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The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, October 11, 2016. The location of the meeting was in the Boardroom of the County Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe F. Hale, Vice Chair
Gary M. Houseman
Charlie G. Lester

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair

STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Anthony Barnes
Helen Bass
Dennis Cassell
Sam Crockett
Michael Kincer
Paul Longmire
John Manuel
Linda Meyer

Logan Morrison
Millie Rothrock
Patsy Saferight
Caroline Stephens
Lynne Storms
Julie Tomiak
15 Other Citizens

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Vice Chair Hale determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Paul Longmire of the St. Paul United Methodist Church provided the invocation and Vice Chair Hale led the pledge of allegiance.

CITIZENS' TIME

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

1. Lovers Lane – Linda Meyer of 1118 Dry Road in Speedwell addressed the Board and read the following statement:

"We are presenting you with 70 pages of our petition of almost 1,000 signatures of your constituents opposing the thru closure of Lovers Lane. The proposed redesign will 1) reduce property values, 2) segment farms, 3) compromise deeded well access, 4) jeopardize emergency services, 5) fracture school bus routes, 6) interrupt established thru traffic for business and residential residents, and 7) increase mileage for residents of Wythe County.

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Your constituents that have signed this petition will only entertain continued thru access of Lovers Lane. Historically, this farm lane became an official thru roadway over 100 years ago, and the people of Wythe County expect it to remain a thru road.

We are asking that you nullify Resolution 2016-21, passed on September 27, 2016, and only accept plans that would have Lovers Lane continue as a thru road, and strongly consider Kents Lane as your access. Kents Lane is an improved roadway, non-residential, and has direct access into Progress Park.”

2. Lovers Lane – Patsy Saferight of 1305 Lovers Lane in Wytheville addressed the Board. Ms. Saferight advised that the residents of Lovers Lane do not want the new connector road and asked why the citizens are not provided the opportunity to vote on these types of issues. She noted that the proposed road would destroy two springs that feed a stream, limit water rights to four landowners, land lock properties, and would negatively impact farmland, wooded areas, and wildlife.
3. Lovers Lane – John Manuel of 190 Hillcrest Road in Wytheville addressed the Board. Mr. Manuel questioned if a traffic study was completed on Lovers Lane.

Vice Chair Hale reported that four routing studies were completed by the project engineers, as is required by the Virginia Department of Transportation. He advised that following completion of those studies, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the engineers selected the best route. Vice Chair Hale noted that a thorough survey of traffic patterns was also completed as part of those studies. He added that several public hearings were held to discuss route options.

Mr. Manuel inquired if the studies are available for the public to review.

Vice Chair Hale noted that the information is available from the engineers. He added that they would obtain a copy from the engineer for Mr. Manuel’s review.

Mr. Manuel asked if an environmental impact study was completed for the proposed route, and if so, if that information is available for review.

Vice Chair Hale explained that an environmental impact study has been completed and is readily available for review by the public.

Mr. Manuel questioned if an economic impact study was completed.

Vice Chair Hale noted that an economic impact study was completed. He explained that Resolution 2016-21 relates solely to the funding of the project.

Vice Chair Hale stated that if the funding request were approved, the State would fund the project instead of the Wythe County taxpayers.

Mr. Manuel inquired if the new road, once constructed, would provide access to all of the properties and if so, would the access be limited or open.

Vice Chair Hale advised that this question would need to be addressed by the engineer and VDOT. He noted that they would submit the question on Mr. Manuel's behalf to the proper individuals.

Mr. Manuel asked if evidence has been provided proving that the current access roads into Progress Park have sufficient flow to carry the traffic that further expansion would cause. He also questioned if there has been any significant interest in the property the proposed access road leads to, that would justify construction of a new road.

Vice Chair Hale explained that a study has been completed to determine this information. He noted that the County has lost several economic opportunities due to the current access into Progress Park. Vice Chair Hale stated that in the past three years alone, several major distribution centers, which would have brought significant jobs to the County, have opted not to locate in Progress Park. He added that representatives from those centers have stated that they could not locate in Progress Park due to the current access roads.

Mr. Manuel inquired if a study has been completed outlining the impact of the closure of Lovers Lane as a thru road on bus routes, property access, and emergency services.

Vice Chair Hale noted that these items were included in the overall study completed by the engineers and submitted to VDOT.

Mr. Manuel requested the projected cost of closing Lovers Lane opposed to construction of a bridge or tunnel.

Supervisor Houseman recommended that Mr. Manuel provide a written list of questions to the Board to respond to at a later time. He stated that many of Mr. Manuel's questions are related to the design of the road and noted that the design has not yet been finalized. Supervisor Houseman reiterated that the Resolution passed by the Board was only related to proposed funding of the project, not the design.

Vice Chair Hale advised that the engineers are investigating other possible alternatives based on the comments received, including an underpass. He noted that the engineer has studied many options, as well as the costs of each.

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Mr. Manuel questioned if other projects or services provided by the County should take priority over the Progress Park connector road project.

Vice Chair Hale noted that the County has many projects that they are working on concurrently. He added that they do not work on only one project at a time.

Mr. Manuel inquired if the Board should continue to expend more funds on the Progress Park road project. He noted that many citizens are concerned that the County has already spent a substantial amount on this project with no visible results.

4. Speedwell Feedlot – Linda Meyer of 1118 Dry Road in Speedwell readdressed the Board and read the following statement:

“The residents of the hamlet of Speedwell are asking you to intercede on our behalf to rectify an environmental situation that is causing great distress in their community. A local farm that was purchased several years ago has been turned into a huge cattle feedlot operation. This property sits on a hill above the hamlet, below which are residential homes, post office, stores, Route 21, and our Speedwell Elementary School. Because of the concentration of cattle there is soil erosion, major surface manure accumulation, and hence, odor. During the past rains on Old Bank Road, residential lawns, and foundations of homes have been covered with suspended manure solids that have flowed from the feedlot above.

We are also very concerned about the effluent going into the Dry Creek, which flows into Cripple Creek and the aquifer contamination.

On days that the temperature is high, residents are forced to stay inside, and now their homes are permeated with the same aroma. Speedwell School has had to close their windows because of the odor.

We are asking that you contact the Big Walker Soil and Water District and the Department of Environmental Quality on our behalf. One hundred and seventeen members of the community have signed the attached petition asking for your intervention on our behalf.

From this point forward, we would like to have you keep a log, and/or copy of any correspondence about this problem and make them available to us. We would also like to know when inspections, soil and water samples are being taken, and perhaps you can tour the site and have a public meeting afterwards at our fire department.

Please have an update available at your next meeting; we look forward to rectifying this situation.”

Ms. Meyer presented the petition to the Board and requested that the issue be added to the October 25 Board meeting agenda.

5. Speedwell Feedlot – Michael Kincer of 377 Old Bank Road in Speedwell addressed the Board concerning the Speedwell feedlot issue. Mr. Kincer noted that he lives approximately 200 yards from the feedlot in question. He explained that he had been unable to sit on his front porch this past summer due to the smell, which has now permeated the inside of his house as well. Mr. Kincer requested that the Board work to correct this issue for the residents of the Speedwell area.
6. Speedwell Feedlot – Helen Bass of 415 Old Bank Road in Speedwell addressed the Board concerning the Speedwell feedlot issue. Ms. Bass explained that there are hundreds of cattle on both sides of the road near her residence. She noted that they cannot sit on their porches due to the unbearable smell, which has also infiltrated their home. Ms. Bass advised that the retention pond from the feedlot runs into Dry Run, which empties into Cripple Creek and on to the New River. She stated that she does not believe that this is healthy for the residents of the Speedwell area. Ms. Bass requested the Board's assistance in addressing this issue.
7. School Capital Improvement Project Funding – Lynne Storms of 222 Heritage Way in Wytheville addressed the Board. Ms. Storms reported that she had e-mailed Board members approximately one month ago to express her views on proposed School Capital Improvement Project funding, but as of yet has received no response. She read the e-mail she had submitted to Board members as follows:

"I am writing to you because of the recent articles in the *Southwest Virginia Enterprise* that have stated that your Board has heard that Wythe County voters do not support the new proposed \$37 million building project that the School Board has put forward. I am wholeheartedly in favor of this project for the following reasons: 1) Schools are the best investment we can make in our community, they effect children, business recruitment, real estate, community pride, etc. 2) The schools that are being proposed to be built/renovated, George Wythe and Scott Memorial, are in deplorable shape. We need to be visionary and not one sided. Let's look at the next 50 years. Let's do it right the first time. I believe that the School Board has worked hard to come up with something that is a compromise, yet visionary. I have had three children in the Wythe County Public Schools for the past 17 years. My youngest is a senior now. None of my children will benefit from this building improvement project, but that does not diminish my support of this project in the least. It affects my community immensely. Please choose to fund this plan. If you have to raise taxes to fund it, it is well worth it. Please be bold and don't be afraid to do the right thing for our community's future."

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Ms. Storms noted that she has spoken to many other citizens who share her opinion and asked that the Board carefully consider the future of the community as they make this decision.

8. School Capital Improvement Project Funding – Caroline Stephens of 4006 Stoney Fork Road in Wytheville addressed the Board. Ms. Stephens expressed her support of the School Board’s proposal to construct a new George Wythe High School and relocate Scott Memorial School and read the following statement:

“I have heard and read several times from the Board of Supervisors that if we get new industries, then we can build new schools. The problem is that new industry is not going to come if we continue to have mediocre schools. By not improving our schools, you are giving companies the perfect excuse to not locate in Wythe County. When companies bring their top people to the locations they are considering, those men and women who likely have families are going to choose the location with the best educational opportunities for their own families and those of their employees. When they see a community that does not visibly place a priority on education, they will also question the quality of the workforce they will be able to hire. Manufacturing, distribution, and other industrial jobs are hard to attract to any location, as you know, but when we do not invest in our schools, we are putting ourselves at a further disadvantage to competing communities. On the topic of growing business in Wythe County, I have to comment on the recent suggestion that the Town join you in hiring a retail consultant. Please save our money and invest it in education instead. According to the most recent census data available on your website, retail and food service already make up too large of a percentage of our local jobs. These low paying jobs barely put food on the tables for our families in this community. The only thing we seem to be growing in Wythe County is the non-profit sector, which is bearing more and more of the burden of supporting our population, because the jobs we do have do not pay a living wage. The idea that millennials will move without jobs to a location because of its retail options applies to booming communities like Nashville, Tennessee, or Ashville, North Carolina, but please do not be fooled into thinking that this applies to Wytheville. No one is going to move to a town where there are no career opportunities just because we have a Chick-Fil-a or a Best Buy. Please save our dollars and do this right and build us new excellent schools for our community.”

9. School Capital Improvement Project Funding – Julia Tomiak of 1244 Laurel Run in Wytheville addressed the Board. Ms. Tomiak reported that she has been a resident of West Wytheville for 15 years and has four children currently in Wythe County Public Schools. She stated that she supports the capital improvement program proposed by the School Board and strongly encouraged the Board to advocate for area children and schools. Ms. Tomiak noted that other schools throughout the County have received upgrades and renovations and asked that

the Board provide funding for the construction and renovation of the schools within Wytheville as well.

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board was presented with the September 27, 2016, minutes for adoption.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester to approve the September 27, 2016, minutes as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

Supervisor Willis made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on October 11, 2016, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30096608-30096701 as follows:

**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT
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CHECK NO.	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	TOTAL
30096608	09/29/16	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$1,958.67
30096609	09/29/16	BUSINESS CARD	\$650.40
30096610	09/29/16	CENTURY LINK	\$46.32
30096611	09/29/16	CENTURY LINK	\$53.56
30096612	09/29/16	CENTURY LINK	\$71.90
30096613	09/29/16	CENTURY LINK	\$114.28
30096614	09/29/16	CENTURY LINK	\$139.32
30096615	09/29/16	CENTURY LINK	\$146.01
30096616	09/29/16	CENTURY LINK	\$224.39
30096617	09/29/16	CENTURY LINK	\$226.88
30096618	09/29/16	CENTURY LINK	\$4,885.36
TOTAL CHECKS 09/29/16			\$8,517.09

CHECK NO.	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	TOTAL
30096619	10/11/16	ABC SUPPLY CO.	\$138.89
30096620	10/11/16	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$516.85
30096621	10/11/16	B & H PHOTO	\$689.00
30096622	10/11/16	BARKER, FAYE	\$615.69
30096623	10/11/16	BEAR, STEPHEN	\$164.98
30096624	10/11/16	BORING CONTRACTORS	\$232,324.40
30096625	10/11/16	BROWN EXTERMINATING CO.	\$40.00
30096626	10/11/16	BUSINESS INFORMATION	\$522.36

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30096627	10/11/16	BW WILSON PAPER CO.	\$739.43
30096628	10/11/16	CDW GOVERNMENT INC.	\$254.78
30096629	10/11/16	CENTURY LINK	\$44.46
30096630	10/11/16	CENTURY LINK	\$114.36
30096631	10/11/16	CITIZENS TELEPHONE COOP	\$720.00
30096632	10/11/16	COMBS, DAVID	\$15.00
30096633	10/11/16	COULTER'S FLORIST INC.	\$40.00
30096634	10/11/16	CW WARTHEN	\$249.65
30096635	10/11/16	DALTON, WILLIAM	\$15.00
30096636	10/11/16	DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	\$2,166.00
30096637	10/11/16	DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	\$2,166.00
30096638	10/11/16	DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	\$8,852.00
30096639	10/11/16	DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES	\$15.00
30096640	10/11/16	DUKES PRINTING	\$927.00
30096641	10/11/16	DUNCAN, TIMOTHY	\$15.00
30096642	10/11/16	FARTHING, SCOT S.	\$6,467.47
30096643	10/11/16	GALLS	\$840.07
30096644	10/11/16	GRANT, BRUCE M.	\$4,074.25
30096645	10/11/16	HARPO'S HARDWARE AND BUILDING	\$111.05
30096646	10/11/16	HORNEY, HAYDEN H.	\$335.70
30096647	10/11/16	HUFF FORD	\$48.22
30096648	10/11/16	HUFF FORD INC.	\$237.21
30096649	10/11/16	JOINT IDA OF WYTHE COUNTY	\$54,663.75
30096650	10/11/16	JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY	\$38,494.56
30096651	10/11/16	KC AUTOMOTIVE	\$48.00
30096652	10/11/16	KINCER, G. JOSEPH	\$281.11
30096653	10/11/16	KING GENERAL CONTRACTORS INC.	\$148,124.49
30096654	10/11/16	KING-MOORE INC.	\$1,371.50
30096655	10/11/16	LANE GROUP, THE	\$28,142.00
30096656	10/11/16	LEXIS NEXIS	\$192.15
30096657	10/11/16	LEXIS NEXIS	\$710.00
30096658	10/11/16	LOWES	\$526.69
30096659	10/11/16	MANSFIELD OIL CO.	\$5,308.36
30096660	10/11/16	MEADE CONTRACTING	\$42,151.50
30096661	10/11/16	MEREDITH'S GARAGE	\$280.51
30096662	10/11/16	NEW RIVER REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY	\$16,175.50
30096663	10/11/16	NEW RIVER VALLEY JUVENILE DETENTION	\$5,655.00
30096664	10/11/16	OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER	\$20.00
30096665	10/11/16	PAPER CLIP	\$366.24
30096666	10/11/16	PEED AND BORTZ LLC	\$26,887.00
30096667	10/11/16	POSTAGE BY PHONE RESERVE	\$1,014.00
30096668	10/11/16	R WRIGHT AND ASSOCIATES LLC	\$400.00
30096669	10/11/16	R & R ENTERPRISES INC.	\$495.00
30096670	10/11/16	RCI	\$1,905.82
30096671	10/11/16	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$2,282.00

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30096672	10/11/16	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$2,514.00
30096673	10/11/16	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$11,572.00
30096674	10/11/16	SIRCHIE FINGER PRINT LABORATORIES	\$194.66
30096675	10/11/16	SOUTHEASTERN SECURITY	\$259.00
30096676	10/11/16	SOUTHERN POLICE EQUIPMENT	\$359.10
30096677	10/11/16	SOUTHERN STATES	\$65.99
30096678	10/11/16	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO.	\$13.26
30096679	10/11/16	SUNTRUST	\$36,881.92
30096680	10/11/16	THOMPSON TIRE	\$192.00
30096681	10/11/16	THREE RIVERS MEDIA CORP.	\$330.00
30096682	10/11/16	TOWN OF RURAL RETREAT	\$1,808.94
30096683	10/11/16	TREASURER'S ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA	\$400.00
30096684	10/11/16	UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA	\$80.00
30096685	10/11/16	U S CELLULAR	\$64.10
30096686	10/11/16	USA BLUE BOOK	\$62.79
30096687	10/11/16	V & M RECYCLING	\$69,680.48
30096688	10/11/16	VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY	\$3,547.53
30096689	10/11/16	VDH – WATERWORKS TECH	\$7,690.65
30096690	10/11/16	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYSTEMS	\$771.56
30096691	10/11/16	VIRGINIA SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION	\$250.00
30096692	10/11/16	VITA	\$148.41
30096693	10/11/16	VITA	\$192.09
30096694	10/11/16	WALKER, ROBERT	\$15.00
30096695	10/11/16	WILLIAMS SUPPLY	\$1,952.44
30096696	10/11/16	WYTHE COUNTY WATER AND WASTEWATER	\$691.57
30096697	10/11/16	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	\$412.03
30096698	10/11/16	WYTHE GRAYSON REGIONAL LIBRARY	\$76,250.00
30096699	10/11/16	WYTHEVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE	\$19,198.00
30096700	10/11/16	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	\$311.04
30096701	10/11/16	XEROX	\$1,240.24
TOTAL CHECKS 10/11/16			\$876,103.80

TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 10/11/16 **\$884,620.89**

Supervisor Horney seconded the motion.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

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MOUNT ROGERS PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION GRANT

The Board reviewed a memorandum from County Administrator Bear requesting amendment and appropriation of the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission grant for the Exit 24 wastewater project in the amount of \$100,000 to 9060-470503/55003-318280.

Mr. Bear advised that the Board approved the grant at the previous Board meeting and requested amendment and appropriation of the funds.

Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Willis to amend and appropriate the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission grant in the amount of \$100,000 to 9060-470503/55003-318280 for the Exit 24 wastewater project.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Firing Range Lease Agreement – Supervisor Lester reported that the Building and Grounds Committee recommended revision of the Firing Range Lease between the Sheriff’s Office and David Ray Danner to state that mowing would be provided by agreement with the Building and Grounds Department or a private contractor.

Mr. Bear noted that he has discussed the lease amendment with the Sheriff and he has agreed to the revision. He explained that the revision to the lease would state that “the tenant shall be responsible for the mowing.” Mr. Bear advised that if the Building and Grounds Department were unable to mow the Firing Range site, then the Sheriff would hire a private contractor to complete the mowing. He added that they have obtained quotes for the mowing of the site from private contractors.

2. Circuit Court Building Doors – Supervisor Lester made a motion, as recommended by the Building and Grounds Committee to amend and appropriate \$3,960 to account 43042-46007 for replacement and repair of defective panic bars on the Circuit Court Building front doors.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Progress Park Grazing Lease – Supervisor Willis made a motion, as recommended by the Economic Development Committee to direct the County Attorney to draft an amendment to the Progress Park Grazing Lease Agreement with Art Davis to include extension of the lease term on a year to year basis with a maximum of three years and addition of a 90-day opt out term for both the lessee and lessor.

Mr. Willis noted that the lease would be rebid following expiration of the three-year lease period.

Mr. Farthing questioned the addition of the 90-day opt out period. He noted that often an industry moves in quickly, requiring the lot to be vacated as soon as possible.

Vice Chair Hale explained that with the extensive fencing, pens, and other structures Mr. Davis has constructed on the property, the Economic Development Committee believed that additional time to vacate the property was reasonable.

Logan Morrison addressed the Board. Mr. Morrison inquired if the property is leased as individual lots or as a whole.

Vice Chair Hale noted that the property is leased as a whole.

Mr. Morrison questioned if individual lot leases would be possible. He noted that this is a substantial amount of acreage for one lessee.

Vice Chair Hale agreed that very few individuals could take on the task of utilizing the leased property as a whole, as well as the monetary investment involved. He noted that dividing the property could be discussed following the expiration of Mr. Davis' lease. Vice Chair Hale added that they have not had difficulty in the past locating a lessee who was able to handle the entire acreage.

Mr. Farthing advised that the current lease does allow the tenant to sublet

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portions of the property, with the Board's permission. He noted that when the lease was previously bid out, the bidders did have the option to bid on the property as a whole, or individually by lot.

Mr. Bear stated that the amended lease would be presented to the Board for approval at an upcoming meeting.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

2. River Junction Campground – Supervisor Willis reported that the Economic Development Committee has recommended approval of the Special Use Permit requested by Anthony Barnes to establish the River Junction Campground on Reed Creek Drive.

Mr. Bear reported that Section 7.8 of the Wythe County Manufactured Home Ordinance requires approval by the Board of a Special Use Permit for camps, parks, and travel trailer establishments. He advised that Mr. Barnes had provided extensive information for the Board to review for his proposed campground to be located approximately one mile west of Wysor Highway on Reed Creek Drive. Mr. Bear added that the Planning Commission has reviewed the information and recommends the Board's approval of the Special Use Permit.

Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester to approve issuance of a Special Use Permit to Anthony Barnes for establishment of the River Junction Campground to be located on Reed Creek Drive.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

3. Gatorade Liquid Nitrogen Storage Tank – Supervisor Willis made a motion, as recommended by the Economic Development Committee to approve revision of Gatorade’s Site Plan to allow for the addition of a liquid nitrogen storage tank.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

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 15, 2016.

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 roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

Vice Chair Hale requested that the Public Information Officer also attend the VACo annual business meeting, if possible.

RESOLUTION 2016-19 – LOTTERY FOR LOCALITIES

The Board reviewed amended Resolution 2016-19, for the distribution of lottery funds to localities as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2016-19
LOTTERY FOR LOCALITIES**

WHEREAS, the Virginia Lottery is a 1.8 billion dollar business run by the State of Virginia; and

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WHEREAS, the Virginia Lottery is untaxed in Virginia localities, therefore potentially taking away from sales of goods and services which are taxed locally with a percentage returned to the localities; and

WHEREAS, the Lottery for Locality proposal aims to collect 5% of all lottery sales in each locality, and bring that money back to the General Fund of the locality where the sales were generated to replace those monies that could be captured with the sales of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the 5% shall not be taken from the 28.9% of monies that are used for education dollars, but from the 60.6% of the \$1.8 billion that is collected in the prize pool; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Wythe, that we hereby support the proposed 'Lottery for Localities' initiative and urge the Virginia General Assembly to duly consider it in the upcoming 2017 Session of the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we urge the Virginia Association of Counties and the Virginia Municipal League to support the 'Lottery for Localities' initiative and make it a part of their legislative agenda.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to adopt Resolution 2016-19, Lottery for Localities as presented.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT

The Board reviewed a memorandum from Sheriff Keith Dunagan requesting approval of a Byrne Justice Assistance Program Grant in the amount of \$14,250 and agreement to pay the matching \$1,425 from the Police Activity Fund.

Mr. Bear advised that the grant would provide body worn cameras for the Sheriff's Office. He noted that the Sheriff's Office would receive \$12,825 in Federal grant funding and has agreed to pay the required matching ten percent from the Police Activity Fund.

Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Willis to accept the Department of Criminal Justice Services Byrne Justice Assistance Program grant in the amount of \$14,250 and to amend and appropriate the required matching funds in the amount of \$1,425.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILROAD CROSSING CLOSURE

The Board reviewed an e-mail from Lisa McCauley, Road Safe Rail and Utilities Project Coordinator, providing notice of the closure of the Max Meadows Road railroad crossing on Monday, October 17, 2016, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. for maintenance.

Mr. Bear explained that the Sheriff's Office, emergency services, and schools have been notified of the closure. He noted that the other Max Meadows crossing would remain open to traffic, with the exception of large trucks. Mr. Bear added that he has requested signage from the Virginia Department of Transportation notifying motorists of the detour and limited truck access.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Joe F. Hale, Vice Chair