time. What are we doing for the whole thing. I heard a lot of double talk at that meeting on Thursday. The School Board came with a one phase approach because that was what you said needed to happen, but then you followed it up with, well we need a more comprehensive plan. You mentioned that your priority is to take care of the teachers and make sure we have the money to pay for them and their benefits, and you want the best for them and their students. Yet you are the ones in control of the money. You dictate the funding of what projects happen, which have resulted in the current conditions of our facilities. Taking care of the teachers and the students also includes having an environment conducive to get the results we want. Having students pass out and have to go to the hospital by ambulance like my daughter did in August of 2015 at George Wythe is not a safe and conducive environment for education. You will be in a much bigger debt from a wrongful death lawsuit than the capital improvement program if you don't fix what is broken. You also basically told the School Board the reason the schools are in such condition is because they aren't maintaining the facilities and you want a comprehensive maintenance plan. Again, you control the money. There is a difference between what is maintenance and what is system upgrades because things have expired, their life has gone. You mentioned that you want to be fiscally responsible and good stewards and citizens of the money, you don't want to frivolously go into debt, yet we have a project at Exit 80, which ironically cost the same as a new school or could have been used to upgrade the schools and help a far greater and more well-known deficiency. A Walkman, iPad, and a Smart Phone; this is what we are presenting the people who want to come into Lot 24. They see our schools in these categories and can go down the street to Montgomery County where there are iPods and Smart Phones, more Smart Phones than iPods. They have a choice in what they want to invest. If they don't see that we are investing in our kids' education and that we don't take intellectualism seriously, why would they want to invest in our County? Don't be anti-intellectualism. Let's be smart about this.

Let's do a comprehensive plan, a comprehensive maintenance plan and examine everything. On the Walkmans, you have three high schools that are up for fixing, doing something. Let's ask the questions, do we need three. I am not for or against consolidation, but let's figure it out. If we don't have enough money to buy everything or pay for everything, let's think of some alternatives, let's ask some questions, let's get some answers. Rule it in, rule it out, whatever. Thank you."

4. School Capital Improvement Plan – Bruce Stephens of 4006 Stoney Fork Road in Wytheville addressed the Board and read the following statement:

"I am here to remind you of your responsibility to be stewards of our community's resources. I believe that it is your civic responsibility to look after the well-being of your constituency as elected officials. Right now, as Mark pointed out, you have some big projects using a lot of funds and taking on debt for speculative projects. I am here to ask you to reconsider your priorities. Right now, I believe that you have the cart before the horse. We are operating with a field of dreams mentality, if we build it they will come. We all know that that only really works in the movies. It is time to go back to the bricks and mortar, the foundation of our community, the people. The future of our community will be determined by the success of our youth. If you invest in schools first, you will improve the quality of education in every way. You will improve the quality of your local workforce and you will attract new professionals, new entrepreneurs, and new industry. Industry will locate here if they feel they can get a quality workforce, people with high standards and high skills. People with high standards want a quality education and they want quality education for their children. If you invest in educational infrastructure first, it is proven that it will improve your community. As Mark said, you can look at Montgomery County right down the road. You can go to Augusta County; you can pick every county in the State. You can find tangible economic benefits. I want to point out, that I believe that we all, everybody in this room has the right, the same idea. We all are in this together. We all want to improve our community. Presently we just disagree on the prioritization of our resources. I am asking you to reconsider your priorities and put education first and take care of the foundation of this community. Fund the tangible. The bricks and mortar. Then and only then should you build your field of dreams. Thank you."

5. Progress Park Connector Road – Sarah Fowler of 1370 Lovers Lane in Wytheville addressed the Board. Ms. Fowler inquired what correspondence was provided to the landowners impacted by the Progress Park Connector Road project informing them of the update scheduled for later in the meeting. She noted that as one of the citizens directly impacted, she was not contacted.

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Mr. Bear stated that the landowners were not contacted. He noted that a public meeting would be scheduled at a later date following the Board's review of the information provided.

6. School Capital Improvement Plan – Keith Storms of 222 Heritage Way in Wytheville addressed the Board. Mr. Storms seconded the comments provided by Mr. Stephens. He explained that he appreciates that the Board has a difficult job, as there is always more to do than there is funding available. Mr. Storms noted that the education of the young people in Wythe County should be the Board's top priority, which the current capital improvement plan does not adequately support.

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

PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

Supervisor Willis made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on February 14, 2017, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30097440-30097584 as follows:

**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT
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CHECK NO.	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	TOTAL
30097440	02/01/17	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$3,536.35
30097441	02/01/17	BUSINESS CARD	\$818.08
30097442	02/01/17	CENTURY LINK	\$40.58
30097443	02/01/17	CENTURY LINK	\$44.39
30097444	02/01/17	CENTURY LINK	\$46.25
30097445	02/01/17	CENTURY LINK	\$49.83
30097446	02/01/17	CENTURY LINK	\$52.76
30097447	02/01/17	CENTURY LINK	\$55.23
30097448	02/01/17	CENTURY LINK	\$70.21
30097449	02/01/17	CENTURY LINK	\$76.56
30097450	02/01/17	CENTURY LINK	\$114.21
30097451	02/01/17	CENTURY LINK	\$145.93
30097452	02/01/17	CENTURY LINK	\$226.64
30097453	02/01/17	CENTURY LINK	\$240.82
30097454	02/01/17	CENTURY LINK	\$247.26
30097455	02/01/17	CENTURY LINK	\$936.17
30097456	02/01/17	CENTURY LINK	\$4,034.05
30097457	02/01/17	CENTURY LINK	\$4,929.88
30097558	02/01/17	FED EX	\$120.00
30097559	02/01/17	LUMOS NETWORKS	\$31.25
30097560	02/01/17	MCI COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES	\$32.14

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30097561	02/01/17	MCI COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES	\$57.43
30097562	02/01/17	SUBURBAN PROPANE 1241	\$65.10
30097563	02/01/17	SUBURBAN PROPANE 1241	\$1,401.39
30097564	02/01/17	TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE	\$4,834.76
30097565	02/01/17	VEBA	\$180.00
30097466	02/01/17	WELLS FARGO CORPORATE TRUST	\$296,928.32
TOTAL CHECKS 02/01/17			\$319,315.59

CHECK NO.	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	TOTAL
30097467	02/14/17	APPALACHIAN JUVENILE COMMISSION	\$700.00
30097468	02/14/17	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$22,374.23
30097469	02/14/17	ASSOCIATION OF COURT JUDGES	\$60.00
30097470	02/14/17	BAKERS CONSTRUCTION SERVICES INC.	\$61,370.00
30097471	02/14/17	BAYS, MARY L	\$400.00
30097472	02/14/17	BKT UNIFORMS	\$406.92
30097473	02/14/17	BLUE RIDGE AUTO PARTS INC.	\$1,179.81
30097474	02/14/17	BMS DIRECT INC.	\$4,018.50
30097475	02/14/17	BOB BARKER CO. INC.	\$4,224.00
30097476	02/14/17	BRENNTAG MID-SOUTH INC.	\$1,318.00
30097477	02/14/17	BUSINESS INFORMATION SYSTEMS	\$65.00
30097478	02/14/17	BUSINESS INK CO.	\$1,463.88
30097479	02/14/17	CARILION HEALTHCARE CORP.	\$110.00
30097480	02/14/17	CARTER MACHINERY CO. INC.	\$4,017.44
30097481	02/14/17	CAVALIER SUPPLY CO.	\$1,217.79
30097482	02/14/17	CDW GOVERNMENT INC.	\$12,348.83
30097483	02/14/17	CENTURY LINK	\$110.09
30097484	02/14/17	CENTURY LINK	\$333.62
30097485	02/14/17	CITIZENS TELEPHONE COOP	\$720.00
30097486	02/14/17	COMPLETE TRUCK SERVICE INC.	\$389.45
30097487	02/14/17	COMSONICS	\$844.50
30097488	02/14/17	CORRECTIONS PRODUCTS CO.	\$125.00
30097489	02/14/17	DELL MARKETING LP	\$6,733.50
30097490	02/14/17	DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES	\$860.00
30097491	02/14/17	DISTRICT THREE	\$11,984.00
30097492	02/14/17	DUNAGAN, KEITH	\$578.19
30097493	02/14/17	DUNCAN, HOLLY S.	\$915.00
30097494	02/14/17	DUNCAN, TIMOTHY	\$14.02
30097495	02/14/17	EEIS-ELEVATOR EQUIP. INSPECTION SERVICE	\$375.00
30097496	02/14/17	EMS INC.	\$1,155.00
30097497	02/14/17	FARTHING, SCOT S.	\$2,335.00
30097498	02/14/17	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES NO. 5	\$591.80
30097499	02/14/17	FIDELITY POWER SYSTEMS	\$2,100.00
30097500	02/14/17	FOOD COUNTRY	\$11.59
30097501	02/14/17	FRIZZELL CONSTRUCTION CO.	\$40,257.32

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30097502	02/14/17	GALLS	\$439.26
30097503	02/14/17	GEOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGIES GROUP INC.	\$1,228.50
30097504	02/14/17	GOLDEN RULE CREATIONS	\$384.43
30097505	02/14/17	GRANT, BRUCE M.	\$4,074.25
30097506	02/14/17	HARPO'S HARDWARE AND BUILDING SUPPLY	\$16.79
30097507	02/14/17	HENLEY, JENNIFER SURFACE	\$63.00
30097508	02/14/17	HORNEY, HAYDEN H.	\$393.79
30097509	02/14/17	HUFF FORD	\$44.85
30097510	02/14/17	JASON'S AUTO SERVICE	\$304.78
30097511	02/14/17	JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY	\$36,306.40
30097512	02/14/17	KING-MOORE INC.	\$980.00
30097513	02/14/17	LEXIS NEXIS	\$192.15
30097514	02/14/17	LEXIS NEXIS	\$710.00
30097515	02/14/17	LITTLE B ENTERPRISES INC.	\$70,511.82
30097516	02/14/17	MANSFIELD OIL CO.	\$5,620.66
30097517	02/14/17	MEADE CONTRACTING	\$133,979.45
30097518	02/14/17	MEREDITH'S GARAGE	\$48.00
30097519	02/14/17	MID AMERICA SPORTS ADVANTAGE	\$197.31
30097520	02/14/17	MODERN SHOE STORE	\$179.99
30097521	02/14/17	MOUNT ROGERS PLANNING DISTRICT	\$4,534.25
30097522	02/14/17	NEW RIVER REGIONAL WATER AUTH.	\$13,433.13
30097523	02/14/17	NEW RIVER RESOURCE AUTHORITY	\$1,214.48
30097524	02/14/17	NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL JAIL	\$114,745.05
30097525	02/14/17	OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER	\$20.00
30097526	02/14/17	PAPER CLIP	\$3,870.43
30097527	02/14/17	PEED AND BORTZ LLC	\$16,725.00
30097528	02/14/17	PITNEY BOWES INC.	\$267.72
30097529	02/14/17	POSTAGE BY PHONE RESERVE ACCT	\$762.00
30097530	02/14/17	PROFESSIONAL COMM. SYSTEMS LLC	\$2,420.75
30097531	02/14/17	PROTECT YOUTH SPORTS	\$31.90
30097532	02/14/17	R & C TOWING AND REPAIR CO.	\$6,973.00
30097533	02/14/17	R & R ENTERPRISES INC.	\$135.00
30097534	02/14/17	R & R SEPTIC	\$60.00
30097535	02/14/17	RCI	\$349.27
30097536	02/14/17	REEVES, TIMOTHY A. SR.	\$246.40
30097537	02/14/17	ROBINSON FARMER COX ASSOCIATES	\$46,000.00
30097538	02/14/17	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$2,282.00
30097539	02/14/17	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$2,514.00
30097540	02/14/17	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$11,572.00
30097541	02/14/17	SALEM STONE	\$217.84
30097542	02/14/17	SENTRY SERVICES	\$100.00
30097543	02/14/17	SHENTEL	\$68.37
30097544	02/14/17	SOUTHEASTERN SECURITY CONS INC.	\$259.00
30097545	02/14/17	SOUTHERN POLICE EQUIPMENT	\$792.96
30097546	02/14/17	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO.	\$417.45

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30097547	02/14/17	STEVE'S AUTO SALES AND REPAIR	\$326.45
30097548	02/14/17	SUBURBAN PROPANE 1241	\$1,431.15
30097549	02/14/17	SUBURBAN PROPANE 1241	\$871.10
30097550	02/14/17	SUBURBAN PROPANE 1241	\$1,389.83
30097551	02/14/17	SUNTRUST	\$36,881.92
30097552	02/14/17	SUPPLY WORKS	\$947.95
30097553	02/14/17	THOMPSON TIRE	\$556.80
30097554	02/14/17	THRASHER GROUP INC.	\$10,880.00
30097555	02/14/17	TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE	\$64.67
30097556	02/14/17	TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE	\$68.50
30097557	02/14/17	TRI CITIES SWVA REGIONAL	\$225.10
30097558	02/14/17	TRI CITIES SWVA REGIONAL	\$294.00
30097559	02/14/17	TWO WAY RADIO	\$50.00
30097560	02/14/17	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC.	\$61,248.77
30097561	02/14/17	UNIFIRST CORP.	\$57.29
30097562	02/14/17	U S CELLULAR	\$65.10
30097563	02/14/17	U S CELLULAR	\$511.79
30097564	02/14/17	U S CELLULAR	\$711.84
30097565	02/14/17	U S CELLULAR	\$841.69
30097566	02/14/17	U S POSTAL SERVICE	\$198.00
30097567	02/14/17	USA BLUE BOOK	\$1,349.23
30097568	02/14/17	V & M RECYCLING	\$73,367.09
30097569	02/14/17	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$50.08
30097570	02/14/17	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYSTEMS	\$834.01
30097571	02/14/17	VIRGINIA INTERACTIVE	\$95.00
30097572	02/14/17	VIRGINIA LAWYERS WEEKLY	\$179.50
30097573	02/14/17	VIRGINIA RESOURCES AUTHORITY	\$34,246.78
30097574	02/14/17	VITA	\$148.41
30097575	02/14/17	VITA	\$194.27
30097576	02/14/17	VUPS	\$75.60
30097577	02/14/17	WILLIAMS SUPPLY	\$93.52
30097578	02/14/17	WORDSPRINT	\$368.00
30097579	02/14/17	WYTHE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT	\$86,250.00
30097580	02/14/17	WYTHE COUNTY WATER/WASTEWATER	\$196.07
30097581	02/14/17	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	\$781.39
30097582	02/14/17	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	\$711.06
30097583	02/14/17	XEROX	\$461.82
30097584	02/14/17	YA HILL AUTO PARTS	\$43.24
TOTAL CHECKS 02/14/17			\$988,461.93

TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 02/14/17

\$1,307,777.52

Supervisor Lester seconded the motion.

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The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board was presented with the January 24, 2017, minutes for adoption.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to approve the January 24, 2017, minutes as presented.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Gary M. Houseman Joe F. Hale
Charlie G. Lester Coy L. McRoberts
Steven T. Willis B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

Supervisor Hale made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts to approve the February 9, 2017, minutes as presented.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

APPOINTMENTS

1. Clerk of the Court Liaison – Chair Reeves reappointed Supervisor Hale to serve as liaison to the Clerk of the Court.
2. Commissioner of the Revenue Liaison– Chair Reeves reappointed Supervisor Willis to serve as liaison to the Commissioner of the Revenue.

3. Commonwealth's Attorney Liaison – Chair Reeves reappointed Supervisor Horney to serve as liaison to the Commonwealth's Attorney.
4. Planning Commission Liaison – Chair Reeves reappointed Supervisor Houseman to serve as liaison to the Planning Commission.
5. Recreation Commission Liaison – Chair Reeves reappointed Supervisor Lester to serve as liaison to the Recreation Commission.
6. School Board Liaison – Chair Reeves reappointed Supervisor McRoberts to serve as the liaison to the School Board.
7. Sheriff Liaison – Chair Reeves reappointed Supervisor Hale to serve as liaison to the Sheriff's Office.
8. Treasurer Liaison – Chair Reeves reappointed Supervisor Lester to serve as liaison to the Treasurer.
9. Building Code Appeal Board – Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Houseman to reappoint H. L. Absher, Dave Anderson, Ronald Hughes, Stephen Moore, and Albert Newberry to the Building Code Appeal Board.

The motion passed unanimously.

10. Chief Local Elected Official – Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Willis to reappoint Supervisor Hale to serve on the Chief Local Elected Official Board for an additional one year term.

The motion passed unanimously.

11. District Three Governmental Cooperative – Supervisor Willis made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester to reappoint Chair Reeves to the District Three Governmental Cooperative Board, with Supervisor Willis serving as alternate.

The motion passed unanimously.

12. Extension Leadership Council – Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Willis to reappoint Supervisor Horney to the Extension Leadership Council.

The motion passed unanimously.

13. New River Community Corrections Board – Supervisor Lester made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to reappoint Supervisor Willis to the New River Community Corrections Board.

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The motion passed unanimously.

14. New River Highlands Resource Conservation and Development Council – Supervisor Willis made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to reappoint Chris King to the New River Highlands Resource Conservation and Development Council.

The motion passed unanimously.

15. New River Highlands Resource Conservation and Development Council Alternate – Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester to reappoint John Huffard to serve as New River Highlands Resource Conservation and Development Council alternate.
16. New River Valley Criminal Justice Services Board – Chair Reeves volunteered to serve as the New River Valley Criminal Justice Services Board alternate.

COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH/RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AGREEMENT

The Board reviewed and discussed an agreement from Spillman Technologies, Inc. for purchase and licensing of a computer aided dispatch and records management system, as well as the agreement between the Sheriff's Office and Board of Supervisors defining payment of funds for purchase of the system.

Following discussion, Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to approve the agreements with the Sheriff and Spillman Technologies, Inc. for purchase and implementation of the computer aided dispatch and records management systems and to authorize signature of both agreements.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

EMISSIONS REGULATIONS

Supervisor Horney advised that he received a complaint from a constituent concerning the smoke released from outdoor wood burning stoves. He explained that the complainant had requested that the Board work to develop an ordinance requiring individuals to install these types of stoves to the manufacturer's recommendations.

Supervisor Houseman noted that he also received a call from this constituent.

Chair Reeves advised that the County does not have the authority to regulate emissions.

Supervisor Hale recommended that the individual contact the Department of Environmental Quality.

PROGRESS PARK CONNECTOR ROAD

Scott Bortz of Peed and Bortz LLC updated the Board on the Progress Park Connector Road Project and reported the following:

"The existing Lovers Lane is a rural road and is defined by VDOT 1998 standards as a rural collector road. It was actually measured for traffic counts in January on a weekday close to where the connector will come across and pulled up 163 vehicles per day. The published data online is about 220 vehicles per day. The design for that type of road is 18 feet wide travel lanes with 2 foot shoulders typically, and 7 foot shoulders with a guardrail in a field situation. Minimum four foot wide ditch in a cut. Maximum grade is 10% at 30 miles per hour design speed. Minimum curve radius is 240 feet at 30 miles per hour. There are a number of places where a lot of these constraints are violated or basically would not meet the current VDOT criteria. There are approximately 19 residences between the hard turn near the Town limits and Peppers Ferry Road. We gathered that that was the area of complaints, of people who would mostly be cut off. I did actually measure the loop from Peppers Ferry to Lovers Lane and Nye Road, it is 5.5 miles long. Just driving it today at a respectable speed, not trying to go over too much, I did it in about 9 minutes and 15 seconds for that entire loop. From the prospective of those people who might live just north or right around the connector and who would be cut off by this, if they were to travel around to the south point where Nye Road intersects with Lovers Lane, they would extend their time by about 4.2 minutes, if they were driving 30 miles per hour. Worse case, by vehicle travel it would be about four minutes longer than what it would be today. Granted that is not a tractor or farm vehicle, but that is a typical standard vehicle. The new connector road will be going east to west. Lovers Lane runs north to south. The intersection alternatives, a number of people brought up the potential for a bridge, constructed from the connector road over Lovers Lane. The tunnel was one that was thrown out there and we looked at the viability of that one. We talked to VDOT for quite some time, got a pretty good idea of their design constraints and what they would want to see. The bridge came in relatively high. Also, looked at an at-grade intersection with relocating Lovers Lane to the east. The last option, the most viable right now, which is the cul-de-sac on Lovers Lane to eliminate the through roadway. The bridge with the connector road option. Lovers Lane would remain a through road with the exception of when we would need to do a closure for the construction. There would be minimal additional private lands acquired. A little bit on one side or the other for construction and a little bit permanent, but generally not a whole lot. Costs in excess of \$4 million is our quick estimate. The tunnel. Looked at this in a lot more detail. Lovers Lane would stay a through road except with construction. There would be minimal additional private land acquired, probably just a little bit north and south. Cost would be about \$1.3 million in additional

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funds. That is based on a tunnel liner plate, which is essentially a ceiling and then casting in place concrete walls with substantial footers and steel work. It would be a tough tunnel to get by and would not meet VDOT standards. VDOT standards for tunnel grade along a road is approximately 6% right now. That existing portion is about 9%. It would be a lot steeper and would result in a tunnel that would look quite odd. The \$1.3 million is conservative. If this was to go forward, I would not be surprised to see that go up above that number. The at-grade intersection of Lovers Lane and the connector road. If you were to proceed with this option, it would ultimately need a signalized intersection. Probably could get away with a stop sign initially, but as traffic increases and as we go into the four lanes, it would obviously need a signalized intersection. Ballpark costs of that signalized intersection would be about \$200,000 for the lighting and internal lanes and such. It would require significant additional private land. Approximately three acres acquired to the east would cut close to some of those houses where I believe some of the residents were noting their concerns. Cost would be approximately \$700,000 for just the road work, which would not include acquiring the additional land or the signalized intersection. The cul-de-sac on Lovers Lane. Would mean Lovers Lane would be separated. There would no longer be a through passage through there. It would require minimal additional private land acquired, approximately one half acre would be needed to add the cul-de-sacs on the north and south. There would be a release of about a one acre stretch where all the demo would be. That roadway would be torn up and given back to the adjacent property owners. The cost would be approximately \$350,000 for the pavement of the cul-de-sacs and any additional work. It would result in a net reduction in the paved area. That is important as we get into the water quality issues with the stormwater management of the entire road. That would be a net benefit. Those are the four things I came up with. Obviously given the concern level of all of the citizens we want to make sure they have another opportunity to listen to what I have to say and also discuss it with you. We could set that up for another Board meeting if you like or have an independent meeting to just discuss the road."

The Board agreed to schedule a public informational meeting on March 23 at 6 p.m. to receive public comments and input related to the Progress Park Connector Road options.

Mr. Bear noted that he and County Engineer Vaughan would work to notify the impacted landowners of the meeting.

APPALACHIAN POWER

The Board reviewed and discussed a letter and supporting information from Janice Venable, Appalachian Power Company Regulatory Consultant, concerning a petition filed with the State Corporation Commission by Appalachian Power for approval of a rate adjustment.

Mr. Bear advised that the proposed rate adjustment would result in a \$1.68 monthly bill increase to residential customers using more than 1,000 kilowatt hours per month.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Rural Retreat Voting Precinct Location – Supervisor Hale made a motion, as recommended by the Building and Grounds Committee to proceed with relocation of the Rural Retreat voting precinct location from the Rural Retreat Fire Station to the Rural Retreat Community Center, directing the County Attorney to begin drafting the paperwork necessary to enact the relocation.

Supervisor Hale noted that a fee in the amount of \$125 would be charged for use of the Community Center and requested that the Electoral Board request waiver of this fee.

Robert Kegley, Electoral Board Chair, addressed the Board. Mr. Kegley advised that following evaluation of all voting sites, it was determined that the Rural Retreat Fire Station did not meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. He noted that the Community Center would be the least confusing option for relocation of the voting site. Mr. Kegley added that he would request waiver of the \$125 fee as per Supervisor Hale’s request.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Appalachian Regional Exposition Center – Supervisor Hale made a motion, as recommended by the Economic Development Committee to approve the Appalachian Regional Exposition Center Contract Amendment Task I, Regrading and Change Order Preparation, in the amount of \$5,660.

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: Gary M. Houseman

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2. Natural Gas – Supervisor Hale reported that the Economic Development Committee met with representatives from Atmos Energy on February 9 to discuss possible extension of natural gas to the interstate corridor. He noted that Atmos Energy has agreed to complete a feasibility study to determine if natural gas could be extended to the interstate corridor in the future.

CONSORTIUM BOARD AGREEMENT AND PUBLIC HEARING

The Board reviewed and discussed an ordinance and agreement for reform, amendment, and re-establishment of the Workforce Development Area Consortium.

Mr. Bear reported that in 2010, the 13 political jurisdictions in the New River Valley and Mount Rogers area entered into an agreement utilizing their joint power of authority to create the Workforce Investment Act, forming themselves into a legal entity for the purpose of securing grants and outside funding. He advised that the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act replaced the Workforce Investment Act effective July 2015. Mr. Bear explained that the Consortium Board agreement has been revised in compliance with the Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act. He noted that the revision requires the approval of the Consortium Board agreement by ordinance by all 13 political jurisdictions, as it was originally. Mr. Bear recommended that the Board set a public hearing for approval of the agreement and ordinance for March 14.

Following discussion, the Board set the public hearing to receive comments related to the proposed Workforce Investment Area Consortium ordinance and agreement for March 14, 2017, at 7 p.m.

APPALACHIAN REGIONAL EXPOSITION CENTER

Mr. Bear updated the Board on the status of the Appalachian Regional Exposition Center project. He reported that the Lane Group is continuing to work on the design of the building, construction of which they hope to bid out in April 2017. Mr. Bear noted that they have discussed bidding out several of the project components separately and asked Supervisor Hale to explain.

Supervisor Hale advised that the footers and building would be bid out separately. He noted that an additional review of the building design should be completed in early March to confirm that the design is proceeding as directed.

Chair Reeves requested that Mr. Bear schedule a meeting with the Construction Committee and the Lane Group for March 2.

AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTAL DISTRICT REVIEW

Mr. Bear reported that the Agricultural and Forestal District Advisory Committee met on February 6. He noted that they have requested that landowners submit any district updates to the Advisory Board by February 24. Mr. Bear explained that the Advisory Committee and Planning Commission would then prepare a recommendation to the

Board based on the update requests received. He advised that a public hearing would be required to allow for amendment to the Gunton Park and Crockett's Cove Agricultural and Forestal District Ordinances if changes are made. Mr. Bear added that he believes that the information should be available for the Board's review at their February 28 meeting.

Following discussion, the Board agreed to set the public hearing for amendment to the Gunton Park and Crockett's Cove Agricultural and Forestal District Ordinances for March 14, 2017, at 7:15 p.m.

PATTERSON COMMUNITY CENTER PROPERTY

Mr. Bear reported that residents of the Patterson area have submitted a petition to the Board requesting that the Board pay the monthly non-user water fee for the Patterson Community Center property. He advised that the Patterson Community Center/Home Demonstration Club building is located within the Barren Springs waterline mandatory connection area, requiring payment of the minimum monthly fee if they opt not to connect to the line. Mr. Bear noted that the individuals who use the property have filled out the necessary non-user paperwork, but have requested that the Board pay the monthly fee. He explained that the County owns the property, but has not charged the group rent. Mr. Bear recommended referring the issue to the Water Committee for further discussion.

Supervisor McRoberts suggested that the County either sell the property or give it to the Home Demonstration Club. He noted that the property is within the flood zone.

Chair Reeves referred the issue to the Water Committee.

Supervisor Houseman questioned if the Board would be tasked with deciding which Progress Park access road option to proceed with following the public informational meeting.

Mr. Bear confirmed that the Board would make the final determination following the public input meeting and review of the options.

Supervisor Hale stated that the road would most likely be completed with County Revenue Sharing funds. He explained that he does not believe that the Virginia Department of Transportation would provide Smart Scale funding for the project. Supervisor Hale noted that due to the use of taxpayer funding for the project, route selection is very important.

The Board discussed.

Chair Reeves noted that Donny Necessary of the Virginia Department of Transportation has agreed to meet with the Board in approximately three weeks to discuss Smart Scale funding and projects.

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CLOSED MEETING – DISCUSSION OF PROSPECTIVE BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY AND DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL MATTERS

Supervisor Willis made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to enter into Closed Meeting under Section 2.2-3711-A.5 (Discussion of Prospective Business or Industry or the Expansion of an Existing Business or Industry) and Section 2.2-3711-A.1 (Discussion of Personnel Matters - Appointment) of the Code of Virginia.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

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

**RESOLUTION
CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

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

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

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

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

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JOINT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT

Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Willis to appoint Matt Clarke to the Joint Industrial Development Authority.

The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Reeves adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:07 p.m.

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair