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The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 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
Joe F. Hale, Vice Chair
Gary M. Houseman
Charlie G. Lester

Steven T. Willis
Coy L. McRoberts
B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.

STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mark Boenke
Jack Formato
Lily Formato
Richard Formato
Tonya Freeman
Lee Johnson
Bill Kidd
Lorna King
Brett McCleary

Linda Meyer
Jeff Perry
Rhonda Simmerman
Roy Smith
Harry Street
Ashley Stuart
Alan Wilder
Whitley Yates
Five Other Citizens

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Chair Reeves determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Brett McCleary of the Legacy 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 – Roy Smith of Max Meadows addressed the Board and stated the following:

"I don't know how I stand on building a new school. I am on a post and don't know which way to jump. Why I am here, I don't know this Perry guy and wouldn't know him if I see him, but I kept up with him in the *Enterprise* and heard other people. I don't like the little snippets that he adds in there pertaining to you all. When it pertains to you all, it pertains to me. I think that the Board should have somebody to represent them. I know you can't say anything to him, but he is getting a little bureaucratic. I think.

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I got one more thing to say. I think you all chose poorly here. I hope you all don't let it get back to pre-Dalton days. Thank you all."

2. Schools – Lorna King of 4458 Old Stage Road in Crockett addressed the Board and read the following statement:

"I will be speaking on behalf of my colleagues and myself so I will try to keep it short. While we educators of Wytheville Town schools appreciate the efforts of the Board of Supervisors on behalf of Wythe County Schools as a whole, we cannot help but be confused and angered by your unwillingness to move forward on plans presented by Dr. Perry, Superintendent of Wythe County Public Schools. Surely, you have to realize the state of disrepair at George Wythe High School, Scott Memorial Middle School, and Spiller Elementary. We have seen you tour our buildings and those of us who have been teaching in the system for several years know that the Board of Supervisors made a promise to the Town schools to proceed with improvements following the completion of the construction and renovations in outlying County schools. To date, every school outside of the Town limits with the exception of Speedwell Elementary has had full or major renovations or new construction, while currently there are no plans to make improvements to the Town schools as made evident by the discussions in the February 9, 2017, meeting. It is painfully apparent to me that some of you are failing to back your promise to the school and that is not acceptable. Some of you in these meetings have even commented that the repairs are not necessary. How can you deny that the schools require attention when you yourselves referenced the need in the 2015 Wythe County Comprehensive Plan and I quote, 'most of the older buildings require renovations, modernizations.' You even go on to cite 'that major needs include electrical upgrades, technological upgrades, asbestos removal, handicap access, energy efficiency updates, routine maintenance such as roof and window replacement.' To date, in the Town schools few of those things have been addressed. At the end of January, George Wythe High School had to be evacuated because the membrane covering the roof of the gym began to separate. Parents were shocked during visitation meetings when windows that are duct taped shut in order to stay closed, blew open during high winds. The electrical infrastructure does not support the current technology needs that we have, often causing shocking hazards. During a recent event in the auditorium, snow accumulated inside the auditorium because the windows are not adequate enough to keep out the wind and the rain and the snow. I will abbreviate the letter, but I will give you a copy of it in its entirety. We understand that projects like this take money. We know that people don't want to pay more taxes, but something has to be done. For the sake of our students, we urge you to look for ways to find this revenue. It is counterproductive and financially irresponsible to keep slapping a Band-Aid or a coat of paint on the problems that these buildings have. If our voices truly matter and the people that I am speaking for who have signed this letter, if they truly matter, you will find a way because it is that important to you. After all isn't that how the exposition

center is coming to fruition. Isn't that how Progress Park will get improved accessibility. Isn't that the way you have managed to build a new jail, a new health department, new offices. All of these things you have found ways to fund them, but you tell us that we can't do better for our children, for our students. In closing, we teachers have met the goals regarding the educational expectations outlined in that comprehensive plan. In spite of sub-par conditions, our students have excelled and they continue to do so. More students are passing their SOLs. More are graduating and more are leaving this County to seek success elsewhere. Why not make an investment to keep some of them here. Some have said in public meetings and in the community that Board members are indifferent, they really don't care, that they don't return calls, or return e-mails, so here is your chance to prove them all wrong. What are you going to do to help our students? Thank you."

3. Schools – Alan Wilder, resident of 2975 North Fourth Street in Wytheville and School Board member addressed the Board and stated the following:

"I received a really cool pack that I have never received before. It was to Alan Wilder from Scott Memorial Middle School. It is from the seventh grade. You can see that there are signatures all over the front and back of this document. Here are a couple quotes from Dr. Martin Luther King. This letter was written by a young man named Lucas. He wrote the letter, passed it around to all of his friends, and then it was hand delivered to me. I would like to read you the letter because I believe that it will help inform your discussion on the proposed building program for Wythe County Schools. It says 'Dear Wythe County School Board. I am a student at Scott Memorial Middle School. I speak for all the students here when I say that we all want a new school. Mr. Scott, the namesake of Scott Memorial Middle School, meant for our school to be great and carrying on his goal is what we need. Please build a new school so we can enhance our learning capabilities. We know that it is going to cost money, but if you can fund sidewalk replacements, you can pay for something that we need.' Of course, seventh graders are not aware of the different layers of government. 'We are worrying about this Towns future and if these renovations aren't done, it could be trouble. No one wants to move to a town with old schools.' Seventh graders have a unique way of stating things and I just want to thank Lucas for the last line of his letter, which I will repeat. No one wants to move to a town with old schools. Thank you gentlemen."

4. Schools – Jack Formato of 645 East Withers Road in Wytheville addressed the Board and read the following statement:

"Do you see me? Do you know who I am? I am a sixth grader at Scott Memorial Middle School. I was born here. I live here. I have dreams, big dreams. I know now, today, is a place where kids must compete. We must be smarter than we were. We must be better than we were. I am Wytheville's future and I need a

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school that reflects the future. I am not living in the past. I am now living in 2017, I see other public schools, and they all have nicer schools than mine. In 50 years you will all be gone, but what you do now will affect me and my children. We need new schools, brand new schools to realize our tomorrows today. Thank you."

5. Schools – Rhonda Simmerman of 133 Paisley Drive in Wytheville addressed the Board and stated the following:

"I spent about two hours today trying to think what I could say that would explain to you how I feel about the issue of school improvement in Wytheville and you know the thought that I kept coming back to is this one. What did most of you spend your life working for? If you named one thing, what would it be? Would it be for your kids and their well-being? That is how the people in Wytheville feel. You know, I walked into Fort Chiswell Middle School and in fact, I subbed there a couple of days after I retired. I looked around and it is a beautiful school. I had occasion to visit Rural Retreat Elementary and I walked in and you know everything about that school says we value you here, you are important to us; your education is our top priority. Compare that experience to walking into Spiller Primary. What would the difference be? I also thought about the fact that these schools are not safe. I don't care who says otherwise, I know differently. Spiller had tiles popping up off the floor at lightning speed and if they had hit a kid in the eye, it would have blinded that kid. Scott had pipes bursting and that steam would have maimed or killed a kid. I can't even begin to describe to you what George Wythe is like. I spent 35 years of my life there. I used to come in on Monday morning and my desk and the bookcases and everything would be covered with white sediment. I am looking up wondering, is that asbestos? Wondering what that is, as I cleaned it off the student desks. Whose responsibility is it, gentlemen, to see to it that something is done about that? It is yours. We trust you and I am calling on you tonight to live up to your responsibility to the most important people in this County, our kids."

6. Schools – Ashley Stuart of 142 Wisteria Lane in Wytheville addressed the Board and stated the following:

"My biggest concern was I put my child in Rural Retreat Elementary School and we transferred halfway through the year. My child personally has suffered from pneumonia and bronchitis several times since attending Spiller. I had posted something on Facebook recently about the radon levels at Spiller. I understand that the levels of radon in Spiller aren't necessarily dangerous, but I had spoken to a recent inspector that I had, a building inspector that is out of State that told me that radon actually attaches to the dust particles and loose particles in the air and can cause consistent bronchitis and pneumonia and that was a huge concern for me to switch my child from one school to another for educational purposes and then give something up for his health. That was a huge concern of mine. I

just feel like if the other teachers in this County and surrounding areas are receiving a safe environment to teach their students at the same pay, why can't Spiller and George Wythe and Scott receive the same thing. Thank you."

7. Schools – Richard Formato of 645 East Withers Road in Wytheville addressed the Board and stated the following:

"Wytheville is such a unique place. People take one look at me and they tend to think I came from New York City, but the truth of the matter is, I was born in Roanoke and I have been here for 20 years. I have a pretty large payroll on Main Street, about \$6 million a year. I employ your friends; maybe family members have worked for my company over the years. We will have been in business for 24 years and I chose Wytheville coming back from Roanoke on a business trip. I was just starting out. I had really no money. The Withers place was for sale and I had a little equity in my house in Roanoke, enough to make a mortgage payment. I moved down here. I travel all over the country and sometimes globally for my business. I love coming back to Exit 73 and I love coming into Wytheville. We have the widest streets. We have one of the most compelling towns in all of America, but as I look around, I look at our ability to compete. I look at little Jack, who asked if he could speak and my daughter Lily who went to Spiller and Scott. It is obvious; our schools aren't on a par with the other schools. They are not. We have great human capital there, but we need business. To get blue chip employees, to get people to really take notice of us. The schools are really really important. I can tell you, when I am attracting talent or trying to hire talent, they look and looks matter. Looks are the reason I came to Wytheville. I go pick up Jack at track practice at George Wythe. I think about where I would like him to go to high school. We all want what Ms. Hall said. We want better for the next generation. I want businesses to come here. I don't want to have to apologize for anything here. I want this culture to be reflective of us looking forward, honoring our past, and making this place better every day and really making it to realize the specialness that we all believe. We are here tonight because we care. I am here tonight because I care. I love it here. I fly fish here. I have raised a family here. I have laughed here. I have cried here. I have had great setbacks here. I have had great successes. As I look forward and I look at my son and what I want his place to look like, I want it to be better. I really think it is pretty obvious that we really really need new capital improvements. Not replaced, not just fixing. I think we need new. Mr. Reeves, I coached your kid at Scott. Okay. My son goes there. It is deplorable. Spiller. We don't have to. We know these things. Let's just make it better. Let's get the money to do it. Let's rally the troops. Let's make Wytheville exceptional. We live in an exceptional country, exceptional town. Let's be exceptional. Thanks for letting me speak."

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

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Chair Reeves noted that he is unsure where the misinformation stating that the Board of Supervisors does not plan to move forward with school renovations is coming from. He explained that two to three years ago the School Board presented the Board with a plan to renovate Spiller Elementary School. Chair Reeves advised that the Board carried over \$400,000 to \$500,000 to allow the School Board to work to develop an architectural plan for the renovation of Spiller. He stated that since that time, a new superintendent has been hired and three new School Board members elected, but the Board has not changed their outlook on renovating and improving the schools in Wytheville.

Supervisor Houseman explained that he has worked in education for 31 years, serving as principal of Rural Retreat High School for 12 years, as well as teaching and coaching there for 8 years. He noted that he agrees with Chair Reeves and is also unsure of the source of the misinformation. Supervisor Houseman advised that the Board will work to locate the funds needed to do what needs to be done, but will not be able to complete all three schools at the same time. He stated that the Board's commitment to improve the schools is still in place, but they cannot confirm, without first completing the budgetary process and investigating options, where those funds will come from and how much will be available.

Supervisor Willis stated that he grew up in Wythe County, his children grew up here, and his wife taught at Scott Middle School. He noted that no one is against the plan, but the completion of all three schools is not possible. Supervisor Willis recommended that the Board and School Board work together to develop a plan that will satisfy everyone.

Supervisor Lester noted that he was born and raised in Wythe County and attended Wytheville schools. He added that the Board would do what needs to be done to improve the schools.

Supervisor Hale explained that these are not Town and County schools; these are three County schools that just happen to be located in the Town. He noted that the originally adopted plan, implemented a progressive make-sense approach to renew all of the schools. Supervisor Hale stated that the current schools are icons and monuments of the past and were designed and constructed to a better standard than is economically feasible today. He advised that the plan has not been abandoned and has not changed to include demolition and construction of new schools. Supervisor Hale added that renovation programs do work, and well-built, sound structures can be renovated to high tech, up-to-date top-notch schools.

Supervisor McRoberts reported that he served on the School Board for eight years and is currently serving his eighth year as a Board of Supervisors member. He noted that his top priority and goal in serving on the Board has always been education and improving the school system. Supervisor McRoberts added that the Board would have a plan within the next 30 to 60 days to address the school issue.

Supervisor Horney noted that he is also in favor of renovating the current schools. He explained that he does not believe that it is possible to construct new schools that are as well built as the current schools. Supervisor Horney advised that the Board would work to address the schools, but would hope that they could do so without adding an additional burden to the taxpayers. He added that while some citizens can afford a tax increase, many cannot.

Supervisor McRoberts added that he does not believe that they should work on any of the other schools until all of the schools in Wytheville have been addressed.

Supervisor Houseman and Chair Reeves agreed.

Chair Reeves thanked the citizens for their attendance and input. He noted that the Board has the duty to work to spend the citizens' money wisely and not accumulate excessive debt.

Supervisor McRoberts noted that the School Board would develop the plan; and the Board would locate the money to fund it.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board was presented with the February 28, 2017, minutes for adoption.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester to approve the February 28, 2017, minutes 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

ABSTAIN: Gary M. Houseman

PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on March 14, 2017, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30097676-30097776 as follows:

**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT
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CHECK NO.	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	TOTAL
30097676	03/14/17	ALL SAFE INDUSTRIES INC.	\$781.05
30097677	03/14/17	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$16,487.56
30097678	03/14/17	BALL CHAIN MFG CO.	\$55.00
30097679	03/14/17	BEAR, STEPHEN	\$221.75
30097680	03/14/17	BKT UNIFORMS	\$55.99
30097681	03/14/17	BLUE RIDGE AUTO PARTS INC.	\$7.45
30097682	03/14/17	BUSINESS INFORMATION SYSTEMS	\$37.50
30097683	03/14/17	C & D TRUCK AND SAFETY SUPPLY LLC	\$249.60
30097684	03/14/17	CARILION HEALTHCARE CORP.	\$95.00
30097685	03/14/17	CARTER MACHINERY CO. INC.	\$2,276.21
30097686	03/14/17	CDW GOVERNMENT INC.	\$4,468.21
30097687	03/14/17	CENTURY LINK	\$44.39
30097688	03/14/17	CENTURY LINK	\$46.25
30097689	03/14/17	CENTURY LINK	\$52.76
30097690	03/14/17	CENTURY LINK	\$70.21
30097691	03/14/17	CENTURY LINK	\$75.46
30097692	03/14/17	CENTURY LINK	\$145.93
30097693	03/14/17	CENTURY LINK	\$226.64
30097694	03/14/17	CENTURY LINK	\$244.41
30097695	03/14/17	CENTURY LINK	\$312.68
30097696	03/14/17	CENTURY LINK	\$333.62
30097697	03/14/17	CITIZENS TELEPHONE COOP	\$720.00
30097698	03/14/17	CLARK GAS AND OIL CO.	\$852.22
30097699	03/14/17	COMPLETE TRUCK SERVICE INC.	\$548.00
30097700	03/14/17	COMSONICS	\$13.00
30097701	03/14/17	CREATIVE GLASS INC.	\$1,369.93
30097702	03/14/17	CROWN AWARDS	\$354.42
30097703	03/14/17	CW WARTHEN	\$349.85
30097704	03/14/17	DISTRICT THREE GOVERNMENTAL COOP.	\$3,632.50
30097705	03/14/17	DUKES PRINTING	\$295.00
30097706	03/14/17	EMS INC.	\$35.00
30097707	03/14/17	F & R ELECTRIC INC.	\$850.00
30097708	03/14/17	FARTHING, SCOT S.	\$2,500.00
30097709	03/14/17	FIRE RESCUE AND TACTICAL INC.	\$1,627.22
30097710	03/14/17	FIXIT TRANSMISSION SERVICE	\$423.93
30097711	03/14/17	FOOD COUNTRY	\$44.55
30097712	03/14/17	GRANT, BRUCE M.	\$4,074.25
30097713	03/14/17	HORNEY, HAYDEN H.	\$31.43
30097714	03/14/17	HUFF FORD	\$86.00
30097715	03/14/17	JASON'S AUTO SERVICE	\$51.00
30097716	03/14/17	JOHNSON CONTROLS	\$259.00
30097717	03/14/17	JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY	\$34,452.08
30097718	03/14/17	KC AUTOMOTIVE	\$16.00
30097719	03/14/17	KINCER, KELLY	\$80.00

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30097720	03/14/17	KING-MOORE INC.	\$2,363.50
30097721	03/14/17	KUSTOM SIGNALS	\$133.00
30097722	03/14/17	LANE GROUP	\$22,193.30
30097723	03/14/17	LEXIS NEXIS	\$192.15
30097724	03/14/17	LEXIS NEXIS	\$710.00
30097725	03/14/17	LUMOS NETWORKS	\$31.25
30097726	03/14/17	MANSFIELD OIL CO.	\$6,716.78
30097727	03/14/17	MEREDITH'S GARAGE	\$16.00
30097728	03/14/17	MILO C COCKERHAM INC.	\$683.99
30097729	03/14/17	NEW RIVER REGIONAL WATER AUTH.	\$14,150.19
30097730	03/14/17	NEW RIVER RESOURCE AUTHORITY	\$402.39
30097731	03/14/17	NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS	\$1,203.04
30097732	03/14/17	PAPER CLIP	\$495.55
30097733	03/14/17	PIONEER COLLISION CENTER LLC.	\$645.80
30097734	03/14/17	POSTAGE BY PHONE RESERVE ACCT.	\$335.00
30097735	03/14/17	R & C TOWING AND REPAIR CO.	\$577.94
30097736	03/14/17	R & R ENTERPRISES INC.	\$135.00
30097737	03/14/17	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$2,282.00
30097738	03/14/17	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$2,514.00
30097739	03/14/17	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$11,572.00
30097740	03/14/17	SALEM STONE	\$443.87
30097741	03/14/17	SENTRY SERVICES	\$954.00
30097742	03/14/17	SIMPLEX GRINNELL	\$11,871.00
30097743	03/14/17	SIRCHIE FINGER PRINT LABORATORIES	\$399.99
30097744	03/14/17	SKYLINE DOOR AND HARDWARE INC.	\$83.66
30097745	03/14/17	SMYTH WYTHE AIRPORT COMMISSION	\$33,498.00
30097746	03/14/17	SOUTHEASTERN SECURITY CONS. INC.	\$18.50
30097747	03/14/17	SOUTHERN STATES	\$65.99
30097748	03/14/17	SOUTHWESTERN EQUIPMENT	\$471.80
30097749	03/14/17	SOUTHWESTERN VA GAS SERVICE	\$1,089.15
30097750	03/14/17	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO.	\$198.40
30097751	03/14/17	SUBURBAN PROPANE 1241	\$873.31
30097752	03/14/17	SUNTRUST	\$36,881.92
30097753	03/14/17	SUPPLY WORKS	\$1,185.81
30097754	03/14/17	SUPREME COURT OF VIRGINIA	\$8,682.20
30097755	03/14/17	T & J TRANSMISSIONS	\$180.00
30097756	03/14/17	THOMPSON TIRE	\$308.62
30097757	03/14/17	THREE RIVERS MEDIA CORP.	\$330.00
30097758	03/14/17	TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE	\$5,106.01
30097759	03/14/17	TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE	\$48.70
30097760	03/14/17	TRI CITIES/SWVA REGIONAL	\$101.30
30097761	03/14/17	TRI COUNTY GLASS INC.	\$220.21
30097762	03/14/17	UNIFIRST CORP.	\$62.10
30097763	03/14/17	US CELLULAR	\$65.10
30097764	03/14/17	USA BLUE BOOK	\$162.00

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30097765	03/14/17	UTILITY ONE SOURCE FORESTRY EQUIP.	\$16,484.50
30097766	03/14/17	V & M RECYCLING	\$74,028.47
30097767	03/14/17	VERIZON	\$18.59
30097768	03/14/17	VITA	\$148.41
30097769	03/14/17	VITA	\$216.80
30097770	03/14/17	VML/VACO/AEP STEERING COMMITTEE	\$5,466.00
30097771	03/14/17	WOOD EQUIPMENT SERVICE CO. INC.	\$313.05
30097772	03/14/17	WYTHE COUNTY WATER/WASTEWATER	\$177.17
30097773	03/14/17	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	\$1,095.35
30097774	03/14/17	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	\$755.86
30097775	03/14/17	XEROX	\$342.75
30097776	03/14/17	YA HILL AUTO PARTS	\$34.48
TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 03/14/17			\$348,689.00

Supervisor Willis seconded the motion.

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

PUBLIC HEARING – WORKFORCE CONSORTIUM BOARD

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 receive comments related to the adoption of a joint Ordinance authorizing the exercise of power under an agreement to fulfill obligations under the Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, by and between the counties of Bland, Carroll, Floyd, Giles, Grayson, Montgomery, Pulaski, Smyth, Washington, and Wythe, and cities of Bristol, Galax, and Radford. The Agreement approved by this Ordinance would supersede and replace the Agreement entered into by the governing bodies in January 2010. 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 7:05 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard on March 14, 2017, before the Board in the Boardroom of the County Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street Wytheville, Virginia.

Mr. Bear reported that with changes in Federal law, the New River Mount Rogers Workforce Investment Area Consortium has requested that participating localities enact an ordinance and adopt an agreement to allow the member jurisdictions to continue jointly performing the responsibilities prescribed under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING – GUNTON PARK AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTAL DISTRICT

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 receive comments concerning adoption of Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 2005-6, Gunton Park Agricultural and Forestal District. Adoption of the Ordinance would extend the Gunton Park District for a period of ten years and stipulate that land within said District shall not be developed to a more intensive use. 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 7:15 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard on March 14, 2017, before the Board in the Boardroom of the County Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia.

Mr. Bear advised that the Gunton Park Agricultural and Forestal District is one of three such districts within the County. He explained that the Board appointed an Advisory Committee at its January 10 meeting to complete a review of the District, as is required by the Code of Virginia in compliance with the timeframe outlined in the Ordinance. Mr. Bear noted that the Advisory Committee met and has recommended continuance of the District. He stated that the Planning Commission has reviewed the Advisory Committee's recommendation and requests adoption of Ordinance No. 2005-06, Amendment No. 1. Mr. Bear reported that Amendment No. 1 would extend the Gunton Park Agricultural and Forestal District for a period of ten years and would add language stipulating that the land within the District cannot be developed to a more intensive use.

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

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

Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Willis to adopt the Ordinance reforming, amending, and re-establishing the Workforce Investment Development Area Consortium as the Workforce Development Area Consortium, a joint entity between the counties of Bland, Carroll, Floyd, Giles, Grayson, Montgomery, Pulaski, Smyth, Washington, and Wythe, and cities of Bristol, Galax, and Radford, Virginia, and bestowing on such entity all powers necessary and proper for performance of its duties under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

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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

Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance 2005-6, Gunton Park Agricultural and Forestal District, Wythe County, Virginia.

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

VOTING PRECINCTS

The Board reviewed and discussed a memorandum and supporting documents from County Attorney Scot Farthing concerning Department of Justice pre-clearance requirements related to the relocation of voting precincts.

Mr. Bear reported that the Electoral Board had requested at a previous Board meeting relocation of the Rural Retreat voting precinct from the Fire Station to the Rural Retreat Community Center. He advised that in accordance with the consent judgement and decree filed in June 2012, the County is not required to seek pre-clearance from the Department of Justice prior to enacting changes to voting precincts. Mr. Bear recommended that the Board schedule a public hearing for April 11 at 7:05 p.m. to receive comments related to relocation of the Rural Retreat voting place.

Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester to set a public hearing to receive comments related to the relocation of the Rural Retreat voting precinct for April 11, 2017, at 7:05 p.m.

The motion passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS

1. New River Mount Rogers Workforce Development Area Consortium Board – Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Willis to reappoint

Jeff Dunnack and David Manley to the New River Mount Rogers Workforce Investment Board in conjunction with the adoption of the Workforce Development Area Consortium Board Agreement and Ordinance.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Ninth District Development Financing Inc. Board of Directors – Mr. Bear requested that Board members work to locate an individual to serve on the Ninth District Development Financing Inc. Board of Directors. He reported that the Ninth District Development Financing Inc. Board is a tax-exempt corporation founded to stimulate community development and provide financing capital to develop tourism destinations throughout Southwest Virginia. Mr. Bear explained that the corporation is administered by People Incorporated advocating tourism-focused business partnerships that create jobs and promote community development. He noted that the group receives funding through conventional leaders, local governments, non-profit organizations, and private investors.

Chair Reeves asked that Board members prepare nominations to the Ninth District Development Financing Inc. Board of Directors for appointment at the April 25 meeting.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Offender Labor for Transportation Projects – Supervisor Houseman made a motion, as recommended by the Personnel Committee to adopt the revised Memorandum of Agreement for Offender Labor for Transportation Projects, decreasing the required number of deputies from two to one for oversight of offender labor.

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

2. Debris Collection Position – Supervisor Houseman made a motion, as recommended by the Personnel Committee to transfer part-time Debris Collection funds to establish one full-time position. This position would be a Sheriff's Department employee and would be assigned to other Sheriff's Department duties when unable to perform debris collection, and is dependent upon continued receipt of Virginia Department of Transportation funds to partially offset the cost of the position.

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The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Retail Coach Professional Services Agreement – Supervisor Hale made a motion, as recommended by the Economic Development Committee to approve the professional services agreement between the Joint Industrial Development Authority and Retail Coach.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

2. Retail Recruitment Joint Agreement – Supervisor Hale made a motion, as recommended by the Economic Development Committee to approve the joint agreement between Wythe County, Wytheville, and Rural Retreat outlining oversight and financial support associated with the Retail Coach contract.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

3. Appalachian Regional Exposition Center Lease Agreement – The Board reviewed and discussed the agreement between Wythe County and the Appalachian Regional Exposition Center Authority for lease of the Appalachian Regional Exposition Center.

Mr. Bear requested that Board members review the lease and e-mail him any questions, comments, or revisions. He noted that the agreement has also been provided to the Appalachian Regional Exposition Center Authority for review. Mr. Bear added that the agreement would be discussed further in the future prior to finalization.

SCHOOLS

Supervisor McRoberts explained that he does not believe that anyone on the Board of Supervisors would be in favor of constructing new schools at George Wythe or Scott Middle School. He recommended that they schedule a work session with the School Board to discuss alternatives.

Chair Reeves requested that Mr. Bear work to schedule a meeting with himself, Supervisor Houseman, the School Board Chair, another School Board member, Superintendent Perry, and Mr. Bear in the upcoming week.

SIREN

Supervisor McRoberts reported that he has received several complaints from citizens concerning an individual who is sounding a siren late at night and early in the morning. He noted that the individual has stated that they are using the siren to scare deer off of their property.

Mr. Bear advised that the Sheriff's Office is aware of the issue, and is working to investigate what tools they may have available to them to address the situation. He noted that the Sheriff's Office has requested that the Board consider adoption of a noise ordinance. Mr. Bear added that he would work with the Sheriff to compile several noise ordinances from other localities for review and discussion in a Board committee.

Chair Reeves requested that the Board schedule a work session within their upcoming budget hearings to discuss noise ordinance options.

FENCE

Supervisor McRoberts requested an update on the Oglesby Road fence issue.

Supervisor Hale reported that he and Chair Reeves visited the site and are working to locate community assistance to help the landowner with her boundary fence issue. He noted that the County does not have an ordinance in place to address fencing issues.

Chair Reeves advised that the issue is covered under State law.

Supervisor McRoberts added that he has also visited the property.

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ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Reeves adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:55 p.m.

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair