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The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, October 10, 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/Clerk
Bill Vaughan, County Engineer

OTHERS PRESENT:

Roy Cox
Charles Foster
B. J. Lawson
Ryan Lawson

Paul Matthews
Linda Meyer
Amy Whatley
Whitley Yates

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Chair Reeves determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Amy Whatley of the Mount Pleasant United Methodist 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. Pope Road – Roy Cox of 1262 Pope Road in Ivanhoe addressed the Board and stated the following:

"I live on Pope Road. We been there for 14 to 15 years. The road was on the Six-Year Plan to be black topped. Well it still ain't done nothing and the road is in really bad shape. I urge each and every one of you to push to get that road black topped. Right now these hills. The road is washed out. The ditches you can't pass each other. Got to back up or something. It is sort of ridiculous we got to put up with that. I understand that money is tight. Our bridge washed out three years ago this coming April. If we could just get the road black topped that would be my preference over the bridge. It would make it a little easier to get in and out. Wear and tear on your vehicle. Bang, bang, bang. It is ridiculous. I would appreciate each and every one of you to push. Even Jeff Russell and I don't know his position on it, but he had some guy to check it out, How long it was going to be before the bridge or road, which he sat right here and said 2021 the road would be black topped. Then he said 2022. I don't

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know his position. What he is talking about. We need that road black topped bad. I would appreciate it if each and every one of you would push for us.”

Chair Reeves noted that hopefully they would receive additional Six-Year Plan funds in the next year for improvement of more roads.

2. Pope Road – Paul Matthews of 1542 Pope Road in Ivanhoe addressed the Board and stated the following:

“As we come out this evening on the hill coming towards Powder Mill Road, washed across, ruts in the road, and everything. Gravel. When it is wet, it is muddy. When it is dry, it is dusty. It just seems like we bring stuff up at these meetings it is on and there is nothing done about it. Them drainpipes across that road, none of them has been cleaned out and it has been mentioned for over three years and still ain’t been nothing done. I don’t even understand why we can’t get nothing done that needs to be done... The graders run a track into them, but if the pipe is full of dirt and gravel, makes no difference how much you run the ditch into it, the water ain’t going to run out of it. Down at the bottom of the hill towards Powder Mill Road, I don’t even think the man even found it. They don’t even run the ditch into it any more... Worse danger about a bad road is that school bus that runs on it. If that school bus would ever wreck and kill two or three kids, I got news for you; somebody is going to pay for it. It would be a lot more than what it costs to get a road fixed... That ditch line on that hill from Powder Mill Road going up to the top of the grade, they are that deep. It ain’t no shoulder. When you get off a hard surface, you are in a ditch on the bottom. Half of that hill you can’t even pass a vehicle on it. If you meet a car, you got to go real slow in order to give each one clearance enough to get by without getting in the ditch. It is bad. That ditch line needs to be filled up with heavy gravel on both sides to give a shoulder. It ain’t no shoulder there. It is just the hard top and then the ditch.”

Chair Reeves noted that they had previously requested that the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) clean out the pipes. He advised that they would contact VDOT again to discuss the drainpipes, question why they have not cleaned out the pipes, and also request that they repair the ruts. Chair Reeves added that he would try to drive through Pope Road on October 11 and would discuss the issue with Mr. Russell.

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board was presented with the September 26, 2017, minutes for adoption.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester to approve the September 26, 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

PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

Supervisor Willis made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on October 10, 2017, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30099157-30099257 as follows:

**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT
 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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CHECK NO.	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	TOTAL
30099157	10/02/17	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$2,721.41
30099158	10/02/17	BUSINESS CARD	\$3,794.08
30099159	10/02/17	CENTURY LINK	\$39.98
30099160	10/02/17	CENTURY LINK	\$51.49
30099161	10/02/17	CENTURY LINK	\$52.76
30099162	10/02/17	CENTURY LINK	\$70.35
30099163	10/02/17	CENTURY LINK	\$76.65
30099164	10/02/17	CENTURY LINK	\$146.04
30099165	10/02/17	CENTURY LINK	\$253.88
30099166	10/02/17	CENTURY LINK	\$323.03
30099167	10/02/17	CENTURY LINK	\$3,884.05
30099168	10/02/17	CENTURY LINK	\$4,951.51
30099169	10/02/17	CITIZENS TELEPHONE COOP	\$720.00
30099170	10/02/17	LUMOS NETWORK	\$31.25
30099171	10/02/17	TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE	\$10,652.53
TOTAL CHECKS 10/02/17			\$27,769.01

CHECK NO.	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	TOTAL
30099172	10/10/17	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$18,619.47
30099173	10/10/17	BAKER'S CONSTRUCTION SERVICES INC.	\$57,829.99
30099174	10/10/17	BKT UNIFORMS	\$1,379.76
30099175	10/10/17	BLUE RIDGE AUTO PARTS INC.	\$208.96
30099176	10/10/17	BLUE RIDGE RESCUE SUPPLIERS	\$920.00
30099177	10/10/17	BOB HUFF	\$180.00
30099178	10/10/17	BROWN EXTERMINATING CO.	\$40.00
30099179	10/10/17	BSN SPORTS INC.	\$417.41

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30099180	10/10/17	BUSINESS INK CO.	\$1,564.55
30099181	10/10/17	CAR CARE CENTER LLC	\$16.00
30099182	10/10/17	CAVALIER SUPPLY CO.	\$119.10
30099183	10/10/17	CDW GOVERNMENT INC.	\$824.36
30099184	10/10/17	COLLINS AUTO REPAIR CO.	\$32.00
30099185	10/10/17	COUNTY OF WYTHE	\$1,416.67
30099186	10/10/17	DALTON, WILL	\$75.00
30099187	10/10/17	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES	\$52.65
30099188	10/10/17	DIRECT DODGE	\$104.80
30099189	10/10/17	DOWDY MARK	\$10,100.00
30099190	10/10/17	DUKE'S PRINTING	\$60.00
30099191	10/10/17	DUNAGAN, KEITH	\$425.48
30099192	10/10/17	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES NO. 5	\$6,511.41
30099193	10/10/17	FOLEY COMPANY	\$110.00
30099194	10/10/17	FOWLKES MACHINE CO. INC.	\$66.25
30099195	10/10/17	GALLS	\$229.03
30099196	10/10/17	GRANT, BRUCE M.	\$4,074.25
30099197	10/10/17	HARPO'S HARDWARE	\$95.97
30099198	10/10/17	HORNEY, HAYDEN H.	\$305.70
30099199	10/10/17	JASON'S AUTO SERVICE	\$16.00
30099200	10/10/17	JOHN C. WHITE SERVICES INC.	\$1,035.00
30099201	10/10/17	JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY	\$38,867.92
30099202	10/10/17	KETCHUM MFG CO. INC.	\$442.30
30099203	10/10/17	KING-MOORE CO.	\$741.00
30099204	10/10/17	LACKEY, MEGHAN K.	\$443.16
30099205	10/10/17	LANE GROUP, THE	\$1,725.00
30099206	10/10/17	LEXIS NEXIS	\$197.91
30099207	10/10/17	LEXIS NEXIS	\$724.00
30099208	10/10/17	LOWES	\$616.04
30099209	10/10/17	MANSFIELD OIL CO.	\$8,452.33
30099210	10/10/17	MATTHEW BENDER AND CO. INC.	\$78.03
30099211	10/10/17	MEREDITH'S GARAGE	\$43.00
30099212	10/10/17	MODERN SHOE STORE	\$99.00
30099213	10/10/17	MUELLER CO.	\$787.50
30099214	10/10/17	NATIONAL PEN CO. LLC	\$65.90
30099215	10/10/17	NEW RIVER REGIONAL WATER AUTH.	\$11,950.54
30099216	10/10/17	NEW RIVER RESOURCE AUTHORITY	\$176.29
30099217	10/10/17	NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL JAIL	\$112,007.50
30099218	10/10/17	OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER	\$80.00
30099219	10/10/17	OWEN G. DUNN CO.	\$4,097.52
30099220	10/10/17	PAPER CLIP	\$174.41
30099221	10/10/17	PARTNERSHIP SCREENING INTL. INC.	\$14.40
30099222	10/10/17	PEED AND BORTZ LLC	\$20,380.00
30099223	10/10/17	PIONEER COLLISION CENTER LLC	\$1,663.45
30099224	10/10/17	POSTAGE BY PHONE RESERVE ACCT	\$779.00

30099225	10/10/17	PROTECT YOUTH SPORTS	\$185.95
30099226	10/10/17	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$2,282.00
30099227	10/10/17	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$2,514.00
30099228	10/10/17	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$11,572.00
30099229	10/10/17	RURAL RETREAT AUTO PARTS INC.	\$10.00
30099230	10/10/17	SECOM SYSTEMS INC.	\$94.50
30099231	10/10/17	SENTRY SERVICES	\$24,101.82
30099232	10/10/17	SHENTEL	\$67.95
30099233	10/10/17	SMG	\$12,748.43
30099234	10/10/17	SOUTHWESTERN EQUIPMENT	\$166.22
30099235	10/10/17	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO.	\$9.94
30099236	10/10/17	SUNTRUST	\$36,881.92
30099237	10/10/17	SUPPLY WORKS	\$1,108.75
30099238	10/10/17	TESLA ELECTRIC SERVICE	\$513.76
30099239	10/10/17	THOMPSON TIRE	\$757.26
30099240	10/10/17	THREE RIVERS MEDIA CORP.	\$330.00
30099241	10/10/17	TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE	\$26.20
30099242	10/10/17	TRI CITIES SWVA REGIONAL	\$64.48
30099243	10/10/17	TRI CITIES SWVA REGIONAL	\$483.95
30099244	10/10/17	TRI COUNTY GLASS INC.	\$209.52
30099245	10/10/17	TRI COUNTY GLASS INC.	\$307.06
30099246	10/10/17	TWO WAY RADIO	\$91.00
30099247	10/10/17	UNITED STATES TREASURY	\$282.10
30099248	10/10/17	USA BLUE BOOK	\$1,835.96
30099249	10/10/17	V & M RECYCLING	\$72,434.63
30099250	10/10/17	VIRGINIA RETIREMENT SYSTEM	\$1,746.76
30099251	10/10/17	WILLIAMS, KEVIN	\$25.00
30099252	10/10/17	WORDSPRINT	\$385.00
30099253	10/10/17	WYTHE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT	\$205.06
30099254	10/10/17	WYTHE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT	\$87,975.00
30099255	10/10/17	WYTHE COUNTY WATER AND WASTEWATER	\$473.22
30099256	10/10/17	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	\$514.95
30099257	10/10/17	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	\$589.97
TOTAL CHECKS 10/10/17			\$572,430.37

TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 10/10/17 **\$600,199.38**

Supervisor Horney 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	

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NAYS: None

RESOLUTION 2017-25 – GROUSE RIDGE ROAD PROJECT I

The Board reviewed and discussed Resolution 2017-25 authorizing application to the Virginia Department of Transportation for Revenue Sharing funds for Grouse Ridge Road Project I as follows:

**WYTHE COUNTY
RESOLUTION 2017-25
GROUSE RIDGE ROAD PROJECT I**

WHEREAS, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors desire to submit an application for an allocation of funds of up to \$134,966, 50% of the \$269,932 estimated project total, through the Virginia Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Revenue Sharing Program, and;

WHEREAS, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors request allocation of these funds for improvement of Grouse Ridge Road.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors hereby support this application for an allocation of \$134,966 through the Virginia Department of Transportation Revenue Sharing Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Wythe County Board of Supervisors hereby grant the County Administrator the authority to execute project administration agreements for any approved revenue sharing projects.

Mr. Bear reported that several residents of Grouse Ridge Road had requested improvement of the road under the Virginia Department of Transportation Revenue Sharing Program. He advised that following a meeting with several of the Grouse Ridge Road residents, they have requested the improvement of 1.3 miles from Peppers Ferry Road to the intersection of Quail Forest Road to State maintained standards. Mr. Bear explained that the citizens are working to obtain the necessary signatures for creation of a transportation service district similar to that of other projects. He added that all required documentation has been submitted to VDOT with the exception of the

necessary resolution of support from the Board. Mr. Bear requested the Board's adoption of Resolution 2017-25 to allow the Revenue Sharing application process to proceed.

Supervisor Hale made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to adopt Resolution 2017-25 authorizing application to the Virginia Department of Transportation for Revenue Sharing funds for Grouse Ridge Road Project I as presented.

Supervisor McRoberts inquired how much of Grouse Ridge Road would remain unpaved.

Mr. Bear explained that over two miles of Grouse Ridge Road would remain to be paved.

Supervisor Houseman questioned what the proposed tax increase would be for the residents of Grouse Ridge Road.

Mr. Bear advised that they had proposed a tax rate of \$.45 for those landowners on the road and \$.38 for those not on the State maintained road for seven years. He noted that this was a rate that the residents in attendance at the meeting believed the other residents would accept. Mr. Bear explained that they may not be able to obtain the necessary signatures at the rate proposed and may need to recalculate. He added that the rate would not impact the VDOT application and would be a separate matter.

Supervisor Hale noted that improvement of the road would decrease emergency service response time and address the school bus stop issue.

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

VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The Board reviewed a memorandum from Dean Lynch, Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) Executive Director, requesting the Board's designation of a voting representative for the VACo annual business meeting to be held on November 14, 2017.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester to nominate Chair Reeves to serve as the Board's voting delegate and Vice Chair Hale to serve as the Board's voting alternate.

The motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Hale encouraged all Board members to attend. He recommended that a County employee also attend the annual meeting each year.

Mr. Bear noted that he plans to attend the VACo annual meeting.

ELECTRONIC MEETING POLICIES

The Board reviewed and discussed draft Electronic Meetings Policy and Electronic Meeting Automatic Approval Policy for consideration.

Mr. Bear advised that they have had several instances recently in which attendance via electronic means has been requested. He reported that the Code of Virginia allows

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electronic attendance in certain emergency and personal situations, but would require adoption of an electronic meetings policy and approval policy by the Board. Mr. Bear stated that as outlined in the draft policy, a quorum of members must be physically present at the meeting location and the member attending electronically must be able to hear the meeting and be heard by those in attendance. He noted that the draft policies presented were derived from the electronic meetings and approval policies utilized by the Virginia Freedom of Information Council. He added that the finalized policies would be presented to the Board for consideration at their next meeting.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE GRANT

The Board reviewed and discussed a memorandum and supporting agreement from County Administrator Bear recommending acceptance, amendment, and appropriation of a Wythe Bland Foundation grant awarded to the Sheriff's Office for their Police Vehicle Defibrillator Project.

Mr. Bear advised that the Sheriff's Office has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$44,000 from the Wythe Bland Foundation for their Police Vehicle Defibrillator Project. He noted that amendment and appropriation of the funds would allow the Sheriff's Office to expedite the purchase and facilitate quick close out of the grant.

Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester to accept the Wythe Bland Foundation grant in the amount of \$44,000 and to amend and appropriate the \$44,000 to 3201-457708.

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

SPILLER ANNEX BUILDING

Mr. Bear reported that the Town of Wytheville Department of Museums has expressed an interest in use of the Spiller Annex Building property.

Chair Reeves noted that the County Attorney is working to prepare a lease to allow the Town of Wytheville Museums use of the Spiller Annex facility.

Supervisor Hale requested inclusion of a restriction in the lease allowing museum use only, prohibiting demolition or sublease of the facility without County approval, and provision of a renovation schedule.

Mr. Farthing stated that he planned to tie the lease in with the former Jail property lease, which terminates in 2031. He noted that the lease could then be extended and leased again to the Town if desired at that time.

Mr. Bear recommended that they prepare the lease as indicated and provide to the Town of Wytheville for review. He noted that if a longer time frame is desired, the lease term could be re-addressed.

APPALACHIAN REGIONAL EXPOSITION CENTER CONSTRUCTION

The Board reviewed and discussed a summary of the bids received for the Appalachian Regional Exposition Center arena project as were opened and publically read aloud on October 5.

Mr. Bear reported that RGM Erectors submitted the apparent low bid with a base bid of \$6,662,150 and a deductive alternative No. 1 bid in the amount of \$2,596,061. He explained that deductive alternative No. 1 would include the foundation, the building, and dry in of the building. Mr. Bear noted that following the bid opening on October 5, the Building Construction Committee met with RGM Erectors and discussed the bid, options for value engineering, deductions, and possible savings. He added that the Committee also met prior to the Board meeting to continue their discussions.

Supervisor Houseman noted that they have approximately \$4.3 million available to fund the project, and questioned if they would be able to save \$2.3 million to cover the shortfall.

Mr. Bear confirmed that they have \$4.3 million plus \$250,000 from the Tobacco Commission that has been awarded, but has not been amended and appropriated. He explained that the Committee has recommended proceeding with the full contract bid subject to decreases throughout the negotiation and building process. Mr. Bear noted that in order to add the funds needed to cover the base bid plus a contingency, amendment and appropriation to the budget in the amount of \$2.5 million would be necessary. He added that due to the budget increase of more than one percent, a public hearing would be required.

Supervisor Houseman stated that the proposal recommended would require use of \$2.5 million of taxpayer money from the General Fund to build the facility. He noted that they had previously committed to construct the facility without use of taxpayer funds. Supervisor Houseman questioned what \$2.5 million would add to the debt service for the project.

Mr. Bear advised that the \$2.5 million proposed would be taken from reserve funds and would not involve borrowing of additional money.

Supervisor Hale reported that the Board set aside a construction fund four to five years ago for these types of projects. He noted that the funds would be replenished through grants and other future revenue.

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Supervisor Houseman noted that the school system was criticized for requesting funds and not fully explaining how they would spend those funds. He explained that he believes that they are acting in a similar manner. Supervisor Houseman added that he does not believe that the project and proposed Board action makes good fiscal sense for the County.

Supervisor Hale stated that he does not believe that the payback of the debt service for the project would be a burden on the taxpayers. He noted that this is an economic development project, which would promote growth in the County and increase the tax base. Supervisor Hale explained that if necessary a special tax zone could be implemented, allowing a fee on admission, which would easily repay the debt service.

Chair Reeves explained that past Boards have worked to provide infrastructure such as Progress Park to bring jobs into the County. He noted that he believes that it is the Board's responsibility to work to promote growth in the County. Chair Reeves stated that they have reviewed all of the studies and data and he believes that they will see a return on their investment in this project. He added that he believes that the project should proceed.

Following discussion, Supervisor Willis made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester to set a public hearing for October 24 at 9 a.m. to discuss amendment of the Fiscal Year 18 Budget for allocation of an additional \$2.5 million to the Appalachian Regional Exposition Center project budget.

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

Supervisor McRoberts inquired if they plan to accept the bid from RGM Erectors as written.

Chair Reeves advised that they are working with RGM Erectors to negotiate a lower price.

Mr. Bear noted that the Committee does not plan to recommend award of the bid until the next Board meeting. He added that they are still in negotiations with RGM Erectors to reduce the cost of the project through value engineering items.

Supervisor Hale made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Willis to direct the County Administrator and County Engineer to proceed with intent to award the Appalachian Regional Exposition Center arena construction project.

Supervisor Hale clarified that intent to award would allow RGM Erectors to begin preliminary work on the site at their risk while the paperwork is completed including performance and payment bonds. He noted that this would allow the job to begin while the weather is conducive for the work.

Mr. Farthing questioned who would hold the liability insurance for the contractor if they begin work without a contract.

Supervisor Hale noted that the contractor would provide certification of their standard general liability insurance, but would not provide the performance and payment bond until the amounts are finalized. He explained that the contractor is working at risk and is not being promised payment for any work completed at this point.

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

CLOSED MEETING – DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL MATTERS AND CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL OR BRIEFING BY STAFF

Supervisor Willis made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester to enter into Closed Meeting under Section 2.2-3711-A.1 (Discussion of Personnel Matters) and Section 2.2-3711-A.7 (Consultation with Legal Counsel or Briefing by Staff) of the Code of Virginia.

The motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Hale made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester 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,

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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

ARTWORK

Mr. Bear reported that Beth Pendleton, who painted the County seal and several pieces of artwork on display in the County Administration Building and Boardroom, has requested use of the paintings for a presentation the weekend of October 14. He noted that Ms. Pendleton would pick up the paintings on October 12 and return them the following week.

COUNTY WEBSITE

Chair Reeves requested a timeline for completion of the new County website design.

Mr. Bear advised that Public Information Officer Jeremy Farley, who is charged with update of the website, has been consumed with compilation of Freedom of Information Act request data in recent weeks.

Chair Reeves noted that the Appalachian Regional Exposition Center website implies that the Center is already open for business.

Mr. Bear stated that he would direct Mr. Farley to update the website. He noted that Mr. Farley is working to design a more user-friendly website to replace the current site.

Chair Reeves requested an update on the process to hire the new information technology staff member.

Mr. Bear explained that they are in the process of hiring an information technology support specialist. He noted that they have reviewed the applications received and

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identified a group of qualified candidates to interview. Mr. Bear added that they hope to begin interviews in the upcoming weeks.

Supervisor Hale questioned why Board meeting videos are not easily accessible from the County website.

Mr. Bear noted that he would work with Mr. Farley to improve accessibility of the videos. He stated that Mr. Farley has indicated that he would add a link on the County website homepage to the Board meeting videos.

MOUNT ROGERS COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Supervisor Houseman advised that Lisa Moore, current Mount Rogers Community Service Board executive director, would retire at the end of December. He noted that the Mount Rogers Community Services Board would interview candidates for the position on October 12 and 13.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Reeves adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:22 p.m.

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair