

**March 28, 2017**

The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 9 a.m., Tuesday, March 28, 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  
Scot Farthing, County Attorney  
Martha G. Collins, Administrative Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Keith Dunagan  
Lori Guynn  
Linda Meyer

Birch Rambo  
Mary Thomas

**CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION**

Chair Reeves determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Birch Rambo of the St. John's Episcopal 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.

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

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The Board was presented with the March 14, 2017, and March 27, 2017, minutes for adoption.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester to approve the March 14, 2017, and March 27, 2017, minutes as presented.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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|-------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 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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**PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES**

Supervisor Horney made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on March 28, 2017, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30097777-30097859 as follows:

**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT  
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| <b>CHECK NO.</b> | <b>ISSUE DATE</b> | <b>VENDOR</b>                       | <b>TOTAL</b> |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| 30097777         | 03/28/17          | APPALACHIAN POWER                   | \$32,465.37  |
| 30097778         | 03/28/17          | AYERS AND SONS SEPTIC LLC           | \$300.00     |
| 30097779         | 03/28/17          | BAKERS CONSTRUCTION SERVICES INC.   | \$28,141.49  |
| 30097780         | 03/28/17          | BLUE RIDGE AUTO PARTS INC.          | \$85.41      |
| 30097781         | 03/28/17          | BMS DIRECT INC.                     | \$1,212.81   |
| 30097782         | 03/28/17          | BRENNTAG MID-SOUTH INC.             | \$1,534.30   |
| 30097783         | 03/28/17          | BROWN EXTERMINATING CO.             | \$40.00      |
| 30097784         | 03/28/17          | BUSINESS CARD                       | \$2,475.87   |
| 30097785         | 03/28/17          | BUSINESS INK. CO.                   | \$1,560.58   |
| 30097786         | 03/28/17          | CARILION HEALTH CARE CORP.          | \$45.00      |
| 30097787         | 03/28/17          | CARILION HEALTH CARE CORP.          | \$118.00     |
| 30097788         | 03/28/17          | CENTURY LINK                        | \$39.98      |
| 30097789         | 03/28/17          | CENTURY LINK                        | \$46.93      |
| 30097790         | 03/28/17          | CENTURY LINK                        | \$50.55      |
| 30097791         | 03/28/17          | CENTURY LINK                        | \$56.04      |
| 30097792         | 03/28/17          | CENTURY LINK                        | \$71.23      |
| 30097793         | 03/28/17          | CENTURY LINK                        | \$76.56      |
| 30097794         | 03/28/17          | CENTURY LINK                        | \$104.73     |
| 30097795         | 03/28/17          | CENTURY LINK                        | \$114.21     |
| 30097796         | 03/28/17          | CENTURY LINK                        | \$154.24     |
| 30097797         | 03/28/17          | CENTURY LINK                        | \$226.64     |
| 30097798         | 03/28/17          | CENTURY LINK                        | \$244.37     |
| 30097799         | 03/28/17          | CENTURY LINK                        | \$256.54     |
| 30097800         | 03/28/17          | CENTURY LINK                        | \$332.46     |
| 30097801         | 03/28/17          | CENTURY LINK                        | \$4,956.66   |
| 30097802         | 03/28/17          | COMMUNITY ANIMAL CLINIC             | \$720.30     |
| 30097803         | 03/28/17          | COUNTY OF WYTHE                     | \$1,416.67   |
| 30097804         | 03/28/17          | DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY | \$300.00     |
| 30097805         | 03/28/17          | DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES        | \$20.00      |
| 30097806         | 03/28/17          | DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES        | \$1,180.00   |
| 30097807         | 03/28/17          | EMPIRE SALVAGE AND RECYCLING INC.   | \$1,560.00   |
| 30097808         | 03/28/17          | EMS INC.                            | \$1,085.00   |
| 30097809         | 03/28/17          | F & R ELECTRIC INC.                 | \$4,200.00   |
| 30097810         | 03/28/17          | FARTHING, SCOT S.                   | \$2,335.00   |
| 30097811         | 03/28/17          | FERGUSON ENTERPRISES NO. 5          | \$301.97     |

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| 30097812 | 03/28/17 | FRIZZELL CONSTRUCTION CO. INC.      | \$486,400.61 |
| 30097813 | 03/28/17 | GOPHER SPORT                        | \$412.88     |
| 30097814 | 03/28/17 | GRANT, BRUCE M.                     | \$4,074.25   |
| 30097815 | 03/28/17 | KEGLEY, ROBERT                      | \$801.00     |
| 30097816 | 03/28/17 | LANE GROUP, THE                     | \$5,660.00   |
| 30097817 | 03/28/17 | LITTLE B ENTERPRISES INC.           | \$1,000.00   |
| 30097818 | 03/28/17 | LOWES                               | \$553.67     |
| 30097819 | 03/28/17 | LOWES                               | \$1,280.01   |
| 30097820 | 03/28/17 | MANSFIELD OIL CO.                   | \$6,365.74   |
| 30097821 | 03/28/17 | MATTHEW BENDER AND CO. INC.         | \$164.33     |
| 30097822 | 03/28/17 | MCI COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES         | \$33.99      |
| 30097823 | 03/28/17 | MCI COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES         | \$45.30      |
| 30097824 | 03/28/17 | MCI COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES         | \$392.11     |
| 30097825 | 03/28/17 | MEREDITH'S GARAGE                   | \$43.00      |
| 30097826 | 03/28/17 | NATIONAL POOLS                      | \$272.50     |
| 30097827 | 03/28/17 | NEW RIVER VALLEY JUVENILE DETENTION | \$15,210.00  |
| 30097828 | 03/28/17 | NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL JAIL      | \$91,965.70  |
| 30097829 | 03/28/17 | NIGHT VISION STORE                  | \$1,880.00   |
| 30097830 | 03/28/17 | PAPER CLIP                          | \$110.85     |
| 30097831 | 03/28/17 | PITNEY BOWES                        | \$594.00     |
| 30097832 | 03/28/17 | PROFESSIONAL COMM SYSTEMS LLC.      | \$3,187.60   |
| 30097833 | 03/28/17 | R & C TOWING AND REPAIR CO.         | \$228.05     |
| 30097834 | 03/28/17 | R & R ENTERPRISES INC.              | \$135.00     |
| 30097835 | 03/28/17 | R & R SEPTIC                        | \$160.00     |
| 30097836 | 03/28/17 | RENTAL HUB INC.                     | \$40.00      |
| 30097837 | 03/28/17 | RURAL DEVELOPMENT                   | \$2,514.00   |
| 30097838 | 03/28/17 | RURAL DEVELOPMENT                   | \$11,572.00  |
| 30097839 | 03/28/17 | SENTRY SERVICES                     | \$55.92      |
| 30097840 | 03/28/17 | SHENTEL                             | \$68.37      |
| 30097841 | 03/28/17 | STEVE'S AUTO SALES AND REPAIR       | \$38.54      |
| 30097842 | 03/28/17 | SUBURBAN PROPANE 1241               | \$1,774.57   |
| 30097843 | 03/28/17 | TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE                  | \$5,481.07   |
| 30097844 | 03/28/17 | TOWN POLICE SUPPLY                  | \$2,825.00   |
| 30097845 | 03/28/17 | UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA              | \$80.00      |
| 30097846 | 03/28/17 | US CELLULAR                         | \$841.69     |
| 30097847 | 03/28/17 | US CELLULAR                         | \$921.84     |
| 30097848 | 03/28/17 | US SPECIALTY COATING                | \$1,603.00   |
| 30097849 | 03/28/17 | USA BLUE BOOK                       | \$2,689.24   |
| 30097850 | 03/28/17 | V & M RECYCLING                     | \$565.00     |
| 30097851 | 03/28/17 | VACORP                              | \$5,000.00   |
| 30097852 | 03/28/17 | VERIZON WIRELESS                    | \$50.08      |
| 30097853 | 03/28/17 | VUPS                                | \$66.15      |
| 30097854 | 03/28/17 | WYTHE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT      | \$786.62     |
| 30097855 | 03/28/17 | WYTHE COUNTY WATER/WASTEWATER       | \$265.06     |
| 30097856 | 03/28/17 | WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER              | \$180.99     |

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| 30097857                                    | 03/28/17 | WYTHEVILLE CONV. VISITORS BUREAU | \$12,000.00         |
| 30097858                                    | 03/28/17 | WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY         | \$116.45            |
| 30097859                                    | 03/28/17 | XEROX                            | \$119.75            |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 03/28/17</b> |          |                                  | <b>\$758,454.84</b> |

Supervisor Hale 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

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Lori Guynn appeared before the Board and presented the Treasurer's Report as follows:

1. Revenue Statement – Ms. Guynn reported that the consolidated account is currently at \$57,532,761 with \$39,792,030 in the General Fund account.
2. Delinquent Tax Collections – Ms. Guynn advised that approximately 7,000 delinquent tax tickets remain to be paid as of March 27. She explained that many individuals have received their income tax refunds and are using those funds to pay their taxes.
3. Tyler Technologies – Ms. Guynn reported that the Tyler Technologies tax system would go live on April 3.
4. Concealed Weapons Permits – Supervisor Houseman questioned how many concealed weapon permits have been issued in Wythe County.

Sheriff Dunagan advised that they issue approximately 900 concealed weapon permits each year. He noted that he is unsure how many total permit holders are in Wythe County.

### **WATER COMMITTEE REPORT**

1. Barren Springs Division IIA Change Order No. 5 – Supervisor Horney made a motion, as recommended by the Water Committee to approve Barren Springs Division IIA Change Order No. 5.

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. Wilkins Lane Bore – Supervisor Horney made a motion, as recommended by the Water Committee to proceed with the Wilkins Lane road bore.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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|-------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 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

3. Lot 20 Sewer Extension – Supervisor Horney made a motion, as recommended by the Water Committee to approve the Peed and Bortz LLC Engineering Agreement Amendment No. 1 in the amount of \$2,000 for completion of an environmental assessment as part of the Lot 20 sewer extension project.

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

## **BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT**

1. Special Police Activity Fund Transfer – Supervisor Willis made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee to approve the transfer of \$25,000 from the Special Police Activity Fund to the General Fund and to transfer that same amount of \$25,000 from 31021-461255 to 3102-461250.

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The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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|-------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 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. Robinson Farmer Cox Associates Supplemental Agreement – Supervisor Willis made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee to approve the Robinson Farmer Cox Associates Supplemental Agreement.

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

3. Long Meadows Roadway – Supervisor Willis made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to authorize payment of a \$16,000 cash bond held for the pavement of the High (now Long) Meadows Subdivision roadway plus \$3,000 interest earned to HOPE Inc. and to amend and appropriate \$3,000 to 1101-454010.

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

4. Local Choice Health Insurance Renewal – Supervisor Willis made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee to renew The Local Choice Health Insurance and to offer the Key Advantage 1000, Key Advantage 500, and the High Deductible health plans.

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              |                          |

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

County Administrator Stephen Bear appeared before the Board and reported the following:

1. Virginia Department of Transportation Fiscal Years 2018-2023 Six Year Road Improvement Plan – Mr. Bear reviewed with the Board a letter from Randy Hamilton, Virginia Department of Transportation District Engineer, providing notification of public input meetings for discussion of the Fiscal Year 2018-2023 Six Year Improvement Plan. Mr. Bear noted that a meeting has been scheduled on April 13 at 5:30 p.m. at the Higher Education Center in Abingdon.

Mr. Bear advised that he and Jeff Russell have worked to complete and submit the application for pavement of Major Graham Road through the High Volume Unpaved Road Program. He noted that if improvement of Major Graham Road is funded through the High Volume Unpaved Road Program, Secondary Six Year Road Plan funds would be released for pavement of other County roads.

2. Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation Construction of Industrial Access Railroad Track Grant Agreement – Mr. Bear reviewed with the Board a letter from Jeremy Latimer, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation Programs Administrator, concerning fulfillment of Wythe County's performance requirements in conjunction with Construction of Industrial Access Railroad Track Grant Agreement 76506-01 dated September 15, 2005.
3. Electoral Board Budget Request – Mr. Bear reviewed with the Board a memorandum from Carolyn King, Wythe County General Registrar, requesting an amendment to the Electoral Board Budget for expenses related to notifying citizens of the Rural Retreat area voting precinct relocation. Mr. Bear explained that the Electoral Board is verifying that notification is required due to the close proximity of the new voting location to the previous site. He requested amendment and appropriation of the funding just in case it is needed in order to allow the Registrar to mail out the notices as soon as possible following the April 11 public hearing.

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Following discussion, Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester to amend and appropriate funds in the amount of \$1,566.79 to the Electoral Board Budget to cover expenses associated with notifying citizens of the Rural Retreat voting precinct relocation, if needed.

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

4. Treasurer/Commissioner of the Revenue County Funded Positions – Mr. Bear reviewed with the Board a memorandum and supporting document from himself requesting amendment and appropriation of \$691 to 1213 and \$337 to 1209 to compensate for 3% salary increases, retroactive to September 1, 2016, for three County funded positions in the Treasurer's Office and Commissioner of the Revenue's Office.

Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to amend and appropriate \$691 to 1213 and \$337 to 1209 to compensate for 3% salary increases for Treasurer and Commissioner of the Revenue Office County funded positions, which were inadvertently not received.

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

5. Raper Ridge Water Tank Bond Counsel – Mr. Bear reviewed with the Board the proposals received for Raper Ridge Water Tank Project bond counsel services. He noted that proposals were received from Spilman Thomas and Battle and Sands Anderson Marks and Miller. He advised that the Board could interview each firm or proceed with award of the project.

Following discussion, Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to enter into a contract with Spilman Thomas and Battle for the Raper Ridge water tank project bond counsel services.

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

6. Ivanhoe Convenience Center – Mr. Bear reported that they received several quotes for the paving of the Ivanhoe Convenience Center. He noted that based on the quotes received approximately \$29,000 would be needed to pave the center. Mr. Bear advised that \$25,000 was budgeted for the project and requested that the Board amend and appropriate \$4,000 to allow the project to proceed.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hale to amend and appropriate \$4,000 to the budget to allow the Ivanhoe Convenience Center paving project to proceed.

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

### COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

County Attorney Scot Farthing appeared before the Board and reported the following:

1. Evatran – Mr. Farthing reported that Evatran would begin to repay the amount owed to the County in April. He noted that Evatran would pay back the \$100,000 grant funds received plus interest, monthly over the next 36 months. Mr. Farthing added that he anticipates having a signed agreement from Evatran by the end of the week for presentation to the Board for approval.
2. Noise Ordinance – Mr. Farthing advised that he prepared and submitted a draft noise ordinance to Board members via e-mail on March 27. He noted that if the Board wishes to proceed with the draft ordinance, a public hearing would need to be scheduled. Mr. Farthing explained that the noise ordinance would allow the Sheriff's Office to address noises that are plainly audible 50 feet from the source of the noise.

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Supervisor Houseman questioned if the ordinance would address businesses producing noises that interfere with the peace and tranquility of individuals within their own home.

Mr. Farthing explained that the ordinance covers everything, but the Board may need to determine if exceptions need to be added.

Chair Reeves recommended that the Board review and discuss the noise ordinance in more detail later in the meeting.

## **SUPERVISORS' REPORTS**

1. Good Friday – Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to close County Offices on April 14, 2017, for the Good Friday holiday.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. School Capital Improvement Projects – Supervisor Houseman reported that he, Chair Reeves, and Mr. Bear met with Jeff Perry, Stephen Sage, and Alan Wilder on Monday, March 20 to discuss school capital improvement projects. He explained that he and Chair Reeves offered on behalf of the Board up to \$10 million plus architectural and engineering fees for the renovation of George Wythe High School. Supervisor Houseman advised that the School Board representatives requested an additional meeting on Friday, March 24 at which they proposed a plan that included new construction. He noted that he, Chair Reeves, and Mr. Bear reiterated the Board's offer to fund renovation of George Wythe High School. Supervisor Houseman stated that the School Board representatives had indicated that they would present the Board's plan to the School Board, but have not yet provided a response to the County.

Supervisor Hale advised that a letter from Elizabeth Grant, a tenured professor of Architecture at Virginia Tech, had been provided to Dr. Perry and School Board members outlining the value of renovation of structurally sound buildings. He noted that the School Board has ignored the letter and expressed negative comments concerning renovation, stating that renovation is not possible. Supervisor Hale explained that renovation is a valid option and is in this case, the right option.

Chair Reeves noted that he informed the School Board that the majority of the individuals from within the Town of Wytheville that have contacted him have been opposed to new construction. He explained that several individuals believe that if they construct a new high school, they will then need to construct a new elementary school and middle school. Chair Reeves added that if renovation is done correctly, it is just as good as new construction.

Supervisor Horney agreed that as long as the buildings are structurally sound, renovation is the best option.

Supervisor McRoberts advised that more than 15 years ago the School Board had requested funding in the amount of \$60 million for the renovation of all of the schools, which the Board denied. He noted that the School Board then developed a program to renovate the schools as allowed by the Board of Supervisors based on funding available. Supervisor McRoberts stated that he believed that the plan was proceeding fine until Dr. Perry was hired, at which time everything changed.

Supervisor Horney noted that the School Board did not just change the plan; they completely rewrote the plan.

Chair Reeves explained that the School Board had previously presented a plan for the renovation of Spiller Elementary, but that plan had changed. He noted that the Board has not changed their position on the plan to work to improve the schools, but was waiting for the School Board to present a plan with which they could move forward.

Supervisor Houseman added that he does not believe that many individuals would be unhappy with the Board's plan to provide up to \$10 million for the renovation of George Wythe High School.

3. Trash – Supervisor Lester requested the placement of cameras in the High Rock area to address dumping issues.
4. School Board Meetings – Supervisor Lester reported that he had received several comments from individuals concerning the School Board meetings not being video recorded. He questioned if they could offer the School Board use of the Boardroom for their meetings.

The Board agreed to offer the School Board use of the Boardroom for their meetings.

5. Debris Collection Position – Supervisor Hale requested that the Sheriff's Office work to fill the debris collection position as soon as possible.
6. Trash – Supervisor Hale recommended that the Code Enforcement Officer visit area truck stops to discuss trash issues.
7. Road Issues – Supervisor McRoberts noted that he has road issues that he will wait to discuss when Virginia Department of Transportation representatives are present.

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8. Route 94 – Supervisor McRoberts thanked the Sheriff's Office for cleaning Route 94 again.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Supervisor Horney made a motion to approve the consent calendar for March 28, 2017, as follows:

**1. PAYROLL – February 2017:**

|                              |                     |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Water Department             | \$ 20,503.46        |
| Wythe County Wastewater Fund | 17,834.46           |
| Police Activity Fund         | 63,839.72           |
| Courthouse Security Fund     | 17,151.93           |
| General County Fund          | <u>506,670.27</u>   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                 | <b>\$625,999.84</b> |

**Check Numbers:** 30095222-30095246

**Voucher Numbers:** V703000-V703158; V704000-V704171

**2. STATUS REPORTS:**

- A. Animal Control – Arlan Dunford
- B. Building and Grounds – Billy Bowers
- C. Building Inspection – Tim Spraker
- D. Engineering – Bill Vaughan
- E. Finance – Bruce Grant
- F. Parks and Recreation – Kevin Williams
- G. Water and Wastewater – Don Crisp
- H. Planning – Michelle Cassell

**3. PERSONNEL:**

- A. Hancock, Janet – Retired, Full-time Deputy Clerk, Clerk of Circuit Court Office, Effective February 1, 2017
- B. Caudle, Kim – Hired, Full-time Deputy Clerk, Clerk of Circuit Court Office, Annual Salary \$24,924, Effective February 21, 2017
- C. Ward, Christy – Transferred from grant position to full-time Consolidated Dispatch position (3506-35041), Effective February 16, 2017
- D. Sadler, Jerrod – COIN Salary Increase, Sheriff's Office Annual Salary \$34,555, Effective February 8, 2017
- E. Slaughter, Clint – COIN Salary Increase, Sheriff's Office Annual Salary \$34,555, Effective February 8, 2017

- F. Terry, Christopher – COIN Salary Increase, Sheriff’s Office Annual Salary \$34,555, Effective February 8, 2017
- G. Simpkins, Angela – Hired, Full-time School Resource Officer, Sheriff’s Office Annual Salary \$31,009, Effective February 1, 2017
- H. Akers, Frances – Promotion to Comp Board CDC1, Clerk of Circuit Court Office, Annual Salary \$46,288, Effective February 16, 2017
- I. Counts, Lennon – Promotion to Comp Board DCII, Deputy Clerk, Clerk of Circuit Court Office, Annual Salary \$29,797, Effective February 16, 2017
- J. Kincer, Lori – Promotion to Comp Board DCII, Deputy Clerk, Clerk of Circuit Court Office, Annual Salary \$29,797, Effective February 16, 2017
- K. Elliott, Dorinda – Merit Increase, Deputy Clerk, Clerk of Circuit Court Office, Annual Salary \$32,240, Effective February 16, 2017
- L. King, Ashley – Merit Increase, Deputy Clerk, Clerk of Circuit Court Office, Annual Salary \$32,240, Effective February 16, 2017
- M. Claypool, Sharmeta – Merit Increase after Six-Month Probationary Period, Full-time Communications Officer, Annual Salary \$28,000, Effective February 16, 2017

Supervisor Lester 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

**FOURTH QUARTER APPROPRIATIONS**

The Board reviewed Fiscal Year 17 fourth quarter appropriations for approval.

Supervisor Willis made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to approve the Fiscal Year 17 fourth quarter appropriations 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

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**CENTURY LINK**

The Board reviewed and discussed a letter and supporting documents from Richard Schollmann of Century Link concerning a joint petition filed by Century Link, Level 3 Communications LLC, Level 3 Telecom of Virginia LLC, Level 3 Communications of Virginia LLC, Broadwing Communications, Global Crossing TeleManagement, TelCove Operations LLC, and United Telephone Southeast with the State Corporation Commission as related to Case No. PUR-2017-00007 for transfer of control between the involved companies.

**RECESS**

The Board recessed for a short break at 9:59 a.m.

**RECONVENE**

The Board reconvened at 10:23 a.m.

**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Jeff Russell, Virginia Department of Transportation Residency Administrator, Andy Fowler, Virginia Department of Transportation Assistant Residency Administrator, and Gary Lester, Virginia Department of Transportation District Bridge Engineer addressed the Board.

1. Silings Road Bridge – Mr. Lester updated the Board on the status of the Silings Road Bridge replacement. He reported that the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has completed survey of the bridge area and geology testing to determine footing depth, as well as a hydraulic analysis, which defines the height and size of the bridge. Mr. Lester stated that based on those results, they plan to install a 98 feet long three span concrete bridge, which should allow the residents to cross the bridge without having to drive through water when it rains. He noted that they currently estimate the project to cost approximately \$1 million, but that amount could be reduced some if a one-lane option is approved. Mr. Lester explained that project funding is not presently available, but they have placed the project on the list for State of Good Repair funding. He added that the project ranked fairly high for State of Good Repair funding, but even if it were approved, bridge construction would not begin for several years.

Supervisor Hale inquired if they could obtain a waiver and construct another low water bridge on the Road.

Mr. Lester stated that they may be able to obtain a waiver, but he does not believe that a low water bridge would provide much of a cost savings.

Supervisor Houseman questioned if emergency funds are available for this type of project.

Mr. Lester explained that typically in the event of a flood, they use funding which allows State forces to replace the bridge. He noted that this project is beyond

what can be completed with State forces, which requires advertising of the project. Mr. Lester added that when advertising a project, they must identify the funding source prior to advertisement.

Mr. Russell advised that it had been mentioned in a previous Board meeting that possibly a temporary Bailey bridge could be installed. He inquired if this option was possible.

Mr. Lester noted that he would investigate to determine if a Bailey bridge could be installed.

2. Millers Creek Bridge – Supervisor Hale requested an update on the Millers Creek Bridge project.

Mr. Russell explained that they are working to obtain drainage easements for the project.

Mr. Lester noted that the project was advertised in March and should be completed this summer.

Supervisor Hale offered to assist with the easements.

3. Doe Run – Mr. Russell noted that he has investigated maintenance of Doe Run as requested in the February 28 Board meeting. He explained that they would work to cut some of the vegetation along the road. Mr. Russell added that they did remind the area headquarters to maintain and remove snow from the road.
4. Asphalt – Mr. Russell advised that Supervisor Hale had inquired if the County could obtain asphalt through VDOT's contract. He explained that their contract does not allow other agencies or localities to acquire asphalt through the contract.
5. Route 619 Austinville Road – Mr. Russell reported that the section of Route 619, Austinville Road, from Route 52 to one half mile east of Route 636 is scheduled to be repaved in 2018.
6. Interstate 77/Interstate 81 Overlap Project – Mr. Russell advised that VDOT does not plan to hold a public hearing related to the Interstate 77/Interstate 81 overlap project. He noted that they did post a willingness to hold a public hearing in December, but did not receive any requests.
7. Ready Mix Road – Mr. Russell explained that Ready Mix Road could be potentially brought into the State System of Highways as a Rural Addition and could possibly qualify for the Revenue Sharing Program. He noted that if additional information is needed to contact himself or Pam Heath.

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8. Route 619 – Supervisor Hale inquired if overlay patching could be applied on Route 619 from Route 52 to the red brick church.
9. Four Seasons Road – Supervisor Houseman requested repair of the sharp curve on Four Seasons Road near the Vernon's Farm.
10. Route 11 – Supervisor Houseman noted that he had been contacted by a citizen requesting that the speed limit be lowered from 55 to 45 from the hill on Route 11 going into Rural Retreat to the elementary school.

Mr. Russell explained that they would look at the road, but if accident and other data does not support the speed limit change, they would not be able to lower the speed limit.

11. Painters Hill Road – Supervisor McRoberts requested pavement of Painters Hill Road.
12. Musser Mill Road – Chair Reeves requested maintenance of Musser Mill Road from the beginning of the unpaved portion to the sawmill.

Mr. Fowler noted that Ms. Heath is working on this issue.

13. No Littering/No Dumping Signs – Supervisor Hale questioned if funds are available for placement of "no littering" or "no dumping" signs. He requested placement of signs on Route 126 and Route 94. Supervisor Hale noted that if the signs were in place, then the Sheriff's Office and State Police could more easily enforce the littering laws.

Mr. Russell noted that it is against the law to litter whether there is a sign in place or not.

Chair Reeves explained that a judge would not convict someone of littering unless law enforcement actually witnesses them throwing the litter out. He noted that the signs remind individuals not to litter and may help keep the roads clean. Chair Reeves added that they are working to hire a full-time supervisor for the debris collection crew.

14. Route 11 – Supervisor Houseman reported that a bag of trash has been left along the right of way on Route 11 past Reed Creek.

Mr. Russell asked that Supervisor Hale let them know if he has a specific location for placement of the "no littering" signs. He noted that they would investigate to determine if a sign could be installed.

15. Chapman Road – Chair Reeves questioned how much of Chapman Road would be resurfaced.

Mr. Russell noted that they are currently just patching the areas in need of repair. He added that he believes that both frontage roads would be paved next year from the Town limits to Fort Chiswell.

16. Guardrail – Supervisor Horney inquired if remaining snow funds could be used for installation of a guardrail.

Mr. Russell explained that they could not use these funds for guardrails. He noted that they do have Safety Operational Funds for the placement of guardrails.

Supervisor Horney reported that he has received several requests for a guardrail on Saint Peters Road from Hayden Horney's property towards Speedwell. He noted that chevron signs were installed, but would not help if individuals drive off the road.

Mr. Russell advised that in the previous year the Commonwealth Transportation Board provided funding for use at the Residency's discretion to address safety issues. He noted that they are currently using a portion of these funds to widen the railroad crossing in Rural Retreat. Mr. Russell requested that Board members let them know if they have any safety issues that need to be addressed.

17. Sheffey School – Supervisor Hale requested striping of the road in front of Sheffey School.

18. Atkins Mill Road – Chair Reeves requested placement of gravel on the shoulder of Atkins Mill Road past the steep curve. He noted that a guardrail may be needed near the Town of Wytheville's Wastewater Treatment Plant on Atkins Mill Road.

19. Cripple Creek Road – Supervisor Horney requested striping of Cripple Creek Road from the intersection of Slate Spring Branch Road.

20. Lots Gap Road – Mr. Russell reported that they are planning to make improvements to the curve on Lots Gap Road.

21. Mirrors – Supervisor Horney inquired who installs the concave mirrors at intersections. He requested the placement of a mirror on Jonas Town Road.

Mr. Russell explained that VDOT does not permit the mirrors nor do they provide permission for placement of the mirrors. He advised that they do not ask that the mirrors be removed as long as they are not in the right-of-way or causing an obstruction. Mr. Russell added that he is not sure if the mirrors are legal or not.

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*Mr. Russell, Mr. Fowler, and Mr. Lester exited the meeting.*

**NOISE ORDINANCE**

The Board reviewed and discussed a proposed draft noise ordinance, as well as noise ordinances from other localities and the draft ordinance proposed in 2012.

Following discussion, Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hale to set a public hearing for discussion of the proposed noise ordinance for June 13, 2017, at 7:05 p.m.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: Charlie G. Lester  
Steven T. Willis

**RECESS**

The Board recessed at 11:48 a.m. until 1 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

The Board reconvened at 1:11 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

**BUDGET WORK SESSION**

The Board heard budget requests from various County departments and outside agencies.

**RECESS**

The Board recessed at 4:05 p.m. until Wednesday, March 29, 2017, at 8:30 a.m.

**RECONVENE**

The Board reconvened on March 29, 2017, at 8:30 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair       | Charlie G. Lester |
| Joe F. Hale, Vice Chair (8:42 a.m.) | Steven T. Willis  |
| Gary M. Houseman                    | Coy L. McRoberts  |

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

**BUDGET WORK SESSION**

The Board heard budget requests from various County departments and outside agencies.

Supervisor Willis made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester to approve The Local Choice premium County contribution rates 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  | Timothy A. Reeves, Sr. |

NAYS: None

ABSENT: B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.

**RECESS**

The Board recessed at 5:34 p.m. until Monday, April 3, 2017, at 8:30 a.m.

**RECONVENE**

The Board reconvened on April 3, 2017, at 8:30 a.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

**April 3, 2017**

**BUDGET WORK SESSION**

The Board heard budget requests from various County departments and outside agencies.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester to approve the amended Fiscal Year 18 Budget Calendar as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Reeves adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:10 a.m.

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Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair