

November 9, 2016

The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 7 p.m., Wednesday, November 9, 2016. The location of the meeting was in the Boardroom of the County Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair
Joe F. Hale, Vice Chair
Gary M. Houseman
Charlie G. Lester

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

STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jim Morrow
Three Other Citizens

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Chair Reeves determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Supervisor Houseman 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. Assessment – Jim Morrow of 830 Old School Road in Wytheville addressed the Board. Mr. Morrow reported that he and his wife live in a singlewide mobile home that was built in 1999. He noted that every year the taxes owed on this home decrease, as would be expected of a singlewide trailer. Mr. Morrow advised that in 2004 he purchased a singlewide home for his stepson, which he bought for \$19,000. He stated that over the years the assessed value of the 2004 trailer has increased, instead of decreasing, as a singlewide home's value should. Mr. Morrow questioned why the 1999 trailer's value is decreasing and the 2004 trailer's value is increasing.

Mr. Bear reported that the County has just completed a new reassessment, and have been notified by the reassessment firm that notices would be mailed to property owners on November 15. He noted that trailers; however, are assessed through the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office and are not included in the real estate reassessment.

Chair Reeves inquired if the trailer or the land had increased in value.

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Mr. Morrow noted that the trailer has increased. He stated that the land is included on a separate tax ticket. Mr. Morrow explained that someone at the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office had stated that an independent firm evaluates trailers based on size, square footage, and age. He added that the Commissioner's Office had suggested that he address the issue with the Board.

Supervisor Houseman explained that all assessments go through the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office. He noted that the Board of Supervisors is only responsible for setting the tax rate; the Commissioner assesses all property, both personal and real estate.

Supervisor Hale reiterated that a mobile home is personal property, not real estate. He noted that there is a substantial difference in the tax rate of personal property and that of real estate.

Mr. Morrow stated that both trailers are being assessed at the same rate. He noted that the rate and calculation of the taxes is not in question.

Mr. Bear advised that he would contact Commissioner of the Revenue Faye Barker, and ask the she call Mr. Morrow to discuss the value of his property.

2. Speedwell Feedlot – County Administrator Bear read the following statement submitted by Linda Meyer of 1118 Dry Road in Speedwell.

"I'd like to address the Speedwell feedlot issue for the 117 petitioners of that community. We would like to know if any inspections have been made. If so, we would appreciate a copy of the report. If not, we would like to know when that inspection can be made and if you would like to contact us for a tour of the adjacent farm and the degradation occurring. We have requested, and would also appreciate, you contacting the appropriate State agencies about this ongoing issue for our community, DEQ pollution response etc. Please respond to those present, and I will contact you shortly. Thank you."

County Engineer, Bill Vaughan, addressed the Board. Mr. Vaughan reported that he along with representatives from the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS), Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), Eller Feedlot, and County Building Official's Office met on the site of the feedlot at 10 a.m. earlier today. He advised that VDACS stated that best management practices were being followed at the site, in accordance with the Agricultural Stewardship Act. Mr. Vaughan explained that it appears that the property owner has dug a hole, inserted a 12-inch pipe, and placed riprap to the VDOT ditch line without a land use permit. He noted that following discussion with VDOT, Mr. Eller agreed to remove the pipe and fill the hole. Mr. Vaughan advised that VDACS and DEQ

have directed Mr. Eller to allow the open area to return to a vegetative strip to filter any runoff from the feedlot. He added that if the modifications were made as directed, VDOT and DEQ would no longer be involved with the issue leaving VDACS to monitor the situation.

Mr. Bear questioned if citizens should contact VDACS if the runoff continues.

Mr. Vaughan confirmed that citizens would contact VDACS. He explained that this would remain an Agriculture Department regulated issue unless area State waters are impacted.

Supervisor Houseman noted that citizens had stated in a previous meeting that the runoff was entering an area stream.

Mr. Vaughan stated that the runoff was entering Cripple Creek, roadside ditches, and on to the new pond on Saint Peter's Road. He noted that the modification directives provided by DEQ and VDOT would correct this issue.

Supervisor Houseman questioned if VDACS regulations are available for citizens to view.

Chair Reeves recommended that staff research and publish VDACS Agricultural Stewardship Act regulations for citizens to review. He also requested that staff provide the residents the names and phone numbers of the VDACS representatives to contact if the runoff issue continues.

Mr. Bear added that VDACS has an office on Cassell Road in Wytheville.

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board was presented with the October 25, 2016, minutes for adoption.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to approve the October 25, 2016, 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.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Joe F. Hale

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PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

Supervisor Willis made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on November 9, 2016, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30096805-30096904 as follows:

**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT
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CHECK NO.	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	TOTAL
30096805	11/01/16	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$1,638.34
30096806	11/01/16	BUSINESS CARD	\$2,530.29
30096807	11/01/16	CENTURY LINK	\$45.08
30096808	11/01/16	CENTURY LINK	\$46.29
30096809	11/01/16	CENTURY LINK	\$52.76
30096810	11/01/16	CENTURY LINK	\$71.89
30096811	11/01/16	CENTURY LINK	\$75.53
30096812	11/01/16	CENTURY LINK	\$114.25
30096813	11/01/16	CENTURY LINK	\$139.27
30096814	11/01/16	CENTURY LINK	\$145.98
30096815	11/01/16	CENTURY LINK	\$226.76
30096816	11/01/16	CENTURY LINK	\$244.53
30096817	11/01/16	CENTURY LINK	\$4,901.09
30096818	11/01/16	CENTURY LINK LABOR	\$241.13
30096819	11/01/16	SMYTH WYTHE AIRPORT COMMISSION	\$4,687.50
30096820	11/01/16	SUBURBAN PROPANE 1241	\$854.44
30096821	11/01/16	VITA	\$186.53
TOTAL CHECKS 11/01/16			\$16,201.66

CHECK NO.	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	TOTAL
30096822	11/09/16	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$1,043.52
30096823	11/09/16	ARMENTROUT, ALBERT	\$30.00
30096824	11/09/16	BKT UNIFORMS	\$367.82
30096825	11/09/16	BMS DIRECT INC	\$5,469.92
30096826	11/09/16	BRENNTAG MID SOUTH INC.	\$1,441.50
30096827	11/09/16	BRISCO, MIKE	\$15.00
30096828	11/09/16	BROWN EXTERMINATING CO.	\$40.00
30096829	11/09/16	BUSINESS INFORMATION SYSTEMS	\$62.50
30096830	11/09/16	CATRON, G. W.	\$27.63
30096831	11/09/16	CAVALIER SUPPLY CO.	\$1,936.65
30096832	11/09/16	CDW GOVERNMENT INC.	\$1,307.38
30096833	11/09/16	CENTURY LINK	\$4,094.56
30096834	11/09/16	CENTURY LINK	\$120.34
30096835	11/09/16	CITIZENS TELEPHONE COOP.	\$720.00
30096836	11/09/16	COLLINS AUTO REPAIR INC.	\$32.00

30096837	11/09/16	COMPLETE TRUCK SERVICE INC.	\$15.95
30096838	11/09/16	COMPUTER PROJECTS OF IL INC.	\$520.20
30096839	11/09/16	COMPUTER PROJECTS OF IL INC.	\$173.40
30096840	11/09/16	CRAIG, DAVID	\$30.00
30096841	11/09/16	DALTON, WILLIAM	\$73.48
30096842	11/09/16	DANNER, DAVID	\$2,500.00
30096843	11/09/16	DELLINGER, PAUL	\$30.00
30096844	11/09/16	DEPT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SVC.	\$40.00
30096845	11/09/16	DRUIEN, MELISSA	\$100.00
30096846	11/09/16	DUNAGAN, KEITH	\$486.61
30096847	11/09/16	ECONOMY QUICK LUBE	\$15.00
30096848	11/09/16	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES	\$282.88
30096849	11/09/16	FOWLKES MACHINE CO. INC.	\$8.65
30096850	11/09/16	GALLS	\$85.82
30096851	11/09/16	GRANT, BRUCE M.	\$4,074.25
30096852	11/09/16	GREEN, JOHN DAVID	\$100.00
30096853	11/09/16	HORNEY, HAYDEN H.	\$308.34
30096854	11/09/16	JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY	\$38,790.96
30096855	11/09/16	KC AUTOMOTIVE	\$54.00
30096856	11/09/16	KING, CHRISTOPHER T.	\$30.00
30096857	11/09/16	KING-MOORE INC.	\$1,046.50
30096858	11/09/16	LEA AID ACQUISITION	\$2,005.00
30096859	11/09/16	LEXISNEXIS	\$192.15
30096860	11/09/16	LOWES	\$714.73
30096861	11/09/16	LUMOS NETWORKS	\$31.72
30096862	11/09/16	MANSFIELD OIL CO.	\$6,895.46
30096863	11/09/16	MODERN SHOE STORE	\$89.99
30096864	11/09/16	MOORE-GIST, JUDY	\$385.00
30096865	11/09/16	MT. ROGERS PLANNING DISTRICT COMM.	\$4,534.25
30096866	11/09/16	NACO	\$585.00
30096867	11/09/16	NATIONAL PEN CO. LLC.	\$108.44
30096868	11/09/16	NEW RIVER REG. WATER AUTHORITY	\$13,943.27
30096869	11/09/16	NEW RIVER SPORTS	\$119.00
30096870	11/09/16	NEW RIVER VALLEY JUVENILE DETENTION	\$6,825.00
30096871	11/09/16	NICOLA, PATRICK	\$75.00
30096872	11/09/16	OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER	\$40.00
30096873	11/09/16	OWEN G DUNN CO.	\$137.18
30096874	11/09/16	PAPER CLIP	\$576.87
30096875	11/09/16	PEARSON'S APPRAISAL SERVICE INC.	\$6,330.56
30096876	11/09/16	PELEMAN INDUSTRIES INC.	\$318.33
30096877	11/09/16	PITNEY BOWES INC.	\$89.24
30096878	11/09/16	POSTAGE BY PHONE RESERVE ACCOUNT	\$1,248.00
30096879	11/09/16	PROFESSIONAL COMM. SYSTEMS LLC	\$840.00
30096880	11/09/16	R & C TOWING AND REPAIR CO.	\$285.00
30096881	11/09/16	RENTAL HUB INC.	\$600.00

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30096882	11/09/16	ROSENBAUM, BETTY J.	\$30.00
30096883	11/09/16	RURAL RETREAT COMMUNITY CENTER	\$50.00
30096884	11/09/16	RURAL RETREAT VOL. EMERGENCY SERV.	\$12,800.00
30096885	11/09/16	SECURITY SCALE SERVICE	\$225.00
30096886	11/09/16	SENTRY SERVICES	\$24.48
30096887	11/09/16	SNOW, KAREN V.	\$30.00
30096888	11/09/16	SOUTHEASTERN SECURITY CONS. INC.	\$111.00
30096889	11/09/16	SOUTHWESTERN EQUIPMENT	\$441.45
30096890	11/09/16	STEVE'S AUTO SALES AND REPAIR	\$16.00
30096891	11/09/16	SUNTRUST	\$36,881.92
30096892	11/09/16	THOMPSON TIRE	\$635.00
30096893	11/09/16	TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE	\$25.00
30096894	11/09/16	V & M RECYCLING	\$69,509.63
30096895	11/09/16	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYSTEMS	\$1,064.56
30096896	11/09/16	VIRGINIA TECH	\$10,987.58
30096897	11/09/16	VITA	\$40.08
30096898	11/09/16	VITA	\$148.41
30096899	11/09/16	WILLIAMS SUPPLY	\$45.40
30096900	11/09/16	WORRELL, KENNY	\$100.00
30096901	11/09/16	WYTHE COUNTY WATER AND WASTEWATER	\$176.42
30096902	11/09/16	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	\$1,410.52
30096903	11/09/16	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	\$494.46
30096904	11/09/16	XEROX	\$16.40
TOTAL CHECKS 11/09/16			\$247,707.36

TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 11/09/16 **\$263,909.02**

Supervisor Lester seconded the motion.

Supervisor Houseman questioned the payment of invoice to Virginia Tech.

Mr. Bear noted that the invoice was for the Virginia Extension Services Office.

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

APPOINTMENTS

1. New River Valley Regional Jail Authority – Chair Reeves reported that Cellell Dalton had served as the Board's New River Valley Regional Jail Authority alternate and requested appointment of a replacement member.

Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to appoint Stephen Bear as the Board's New River Valley Regional Jail Authority alternate.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Board of Equalization – Mr. Bear advised that he has spoken with Sis Cassell and Cleta Roberts, and both are willing to serve on the Board of Equalization. He requested that the Board work to locate two others, one member and an alternate, by the November 22 meeting.
3. Wythe County Rescue Squad Board of Directors – Chair Reeves requested that Board members continue to search for a qualified individual to fill the Wythe County Rescue Squad Board of Directors vacancy.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Health Department Lease Agreement Rider – Supervisor Hale made a motion, as recommended by the Building and Grounds Committee to amend the Virginia Department of Health Lease Agreement to include the Firearms Rider.

Mr. Bear advised that as part of a directive from Governor Terry McAuliffe, possession or carrying, whether open or concealed of any firearm by any person is prohibited in State offices. He noted that language to this affect must be added to the lease agreement with the Health Department and requested amendment of the lease to include the Firearms Rider.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES ANIMAL FRIENDLY LICENSE PLATES

The Board reviewed a letter and corresponding form from Richard Holcomb, Department of Motor Vehicles Commissioner, related to allocation of local Animal Friendly License Plate funds collected.

Mr. Bear noted that the County partners with the Wythe Bland Animal Welfare League for distribution of these funds.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester to accept, amend, and appropriate Animal Friendly License Plate funds collected in the amount of \$285 for the sterilization of local dogs.

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The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

MOUNT ROGERS PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Board reviewed and discussed the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts to accept the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

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

RESOLUTION 2016-24 – FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM

The Board reviewed and discussed Resolution 2016-24, authorizing preparation and filing of an application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant program as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2016-24
FEMA ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency is soliciting applications for the 2016 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program to fund local fire departments, and

WHEREAS, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors has determined that there is a need to replace personal protective equipment within the County's volunteer fire departments,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors wish to make application to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program in order to obtain funding to replace expiring or expired air packs for first responders.

Mr. Bear advised that the grant, if received, would fund air packs, bottles, and facemasks for the Speedwell and Ivanhoe Fire Departments. He explained that previously the Emergency Coordinator had applied for grant funding for all of the departments, which was a substantial amount and was denied. Mr. Bear noted that this grant would resolve the immediate air pack needs with future applications submitted to assist the other departments.

Supervisor Hale requested that the County work to standardize air packs and bottles throughout all of the fire departments. He questioned if the departments would fund the required 10% grant match.

Mr. Bear noted that he would recommend that the departments fund the 10% grant match. He added that they are investigating alternative options if the grant is denied.

Following discussion, Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to adopt Resolution 2016-24, authorizing preparation and filing of an application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program 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

GEORGE WYTHE HIGH SCHOOL GOLF TEAM

Supervisor Houseman requested a resolution in honor of the George Wythe High School Golf Team and their second consecutive State Championship win.

Ms. Collins noted that the Golf Team would be presented a resolution in honor of their win on December 13.

VETERAN'S DAY

Chair Reeves reminded everyone that Friday is Veteran's Day and asked that everyone greet a veteran and thank them for their service.

Supervisor Willis reported that a Veteran's Day ceremony is planned on November 11 at 12 p.m. at the Wytheville Meeting Center.

Mr. Bear noted that the Virginia Department of Veteran's Services has an open house scheduled on November 10 at 12 p.m.

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EXPOSITION CENTER GRADING PROJECT

Supervisor Hale requested an update on the Exposition Center site rough grading stormwater management permit.

Mr. Vaughan reported that the Lane Group has completed the revisions to the grading plan for the project, which have been submitted to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) office in Richmond. He advised that the DEQ has issued the plan approval for the project and are processing the permit fee, which was submitted by the contractor. Mr. Vaughan explained that DEQ had stated that they would hold issuance of the permit until the record copy of the plans have been received and recorded. He noted that he contacted the Lane Group and they have verified that the information was delivered to the central DEQ office in Richmond on November 9 at 12 p.m. Mr. Vaughan added that all of the necessary documents have been received by the DEQ regulator for review and issuance of the permit.

Supervisor Hale requested that they work to resolve this issue by the November 22 Board meeting. He noted that there seems to be no urgency with the Lane Group to resolve the matter.

Mr. Vaughan explained that all of the equipment is on site and ready to proceed once the permit is issued. He noted that he hopes to have the permit on November 10.

Chair Reeves asked that Mr. Vaughan contact the DEQ on November 10 if the permit has not been received.

MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

Chair Reeves noted that Mr. Bear has resigned from the Mountain Community Action Program Board of Directors due to his recent appointment as County Administrator. He questioned if any Board member would be interested in serving on this Board and if not, could the appointment be filled by a citizen.

Mr. Bear explained that the appointment could be filled by a citizen, but it would be preferred if someone from local government filled the position. He noted that he would work to locate an appointee within the County complex.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Reeves adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:58 p.m.

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair