

**November 28, 2017**

The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 9 a.m., Tuesday, November 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  
Charlie G. Lester

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Gary M. Houseman

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Faye Barker  
Roger Crigger  
Andrew Davis  
Mike Forrest  
Charles Foster  
Lori Gynn

Andy Kegley  
Linda Meyer  
Mary Thomas  
Dan Tolley  
Two Other Citizens

**CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION**

Chair Reeves determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Roger Crigger of the Rural Retreat Pentecostal Holiness 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 MEETING**

The Board was presented with the November 15, 2017, minutes for adoption.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to approve the November 15, 2017, minutes as presented.

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The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Gary M. Houseman

**PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES**

Supervisor Willis made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on November 28, 2017, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30099453-30099568 as follows:

**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
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<b>CHECK NO.</b>	<b>ISSUE DATE</b>	<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
30099453	11/16/17	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$902.46
30099454	11/16/17	CENTURY LINK	\$39.98
30099455	11/16/17	CENTURY LINK	\$50.08
30099456	11/16/17	CENTURY LINK	\$56.56
30099457	11/16/17	CENTURY LINK	\$249.70
30099458	11/16/17	DELL MARKETING LP	\$1,140.08
30099459	11/16/17	TOWN OF RURAL RETREAT	\$1,412.79
30099460	11/16/17	TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE	\$4,787.02
30099461	11/16/17	US CELLULAR	\$477.94
<b>TOTAL CHECKS 11/16/17</b>			<b>\$9,116.61</b>

<b>CHECK NO.</b>	<b>ISSUE DATE</b>	<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
30099462	11/20/17	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$11,145.24
<b>TOTAL CHECKS 11/20/17</b>			<b>\$11,145.24</b>

<b>CHECK NO.</b>	<b>ISSUE DATE</b>	<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
30099463	11/28/17	AKER, CORY A.	\$135.00
30099464	11/28/17	AKER, TERESA B.	\$180.20
30099465	11/28/17	ALL SAFE INDUSTRIES INC.	\$229.00
30099466	11/28/17	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$315.11
30099467	11/28/17	ARNOLD, LYNN E.	\$135.00
30099468	11/28/17	ATKINSON, BARBARA	\$135.00
30099469	11/28/17	AYERS AND SONS SEPTIC LLC	\$350.00
30099470	11/28/17	BAKERS CONSTRUCTION SERVICES INC.	\$2,999.62
30099471	11/28/17	BKT UNIFORMS	\$24.97

30099472	11/28/17	BLANKENSHIP, SARA – CEDAR BAY	\$134.76
30099473	11/28/17	BLESSING, LAVONNE D.	\$135.00
30099474	11/28/17	BOXLEY	\$310.00
30099475	11/28/17	BRENNTAG MID-SOUTH INC.	\$1,570.50
30099476	11/28/17	BRITTAIN, ANGELA C.	\$175.00
30099477	11/28/17	BROWN EXTERMINATING CO.	\$40.00
30099478	11/28/17	BUSINESS INK CO.	\$1,570.16
30099479	11/28/17	CAMPBELL, JACQUELINE H.	\$175.00
30099480	11/28/17	CARILION HEALTHCARE CORP.	\$55.00
30099481	11/28/17	CARTER BANK AND TRUST (NOTE)	\$625.00
30099482	11/28/17	CASSELL, MARY B.	\$172.60
30099483	11/28/17	CATRON, G. W.	\$101.90
30099484	11/28/17	CDW GOVERNMENT INC.	\$355.82
30099485	11/28/17	CENTURY LINK	\$70.57
30099486	11/28/17	CENTURY LINK	\$115.95
30099487	11/28/17	CENTURY LINK	\$146.18
30099488	11/28/17	CENTURY LINK	\$247.54
30099489	11/28/17	CENTURY LINK	\$343.48
30099490	11/28/17	CINTAS CORP. NO. 2	\$128.48
30099491	11/28/17	CLINE, DEBRA B.	\$135.00
30099492	11/28/17	CLIPPARD, EURAL D.	\$135.00
30099493	11/28/17	COEN, JAMES	\$208.60
30099494	11/28/17	COPENHAVER, JANET F.	\$135.00
30099495	11/28/17	COUNTY OF WYTHE	\$1,416.67
30099496	11/28/17	DISHON, PATRICIA TICKLE	\$135.00
30099497	11/28/17	EATON, LISA	\$135.00
30099498	11/28/17	EDMONDS, BETTY F.	\$197.40
30099499	11/28/17	EMS INC.	\$1,172.50
30099500	11/28/17	EVERGREEN ACTIVITY CENTER	\$110.00
30099501	11/28/17	F & R ELECTRIC INC.	\$5,485.00
30099502	11/28/17	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES NO. 5	\$2,139.80
30099503	11/28/17	FOOD COUNTRY	\$2.99
30099504	11/28/17	FOWLKES MACHINE CO. INC.	\$24.45
30099505	11/28/17	GLOSSOP, CRYSTAL M.	\$135.00
30099506	11/28/17	GORDON, BETTY	\$135.00
30099507	11/28/17	GRANT, BRUCE M.	\$4,074.25
30099508	11/28/17	GROSE, WENDY H.	\$135.00
30099509	11/28/17	HALL, PATTY U.	\$135.00
30099510	11/28/17	HARRIS, KAREN G.	\$175.00
30099511	11/28/17	HASH, JOEL L. JR.	\$135.00
30099512	11/28/17	INFORMING DESIGN INC.	\$1,849.00
30099513	11/28/17	IVANHOE FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$4,397.17
30099514	11/28/17	JONES, BRANDI	\$135.00
30099515	11/28/17	JONES, JANIE R.	\$135.00
30099516	11/28/17	JONES, JOHN B.	\$135.00

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30099517	11/28/17	KC AUTOMOTIVE	\$270.89
30099518	11/28/17	KEGLEY, GEORGE A. JR.	\$175.00
30099519	11/28/17	KIRBY'S KUTTIN EDGE	\$1,875.00
30099520	11/28/17	KUSTOM SIGNALS	\$2,112.20
30099521	11/28/17	LEONARD, DONNA	\$135.00
30099522	11/28/17	LESTER, LINDA F.	\$135.00
30099523	11/28/17	LIENHART, JEFFREY S.	\$135.00
30099524	11/28/17	LINDSEY, PATSY D.	\$175.00
30099525	11/28/17	MABE, DONNA U.	\$175.00
30099526	11/28/17	MCI COMMUNICATION SERVICES	\$34.66
30099527	11/28/17	MCI COMMUNICATION SERVICES	\$81.19
30099528	11/28/17	MCI COMMUNICATION SERVICES	\$483.22
30099529	11/28/17	MILLER, JERRY G.	\$165.00
30099530	11/28/17	MODERN SHOE STORE	\$189.00
30099531	11/28/17	MOODY, JOHN S.	\$135.00
30099532	11/28/17	NEW RIVER REGIONAL WATER AUTH.	\$12,091.65
30099533	11/28/17	NEW RIVER RESOURCE AUTHORITY	\$560.32
30099534	11/28/17	NEW RIVER VALLEY JUVENILE DETENTION	\$12,870.00
30099535	11/28/17	NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL JAIL	\$113,355.00
30099536	11/28/17	NEWBERRY, ALBERT L.	\$135.00
30099537	11/28/17	OWEN, ALVADA L.	\$135.00
30099538	11/28/17	OWENS, DAWN R.	\$135.00
30099539	11/28/17	PARSONS, MELISSA B.	\$135.00
30099540	11/28/17	REASOR, SMITH	\$135.00
30099541	11/28/17	REEVES, DEBRA R.	\$135.00
30099542	11/28/17	RENTOPIA LLC	\$425.00
30099543	11/28/17	ROESCH, PAULA C.	\$135.00
30099544	11/28/17	SAWYERS, MARTHA A.	\$151.00
30099545	11/28/17	SHEFFEY, SANDRA M.	\$135.00
30099546	11/28/17	SMYTHERS-STITT, ANNA E.	\$194.60
30099547	11/28/17	SOUTHERN STATES	\$74.49
30099548	11/28/17	SOUTHWESTERN VA GAS SERVICE	\$781.85
30099549	11/28/17	SPENCER, BRIDGET S.	\$135.00
30099550	11/28/17	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO.	\$123.51
30099551	11/28/17	SUBURBAN PROPANE – 1241	\$1,973.79
30099552	11/28/17	SUPPLY WORKS	\$971.95
30099553	11/28/17	THOMPSON TIRE	\$397.59
30099554	11/28/17	TOWN OF RURAL RETREAT	\$725.29
30099555	11/28/17	TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE	\$8,170.73
30099556	11/28/17	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC.	\$2,550.00
30099557	11/28/17	UNITED STATES TREASURY	\$45.24
30099558	11/28/17	USA BLUE BOOK	\$1,793.16
30099559	11/28/17	VIARS, DAVID G.	\$135.00
30099560	11/28/17	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYSTEM	\$765.94
30099561	11/28/17	VITA	\$242.09

30099562	11/28/17	VRPS	\$200.00
30099563	11/28/17	VUPS	\$108.15
30099564	11/28/17	WEAVER, ROSEDITH S.	\$135.00
30099565	11/28/17	WILLIAMS, MARY ANN	\$135.00
30099566	11/28/17	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	\$249.46
30099567	11/28/17	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	\$292.91
30099568	11/28/17	XEROX	\$187.44
<b>TOTAL CHECKS 11/28/17</b>			<b>\$201,181.99</b>

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 11/28/17** **\$221,443.84**

Supervisor Lester seconded the motion.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Gary M. Houseman

**BRANCH BOTANICALS**

The Board reviewed and discussed the Branch Botanicals Performance Agreement Amendment, Deed of Trust, and document signature authorization.

Mr. Bear reported that the Performance Agreement amendment would allow exchange of the \$200,000 letter of credit for the deed of trust. He noted that Dan Tolley, Branch Botanicals President, has accepted the deed of trust as proposed and would proceed with recordation of the document if approved by the Board.

Supervisor Lester made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to adopt the Amendment to the Performance Agreement contingent upon recordation of the deed of trust.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Gary M. Houseman

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Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Willis to authorize Chair Timothy A. Reeves or Vice Chair Joe F. Hale to sign any and all documents associated with the amended performance agreement, deed of trust, and release of letter of credit for Branch Botanicals.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS:            None

ABSENT:        Gary M. Houseman

**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 consisted of \$46,616,426 of which \$29,960,761 was in the General Fund Account at the end of October.
2.    Extended Deadline/Hours – Ms. Guynn thanked the Board for extension of the tax payment deadline to December 29. She advised that the Treasurer's Office has extended their office hours to allow citizens additional opportunities to pay their taxes.

**COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE'S REPORT**

Commissioner of the Revenue Faye Barker appeared before the Board and reported the following:

1.    Refund – Ms. Barker advised that Pepsi and Gatorade have withdrawn their refund request for 2012 and 2013. She explained that with the assistance of Corbin Stone, they have been able to determine that the items should not have been exonerated and would not require a refund.

**GRANITE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**

Chair Reeves recognized Pastor Andrew Davis from Granite Christian Academy and Fellowship Baptist Church. He noted that Pastor Davis is in attendance with two government students from the Academy.

**WATER COMMITTEE REPORT**

1. Leak Adjustment – Supervisor Horney made a motion, as recommended by the Water Committee to authorize a leak adjustment for Robert Freeman, Account No. 100757-00.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Gary M. Houseman

2. Mount Rogers Planning District Commission Grant – Supervisor Horney made a motion, as recommended by the Water Committee to accept the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission grant in the amount of \$25,000 for updates to the Wythe County supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system, and to amend and appropriate the same.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Gary M. Houseman

3. Barren Springs Division I Project Close out – Supervisor Horney made a motion, as recommended by the Water Committee to amend and appropriate \$4,450 for engineering services provided to 9050-470410 for closeout of the Barren Springs Division I project.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Gary M. Houseman

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4. Leak Adjustment Payment Plan – Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts to authorize the Water Department to establish a payment plan for Robert Freeman for payment of the amount owed.

The motion passed unanimously.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT**

1. Wal-Mart Foundation Grant – Supervisor Willis made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee to amend and appropriate a donation in the amount of \$2,500 from the Wal-Mart Foundation to 3102-461260.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS:           None

ABSENT:       Gary M. Houseman

2. DigiTicket Service System – Supervisor Willis made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee to transfer \$20,275 from Electronic Summons Funds to the General Fund for the DigiTicket service system, and to amend and appropriate the same to 3102-461260.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS:           None

ABSENT:       Gary M. Houseman

3. DigiTicket System In Car Computers – Supervisor Willis made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee to transfer \$3,638 from Electronic Summons Funds to the Police Activity Fund for the purchase of in-car computers essential for the DigiTicket system, and to amend and appropriate the same to 3102-470015.



The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Gary M. Houseman

4. Victim Witness Budget – Supervisor Willis made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee to amend and appropriate an additional \$10,395 to the Victim Witness budget to compensate for an increase in State funds provided.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Gary M. Houseman

5. Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant – Supervisor Willis made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee to accept the Bureau of Justice Assistance Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant in the amount of \$1,632.62, and to amend and appropriate the same.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Gary M. Houseman

6. Department of Motor Vehicles Animal Friendly License Plate Funds – Supervisor Willis made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee to accept Department of Motor Vehicles Animal Friendly license plates funds in the amount of \$285.00, and to amend and appropriate the same.

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The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Gary M. Houseman

7. Clerk of Circuit Court Library of Virginia Grant – Supervisor Willis made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee to amend and appropriate Library of Virginia funds provided to the Clerk of Circuit Court in the amount of \$2,308 to 2106-461525.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Gary M. Houseman

### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

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

1. Virginia Industrial Advancement Alliance/Mount Rogers Development Partnership – Mr. Bear reviewed with the Board the Virginia Industrial Advancement Alliance Strategic Marketing Plan as updated October 2017. He also reviewed with the Board the Mount Rogers Development Partnership Incorporated financial statements for the fiscal years ended on June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017.

Mr. Bear advised that Josh Lewis, Virginia Industrial Advancement Alliance Executive Director, continues to work to market the area and search out economic development leads. He explained that Mr. Lewis was recently able to obtain funding from the Tobacco Commission and persistently works to leverage private sector funding.

2. National Association of Counties Prescription Drug Discount Card Program – Mr. Bear reviewed with the Board a report detailing National Association of Counties Prescription Drug Discount Card Program data for Wythe County. He recommended that the Public Information Officer work to promote the beneficial program.

Chair Reeves agreed.

- 3. Smyth Wythe Airport Commission – Mr. Bear reviewed with the Board Smyth Wythe Airport Commission Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended on June 30, 2017.
- 4. Bond Counsel Refunding General Obligation Bond Series 2006 – Mr. Bear reviewed with the Board a proposal from Spilman Thomas Battle for bond counsel services related to issuance of a bond to refund General Obligation Bond Series 2006. Mr. Bear noted that refunding the shared New River Regional Water Authority debt would provide an annual savings of approximately \$28,000 over the next eight years. He recommended acceptance of the proposal as presented.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to accept the proposal from Spilman Thomas Battle for bond counsel services associated with issuance of a bond to refund General Obligation Bond Series 2006.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

**SUPERVISORS' REPORTS**

- 1. Rose Hill Road – Supervisor Lester reported that he received a letter from a citizen requesting guardrails on Rose Hill Road. He noted that a copy of the letter was also provided to the Virginia Department of Transportation.
- 2. Dogs – Supervisor McRoberts advised that he has been contacted by a citizen concerning the dog issue on Castleton Road.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**1. PAYROLL – October 2017:**

General County Fund	\$ 494,738.60
Police Activity Fund	84,671.87
Courthouse Security Fund	13,103.98
Water Department Fund	16,228.76

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Wythe County Wastewater Fund  
**TOTAL**

21,666.37  
**\$ 630,409.58**

**Check Numbers:** 20000073-20000094

**Voucher Numbers:** 1125-1291; 1292-1465

**2. STATUS REPORTS:**

- A. Animal Control – Arlan Dunford
- B. Building Inspection – Tim Spraker
- C. Engineering – Bill Vaughan
- D. Finance Department – Bruce Grant
- E. Parks and Recreation – Kevin Williams
- F. Water and Wastewater – Don Crisp

**3. PERSONNEL:**

- A. Pauley, Amanda – Hired, Full-time Tele-communicator, Effective November 1, 2017, Annual Salary \$26,000
- B. Marshall, Dalton – Hired, Full-time Deputy, Effective November 16, 2017, Annual Salary \$31,009
- C. Bruce, Anna Nicole – Resigned, Full-time Deputy Clerk, Commissioner of the Revenue’s Office, Effective November 8, 2017
- D. Cassell, Daniel – Terminated, Full-time Deputy, Effective October 27, 2017
- E. Fisher, Pam – Compensation Board Approved Salary Increase, Effective November 1, 2017, Annual Salary \$39,689

**4. BUDGET AMENDMENTS:**

- A. \$2,519.69 (31021-461250) – Auto Claim October 2, 2017, 2015 Ford Taurus VIN 7982
- B. \$1,137.00 (1101-461420) – Indigent Burial Costs

**5. RESOLUTIONS:**

- A. Resolution 2017-32 – Lamberson Claim

Supervisor Lester seconded the motion.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Gary M. Houseman

**RESOLUTION 2017-30 – LONG MEADOWS ROAD**

The Board reviewed Resolution 2017-30, for acceptance of Long Meadows Road into the State system of highways as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2017-30  
LONG MEADOWS ROAD**

**WHEREAS**, Long Meadows Road (Route 1000) as described on the attached Additions Form AM-4.3, fully incorporated herein by reference, is shown on plats recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Wythe County, and

**WHEREAS**, the Resident Engineer for the Virginia Department of Transportation has advised the Board that Long Meadows Road meets the requirements established by the Subdivision Street Requirements of the Virginia Department of Transportation, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors request the Virginia Department of Transportation to add Long Meadows Road as described on the attached Additions Form AM-4.3 to the secondary system of State highways, pursuant to §33.2-705, Code of Virginia, and the Secondary Street Acceptance Requirements of the Virginia Department of Transportation, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors guarantees a clear and unrestricted right-of-way, as described, and any necessary easements for cuts, fills, and drainage, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Resident Engineer for the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Supervisor Lester made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to adopt Resolution 2017-30, Long Meadows Road as amended.

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The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Gary M. Houseman

**RESOLUTION 2017-31 – VIRGINIA STATE PARKS**

The Board reviewed Resolution 2017-31, a Resolution of support for full funding for Virginia State Parks as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2017-31  
A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR FULL FUNDING FOR  
VIRGINIA STATE PARKS**

**WHEREAS**, Virginia State Parks are a critical element of Virginia's travel and tourism infrastructure contributing over \$224 million to State and local economies, and;

**WHEREAS**, New River Trail State Park in Wythe, Grayson, Carroll, and Pulaski Counties and the City of Galax, attracted 1,232,561 visitors in 2016, up from 1,016,649 in 2015, and according to a Virginia Tech study generated \$33,096,002 in total visitor spending and \$27.8 million in local economic activity, and;

**WHEREAS**, New River Trail State Park collected \$14,775,784 from non-resident spending, and;

**WHEREAS**, tourists travel through Wythe, Grayson, Carroll, and Pulaski Counties to visit the New River Trail State Park and from other Virginia State Parks in southwest Virginia to include but not limited to Grayson Highlands State Park, Hungry Mother State Park, Natural Tunnel State Park, Southwest Virginia Museum State Park, Wilderness Road State Park plus the Breaks Interstate Park.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Wythe County Board of Supervisors in Wythe County, Virginia, by this resolution formally request the members of the Virginia General Assembly to support full funding for Virginia State Parks and to support what is needed to adequately maintain and operate what currently exists in terms of facilities, infrastructure and authorized future construction, as detailed in the Virginia Association for Parks Needs Assessment;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Wythe County Board of Supervisors by this resolution formally request the Virginia Municipal League and Virginia Association of Counties place this issue on their legislative agendas and support it in the General Assembly.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to adopt Resolution 2017-31, a resolution in support of full funding for Virginia State Parks as presented.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Gary M. Houseman

**ABSTRACT OF VOTES – NOVEMBER 7, 2017, GENERAL ELECTION**

The Board reviewed and discussed Abstract of Votes from the November 7, 2017, general election.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester to acknowledge and accept the Abstract of Votes from the November 7, 2017, general election as presented.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Gary M. Houseman

**RECESS**

The Board recessed at 9:30 a.m. until 7 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

The Board reconvened at 7 p.m.

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**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/Clerk

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

George Bailey  
Wilson Bethard  
Trent Crewe  
Mike Forrest  
Chalmer Frye  
Patricia Hines  
George James  
Lee Johnson  
Rusty Jones  
Lorna King

Linda Meyer  
Dickie Pack  
Millie Rothrock  
Steven Sage  
Lynn Storms  
Julia Tomiak  
Alan Wilder  
Whitley Yates  
Three Other Citizens

**PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED BOND ISSUANCE**

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 a proposed issuance at one time or from time to time of bonds by Wythe County. The estimated maximum amount of the proposed bonds to be issued is \$10,000,000 in the aggregate. The proposed uses of the bond proceeds are to pay costs of capital improvements to George Wythe High School and to pay the costs of issuing the bonds. 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 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard on November 28, 2017, before the Board in the Boardroom of the County Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street Wytheville, Virginia.

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

Rusty Jones of 1040 Reed Creek Mill Road in Wytheville addressed the Board and stated the following:

"I really don't have prepared comments. A couple of things I just wanted to bring before you all tonight. One is to kind of back up a little bit and say that a few weeks ago, I had the pleasure of going to Auburn Middle School. My son played a basketball game there. The model there was the middle school was the old high school that had been renovated. It was beautiful. It can be done. You don't have to tear it all down.



We can build something on what we got. That said, I think that we need to dig deep and realize that the plan to just do George Wythe without considering the middle school implications, is not deep enough. I would encourage us to make certain we are at least looking that step beyond and how that middle school is going to integrate into what we are doing at George Wythe. Even if we are not doing it immediately or funding it immediately. That is the first comment that I would make. The second comment and maybe you all will address it. Everything that I am hearing is talking about the renovation costs, early estimates being around \$15 million. In my experience of building anything is the first budget ain't the one you are going to end up with. You all know that as well as I do with your own projects. Why are we talking about a \$10 million bond if the initial estimates to just fix George Wythe are \$15 million? I just don't want to see us short finance it and put the County in a bind later. Make it harder later to have to come back and ask for more and do more of these public hearings. Let's define what we really need. Keep it realistic, but don't short finance what you are doing. That is what I am asking you all tonight. Consider the middle school with the consolidation up there to the high school campus. At least in a phase two plan. At least on this initial funding make certain we fund enough to do the job up front and don't have to come back and pilfer out of the General Fund or where ever we are coming from. That is about all I have got to say. I think we got to get off the point. Move forward. I think it is time for all of the animosities to end and for everybody to get the job done. That is why I came here tonight with hopefully a positive attitude to say let's get this done right."

Julia Tomiak of 1244 Laurel Run in Wytheville addressed the Board and stated the following:

"I am going to be honest with you, I am not exactly sure what the purpose of this meeting is, but I just came to express my, that I am in favor of funding the renovations to George Wythe. I am in favor of you issuing the bond. I was at the School Board meeting where the architectural and engineering firm presented their preliminary numbers. I just want to emphasize that I have heard Supervisors speak in the past about wants and needs and all of the things that the School Board members are looking at pursuing are definitely needs. A 21<sup>st</sup> century school needs to have adequate electrical lines. It needs to have climate control. It needs to have adequate data lines. It needs to be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. It needs to be a safe place for our students. I don't think that the School Board is asking for anything unreasonable. I understand that you all are in charge of pursuing economic growth and stability for our County. I know that you are also looking at having to fund the expo center. I would just ask that you remember that to create economic stability, it has to be a multi-faceted approach. You can't put all of our resources into one project and that you make sure that you adequately fund all of the projects. A well run high performing school system is just as important as the expo center would be. Also that you, when you are applying principles of financial responsibility that you scrutinize all of your financial decisions with consistent vigor so that you are spending responsibly in all areas. That is all. Thank you."

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Lynn Storms of 222 Heritage Way in Wytheville addressed the Board and stated the following:

"I don't have a whole lot to say. I agree with Rusty Jones completely and Julia Tomiak. I just wanted to kind of reiterate what they said and let you know that they are not the only two opinions of that. I agree with them completely. I think that there are others too. The funding is really important. I agree especially with Rusty that you know we need to do everything we can to make sure that we have enough to do all that we need for the high school and the middle school. There is nothing more important economically and for the future of the County than those schools. I just wholeheartedly agree with both of them and what they said."

Wilson Bethard of 325 Century Court in Wytheville addressed the Board and stated the following:

"I didn't come here tonight with a prepared remark about something, but I do want to give you a bit about my background. I spent almost 42 years in public education. Most of it in administration in another state. I want to tell you, the money that you are going to spend in doing this school, is the best money you are going to spend in the next whatever years. The most important thing in your community is a good school system. If you want to bring business in, you got to have a school. You got to have a program. You got to have things happening. You got to have people coming into the school saying, boy I really would like to have my kid go to that school. That is what you got to have. You know you talked about electricity, data processing, and all of that, that is 21<sup>st</sup> century and we are in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. In fact, I have been retired about 20 years now and I could not go back tomorrow because I am not up with what is happening out there. I would have to take a few crash courses on what you need to learn. The kids that have the schools today, it is a whole different ball game. I have four grandchildren in college. When I talk to them what they are getting, they are light years ahead of where we were. I just want to say to you, don't cheap Charlie what you have to do. If you have to get more money, go get it. It is the best money you will spend. Far better than anything else. I can just tell you the kids that go through it really really do benefit from it. Your athletic program is important. Your music program is important. Your extracurricular program is important, but your academic program is what it is all about. That is where your money has to go. That is what you have to have as your philosophy for your schools. That is all I have to say. Good luck."

George James of 130 Dodgion Street in Wytheville addressed the Board and stated the following:

"I really had not planned to speak, but I am speaking. You know, I hear what Rusty said about we don't want to shortchange ourselves. We talked about \$10 million, \$15 million. I know that when we first started this discussion, Dr. Perry asked me to serve on the original steering committee of this project. We started talking about new schools. We were talking about large numbers, a large number of money that was required. I recall the PowerPoint that Dr. Perry used in several meetings and the

number one bullet point on that PowerPoint read and I quote 'do it right the first time.' Well do it right the first time. Echoing what Rusty eluded to about \$10 million versus \$15 million, I want to make sure that we are not shortchanging ourselves. That we are not spending money now that ten years from now we are going to say that we should have done this, we should have done that. Let's do it right the first time. Whether it is \$10 million or \$40 million. I can tell you, I originally and I am hedging my thoughts and my feelings about renovating versus new. Ten million. Thank you, but no thank you. We will take that and put it in the bank and we will go do something bigger and better and right the first time. I think that song has been preached enough. If we are going to renovate and use these funds, let's do it right the first time whatever amount of money it takes. Thank you."

George Bailey of 285 Dogwood Drive in Wytheville addressed the Board and stated the following:

"I just want to say thank you for having this meeting so that we can come and talk to you guys and listen to what you guys have to say about the money being spent. I agree with the gentlemen and the ladies who have spoken already in the sense that we have to... my kids are going to be long gone by the time that this happens. My kids will have been graduated by the time this actually comes to fruition, I am almost certain. The concern I have are for the kids that are coming up afterwards. Are they going to have everything that they need if it is five, ten years from now? Are those things going to be behind where the other schools are going? We do have to start thinking ahead. Further past today. When we talk about 21<sup>st</sup> century schools and what they need. My daughter came home and told a story the other day about her teacher, his smart board broke. He had to go out and buy a new one because there is not anything there. I just want to make sure that when we put these schools together and we renovate them and we make them what they are supposed to be that they have all the things that they need for these teachers to be as efficient at doing their jobs that they possibly can. I have said it before; we have the best teachers I have ever met in this County. We need to offer them the best opportunity to teach that we possibly can. If that means more money, we need to offer them more money. If it means deciding how we are going to put it together. Whether it is putting a middle school, and I know you guys have had this argument a million times. Whether it is putting the middle school and the high school on the same campus because teachers teach at both schools and students go between the schools to learn. Whether it is updating the agricultural department, as well as these other things, we need to take all of that into account because if the buildings over here aren't fixed, and the buildings over here are fixed, then are we putting these kids further behind. I just want us to make sure that before you finalize the number of what you are spending, that we are taking into account all of the things that need to be worked on. All of the things that need to be fixed. Like Mr. James said, you fix it and then five, ten years from now we are looking at needing to do something else because we didn't make necessarily wise decisions with the money spent. I would love to have that. Thank you all so much for having this meeting at a time when we could all come. We truly appreciate it. Thank you."

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

Mr. Bear reported, "With the \$10 million that you all have budgeted, we have solicited through the Virginia Association of Counties/Virginia Municipal League (VACo/VML) financing for the issuance of bonds. The amount, the aggregate amount not to exceed \$10 million at a very favorable rate on this. Total rate of 3.08% is what is available. In order for us to move forward with this bond issuance, that has the \$10 million for the schools, I would request adoption of the resolution."

Supervisor Willis made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester to adopt the Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of a general obligation bond of Wythe County, Virginia, in a principal amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 and the execution and delivery of certain documents in connection with the bond.

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

Mr. Bear stated, "Included within that resolution is authorization for the Chairman or the Vice Chairman to sign any and all documents. So that is taken care of within the resolution. The other item before you is a Trust Joinder Agreement to participate in the VACo/VML Virginia Investment Pool. This is where the funds will be placed when they come in and you will be drawing down from. You will be earning interest while they are in that fund. The Treasurer will be the one executing this document. She, I, and Mr. Grant have reviewed this. She requested a motion, if the Board agrees, authorizing the Treasurer to enter into this agreement."

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to authorize the Treasurer to enter into the Trust Joinder Agreement for Participating Political Subdivisions in the VACo/VML Virginia Investment Pool 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

**APPALACHIAN REGIONAL EXPOSITION CENTER**

The Board reviewed and discussed proposed contract deductions for the Appalachian Regional Exposition Center arena construction project as recommended by the Construction Committee.

Supervisor Willis made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hale to strike the name George Zuurbier from the Appalachian Regional Exposition Center arena contract documents and insertion of the name Shannon Rodgers.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Reeves adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:20 p.m.

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Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair