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The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 9 a.m., Tuesday, August 25, 2015. 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
Arthur E. "Artie" Hall, Vice Chair	Coy L. McRoberts
Gary M. Houseman	B. G. "Gene" Horney

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Steven T. Willis

STAFF PRESENT:

R. Cellel Dalton, County Administrator
D. Allen Lamberson, County Administrator
Scot Farthing, County Attorney
Martha G. Collins, Administrative Assistant
Michelle Cassell, Planning Commission Assistant Department Head
Bill Vaughan, County Engineer

OTHERS PRESENT:

Alan Wilder	David Manley
Keith Dunagan	Lori Guynn
Sam Crockett	Mike Stephens
Faye Barker	Linda Meyer
Two Other Citizens	

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Chair Reeves determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Alan Wilder of the Sunny Hills Community Church provided the invocation and Chair Reeves led the pledge of allegiance.

INTRODUCTION OF ALLEN LAMBERSON

Chair Reeves introduced new County Administrator, Allen Lamberson.

CITIZENS' TIME

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

1. Flip Flops – Linda Meyer of 1118 Dry Road in Speedwell addressed the Board. Ms. Meyer reported that in the August 12 edition of the newspaper, an article pictures a new teacher at Scott Memorial Elementary School wearing flip flops. She noted that in an emergency situation, she does not believe that the teacher could evacuate students safely in flip flops. Ms. Meyer added that if the teacher fell and was injured while wearing the flip flops the taxpayers would be obligated for her medical expenses. She advised that she has discussed the matter with

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Superintendent of Schools, Jeff Perry, but also asked for the Board’s assistance to address this safety issue.

Chair Reeves recommended that Ms. Meyer discuss the issue with the School Board members. He suggested that she attend one of their upcoming meetings to address the issue.

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

PUBLIC HEARING – TRANSPORTATION SERVICE DISTRICTS

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 hear comments related to Amendment No. 2 to Ordinance 2009-3 titled “Service District for Hidden Valley Area of Wythe County, Virginia” and Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance 2009-2 titled “Service District for Whetstone Drive and Vineland Lane Area of Wythe County, Virginia.” The public hearing, which may be continued or adjourned, and at which persons may appear and present their views on the amendments, will be held at 9:05 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on August 25, 2015, before the Board in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street Wytheville, Virginia.

Chair Reeves inquired if anyone present wished to address the Board concerning the proposed amendments to Ordinance 2009-3 and Ordinance 2009-2.

With no one to address the Board, Chair Reeves closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Dalton advised that the Amendments would decrease the tax rate for the two special tax districts. He noted that this would be the last year of additional tax for both of the districts. Mr. Dalton explained that the citizens within the transportation districts pay additional taxes in order to have their road paved and added to the State Road System. He recommended adoption of the two amendments.

Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to adopt Amendment No. 2 to Ordinance 2009-3 and Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance 2009-2.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Gary M. Houseman Arthur E. “Artie” Hall Joe F. Hale	Coy L. McRoberts B. G. “Gene” Horney Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.
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NAYS: None

ABSENT: Steven T. Willis

PUBLIC HEARING – COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

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 hear comments related to the adoption of the Wythe County Comprehensive Plan. The public hearing, which may be continued or adjourned, and at which persons may appear and present their views on the Plan, will be held at 9:10 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on August 25, 2015, before the Board in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street Wytheville, Virginia.

Chair Reeves inquired if anyone present wished to address the Board concerning the proposed Comprehensive Plan.

Michelle Cassell, Planning Commission Assistant Department Head, presented a brief synopsis of the Comprehensive Plan update to the Board. She noted that the Planning Commission began the update in February of 2014, with the assistance of the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission. Ms. Cassell explained that the Plan update is complete with the exception of a portion of the Transportation Chapter. She noted that Mount Rogers is preparing a development plan for the areas surrounding the interstate exits, which would include language in the Transportation Chapter related to these corridors and their statewide significance.

Mr. Dalton advised that House Bill Two would significantly change how roads are added to the Primary Six Year Plan. He recommended that Board members read the draft Transportation Chapter prepared by Assistant County Administrator Bear, but noted that the Plan is still awaiting Mount Rogers' completion of the exit development portion of the Chapter. Mr. Dalton requested delay of the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan until the completed Transportation Chapter could be inserted.

Chair Reeves questioned if the Plan adoption is tabled to allow for the review and addition of the transportation information, would an additional public hearing be required.

County Attorney Farthing advised that it would depend upon whether the additional information results in a substantial change to the Plan.

Mr. Dalton noted that the Comprehensive Plan must be adopted prior to September 30, so that references to the transportation information can be included in the County's application for House Bill Two funding.

Supervisor Hall made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to continue the public hearing until the September 8 Board meeting.

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The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Steven T. Willis

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board was presented with the August 11, 2015, minutes for adoption.

Supervisor Hall made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hale to approve the August 11, 2015, minutes as presented.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Steven T. Willis

PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

Supervisor Horney made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on August 25, 2015, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30092380-30092381, 30092383-30092417, and 30092419-30092462 as follows:

**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT
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CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	TOTAL
30092380	08/25/15	ALSCO	\$121.23
30092381	08/25/15	APPALACHIAN JUVENILE COMMISSION	\$5,950.00
30092383	08/25/15	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$21,978.42
30092384	08/25/15	BKT UNIFORMS	\$253.94
30092385	08/25/15	BROWN EXTERMINATING CO	\$40.00
30092386	08/25/15	BUILDING AND DESIGN OF VIRGINIA	\$354.30
30092387	08/25/15	CARILION HEALTHCARE CORP	\$50.00

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30092388	08/25/15	CARPENTER, SAMUEL D	\$100.00
30092389	08/25/15	CAVALIER SUPPLY CO	\$646.85
30092390	08/25/15	CCS	\$1,614.20
30092391	08/25/15	CENTRAL BUILDERS INC	\$1,425.00
30092392	08/25/15	CENTRAL BUILDERS INC	\$5,605.00
30092393	08/25/15	CENTURYLINK	\$40.58
30092394	08/25/15	CENTURYLINK	\$53.32
30092395	08/25/15	CENTURYLINK	\$48.85
30092396	08/25/15	CENTURYLINK	\$244.84
30092397	08/25/15	CENTURYLINK	\$423.63
30092398	08/25/15	COM TEC	\$438.00
30092399	08/25/15	DALTON, ROBERT C	\$294.91
30092400	08/25/15	DEPOT DESIGNS OF RURAL RETREAT	\$1,672.00
30092401	08/25/15	DEPT OF GENERAL SERVICES	\$43.00
30092402	08/25/15	DEPT OF MOTOR VEHICLES	\$20.00
30092403	08/25/15	DEPT OF MOTOR VEHICLES	\$3,860.00
30092404	08/25/15	DEPT OF MUSEUMS HERITAGE	\$1,250.00
30092405	08/25/15	DISTRICT THREE	\$3,632.50
30092406	08/25/15	FARTHING, SCOT S	\$2,325.00
30092407	08/25/15	FBI NATL ACADEMY ASSOCIATION OF VA	\$60.00
30092408	08/25/15	FEDEX	\$16.50
30092409	08/25/15	FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES	\$188.00
30092410	08/25/15	FISHER, PAMELA	\$120.00
30092411	08/25/15	GALLS	\$218.00
30092412	08/25/15	GRANT, BRUCE M	\$3,965.21
30092413	08/25/15	HARPO'S HARDWARE AND BLDG SUPPLY	\$70.55
30092414	08/25/15	KC AUTOMOTIVE	\$40.65
30092415	08/25/15	KEGLEY, ROBERT	\$389.68
30092416	08/25/15	LOG HOUSE RESTAURANT	\$629.85
30092417	08/25/15	MANSFIELD OIL CO	\$7,632.98
30092419	08/25/15	MANSFIELD OIL CO	\$7,472.95
30092420	08/25/15	MCI COMM SERVICE	\$450.82
30092421	08/25/15	MEREDITH'S GARAGE	\$48.00
30092422	08/25/15	MOUNT ROGERS COMM. SERVICE BOARD	\$34,250.00
30092423	08/25/15	MOUNT ROGERS PLANNING DISTRICT	\$4,575.00
30092424	08/25/15	NATIONAL POOLS	\$1,120.90
30092425	08/25/15	NEW RIVER SPORTS	\$648.00
30092426	08/25/15	NEW RIVER VALLEY JUVENILE DETENTION	\$8,170.00
30092427	08/25/15	NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL JAIL	\$109,106.35
30092428	08/25/15	OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER	\$40.00
30092429	08/25/15	PAPER CLIP	\$103.76
30092430	08/25/15	PEED AND BORTZ LLC	\$14,800.00
30092431	08/25/15	PEED AND BORTZ LLC	\$15,100.00
30092432	08/25/15	PRONETS	\$162.50

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30092433	08/25/15	R & R ENTERPRISES INC	\$135.00
30092434	08/25/15	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$2,282.00
30092435	08/25/15	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$2,514.00
30092436	08/25/15	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$11,572.00
30092437	08/25/15	SENTRY SERVICES	\$4,794.99
30092438	08/25/15	SERVICE ROOFING AND SHEET METAL	\$34,818.00
30092439	08/25/15	SHENTEL	\$55.21
30092440	08/25/15	STEVE'S AUTO SALES AND REPAIR	\$77.18
30092441	08/25/15	SWANK MOTION PICTURES INC	\$401.00
30092442	08/25/15	TACS	\$3,610.20
30092443	08/25/15	TOWN OF RURAL RETREAT	\$2,808.54
30092444	08/25/15	TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE	\$1,099.52
30092445	08/25/15	TRI CITIES/SW VA REGIONAL	\$1,630.00
30092446	08/25/15	TRI CITIES/SW VA REGIONAL	\$294.00
30092447	08/25/15	TWO WAY RADIO	\$25.00
30092448	08/25/15	US CELLULAR	\$610.21
30092449	08/25/15	US CELLULAR	\$1,009.26
30092450	08/25/15	VERIZON	\$37.00
30092451	08/25/15	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYSTEM	\$419.00
30092452	08/25/15	WASTE INDUSTRIES	\$525.00
30092453	08/25/15	WILLIAMS SUPPLY	\$231.04
30092454	08/25/15	WILSON BAIT AND TACKLE INC	\$95.70
30092455	08/25/15	WYTHE CO GENERAL DISTRICT COURT	\$120.00
30092456	08/25/15	WYTHE CO WATER AND WASTEWATER	\$229.35
30092457	08/25/15	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	\$150.00
30092458	08/25/15	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	\$411.24
30092459	08/25/15	WYTHEVILLE-WYTHE-BLAND	\$850.00
30092460	08/25/15	WYTHEVILLE-WYTHE-BLAND	\$100.00
30092461	08/25/15	XEROX	\$342.72
30092462	08/25/15	YA HILL AUTO PARTS	\$12.08
TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 08/25/15			\$333,124.51

Supervisor McRoberts seconded the motion.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Steven T. Willis

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Sam Crockett appeared before the Board and presented the Treasurer's Report as follows:

1. Revenue Statement – Mr. Crockett reported that the consolidated account is currently at \$49,476,409 with \$27,981,000 in the General Fund account.
2. Ready Virginia Access Program – Mr. Crockett advised that sales tax funds received from the Ready Virginia Access Program were reduced by \$235,000 as a debt set-off claim against the County for the Tobacco Commission. He noted that the debt set-off reduction was for repayment of the performance agreement grant with Evatran, which had not yet been received. Mr. Crockett explained that with this debt set-off the two Towns also received a reduced portion of their sales tax collected. He questioned if the Towns should be provided the total portion of the sales tax they would have received or the reduced amount based on what was actually received.

Mr. Dalton advised that the County Attorney has been directed to collect those funds from Evatran, in accordance with the performance contract agreement. He explained that the Tobacco Commission submitted a letter to the County stating that they would have 30 days from the date of the letter to contest the debt set-off. Mr. Dalton noted that the funds were immediately collected through the debt set-off prior to receipt of the letter.

David Manley, Joint Industrial Development Authority Executive Director, addressed the Board. Mr. Manley reported that the Tobacco Commission is holding the funds in an escrow account until the end of the 30-day period. He noted that if the debt were satisfied within that timeframe, the funds would be returned to the County. Mr. Manley added that if the debt is not paid, the Tobacco Commission would keep those funds, and the County would need to collect the money from Evatran.

Supervisor Hale explained that both of the Towns are partners with the County in the Joint Industrial Development Authority, and would have to take the reduction along with the County. He noted that the Towns would receive the withheld funds when the matter is resolved.

Supervisor Houseman noted that the funds would most likely be returned. He added that it may take the entire 30 days for the return of those funds.

Chair Reeves agreed that the Towns should wait until the process is complete and the funds are returned.

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sheriff Keith Dunagan appeared before the Board and reported the following:

1. Litter Pickup Vehicle – Sheriff Dunagan reported that the Sheriff's Office is in need of a replacement litter pickup transport vehicle. He noted that eight-passenger vans are available on the State contract for approximately \$19,000.

Supervisor Hale noted that the Sheriff's Office is providing a litter education program in the schools in conjunction with the Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program. He thanked the Sheriff for the implementation of this program.

Supervisor Hale made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts to proceed with purchase of a litter pickup vehicle.

Mr. Dalton recommended the amendment and appropriation of up to \$20,000 for purchase of the van.

Supervisor Hale amended the motion to amend and appropriate up to \$20,000 for purchase of a litter pickup van.

Supervisor McRoberts seconded the amended motion.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Steven T. Willis

FIRE AND RESCUE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Ivanhoe Fire Department Engine Four – Supervisor Houseman made a motion, as recommended by the Fire and Rescue Committee to amend and appropriate \$32,303 for pay off of the Ivanhoe Fire Department Engine Four Rural Development loan, to be paid from Fund Code 096 – Fire Department Equipment.

Supervisor Houseman noted that funds are available for pay off of both of the Rural Development loans in the Fire Department Equipment Fund. He added that early pay off of the loans would save the County thousands of dollars in interest.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Steven T. Willis

2. Barren Springs Fire Department Tanker Six – Supervisor Houseman made a motion, as recommended by the Fire and Rescue Committee to amend and appropriate \$62,997 for pay off of the Barren Springs Fire Department Tanker Six Rural Development loan, to be paid from Fund Code 096 – Fire Department Equipment.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Steven T. Willis

3. Speedwell Fire Department Crash Truck – Supervisor Houseman updated the Board on the status of the Speedwell Fire Department crash truck. He noted that the Department is awaiting the final cost of the truck and equipment from Blacksburg.
4. Lead Mines Rescue Squad Ambulance – Supervisor Houseman noted that the Fire and Rescue Committee reviewed a request for an ambulance from Lead Mines Rescue Squad.
5. Swift Water Rescue Team – Supervisor Hale reported that several of the fire departments and rescue squads have moved forward with the development of a swift water rescue team.

WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Account 100879-00 – Supervisor Horney made a motion, as recommended by the Water Committee to remove \$286,855.06 from the Water Department books and to consider account 100879-00 closed.

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Supervisor Horney noted that account 100879-00 was held by Flying J, who filed bankruptcy. He added that the account balance was transferred to another account and was paid off.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Steven T. Willis

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Emergency Management Performance Grant – Supervisor Hall made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee to accept the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) 2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$13,017, with \$13,017 in local matching funds.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Steven T. Willis

2. Victim Witness Program Grant – Supervisor Hall made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee to accept the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Service Victim Witness Program Grant in the amount of \$46,418.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Steven T. Willis

3. Radio Drive Tank Improvements Division I – Supervisor Hall made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee to accept the Radio Drive Tank Improvements – Division I Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$1,900.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Steven T. Willis

4. Radio Drive Tank Improvements Division II – Supervisor Hall made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee to accept the Radio Drive Tank Improvements – Division II Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$750.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Steven T. Willis

5. Early Retirement – Supervisor Hall made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee to provide County employees who have in excess of 30 years of continuous service an opportunity to retire early and work the necessary calculated hours to pay for their health insurance.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Steven T. Willis

6. Salaries – Supervisor Hall made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee to approve the proposed Wythe County salaries effective September 1, 2015.

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The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Steven T. Willis

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator, Cellell Dalton, appeared before the Board and reported the following:

1. Parent Advocacy and Advisory Council of Southwest Virginia – Mr. Dalton reviewed with the Board a letter from Teresa Barringer and Charlotte Barkley of the Parent Advocacy and Advisory Council of Southwest Virginia detailing a rally planned by the group for August 29. Mr. Dalton explained that the purpose of the rally is to discuss ways to allow the Southwest Virginia Training Center, which is slated for closure in 2018, to remain open.

Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hall to write a letter requesting that the Governor keep the Southwest Virginia Training Center open.

Supervisor Houseman explained that closure of the Center would place a tremendous burden on families and individuals.

Mr. Dalton noted that over 20 Wythe County citizens work at the Center.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Steven T. Willis

2. 2015-2016 School Board Meeting Schedule – Mr. Dalton reviewed with the Board School Board meeting dates for the 2015-2016 school year.
3. Resolution 2015-21 – Mr. Dalton reviewed with the Board a letter from Aubrey Layne, Jr. of the Governor's Office in response to the Board's resolution

concerning the Route 643 Bridge replacement. Mr. Dalton advised that the bridge replacement would be added to the next Six Year Road Plan.

4. Wytheville Community College Appointment – Mr. Dalton reviewed with the Board a letter from Dean Sprinkle, Wytheville Community College President, thanking the Board for their recent appointment of Jerry Hurt to the Wytheville Community College Board.
5. Route 69 Water Tank Extension Project – Mr. Dalton reviewed with the Board a letter and supporting documents to Branson Construction concerning the Route 69 Water Tank Extension Project. Mr. Dalton advised that the letter provides notice to Branson Construction of the County’s intent to terminate their contract. He noted that the County intends to proceed with the bond company for completion of the project.
6. Southwest Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council – Mr. Dalton reviewed with the Board a letter from Gregory Woods, Southwest Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council Executive Director, requesting a letter of support from the Board as part of their re-designation application.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hall to draft a letter of support to the Southwest Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Gary M. Houseman	Coy L. McRoberts
	Arthur E. “Artie” Hall	B. G. “Gene” Horney
	Joe F. Hale	Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Steven T. Willis

7. New County Administrator Orientation – Mr. Dalton reviewed a schedule for orientation of the new County Administrator with the Board.

SUPERVISORS’ REPORTS

1. Dutton Hollow Road – Supervisor Houseman reported that he was contacted by Jack Dutton, who resides on Dutton Hollow Road. He explained that Mr. Dutton has stated that the drains on Dutton Hollow Road are not open and are causing driveways to wash out. Supervisor Houseman noted that he would visit the site and forward the request for repair of the road to the Virginia Department of Transportation.

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- 2. Archer Road – Supervisor Hale reported that work has begun on the construction of Archer Road. He noted that the citizens are pleased with the progress.
- 3. Danner Road – Supervisor Hale asked that Mr. Dalton contact the Virginia Department of Transportation to request striping of Danner Road. He explained that the lack of striping on these newly paved roads cause a safety issue, especially in foggy and dark conditions.
- 4. Litter Pickup Program – Supervisor Hale reported that he hopes to see the return of the Litter Pickup Program with the purchase of a new transport vehicle.
- 5. Roads – Supervisor McRoberts noted that he had several road issues, which he has forwarded to Assistant County Administrator Bear.
- 6. Slate Springs Branch Road – Supervisor Horney reported that the church on Slate Springs Branch Road is located on a small hump with driveways on both sides. He requested a hidden driveway or watch for vehicle sign for the area.

Mr. Dalton advised that the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) would be responsible for installation of the sign. He noted that he would contact VDOT to request the sign.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Supervisor Houseman made a motion to approve the consent calendar for August 25, 2015, as follows:

1. PAYROLL – July 2015:

Water Department	\$	17,920.67
Wythe County Wastewater Fund		17,037.78
Police Activity Fund		55,234.61
Courthouse Security Fund		23,971.12
General County Fund		<u>489,982.61</u>
TOTAL	\$	604,146.79

Check Numbers: 30091902-30091910; 30092186-30092194

Voucher Numbers: V513000-513178; V514000-514175

2. STATUS REPORTS:

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

3. BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

- A. \$350.00 – (7109-46013) – Sponsorship monies received for Dive-In Movie at Rural Retreat Lake Pool
- B. \$2,145.00 – (1202-48202) – Purchase of laptop

4. PERSONNEL:

- A. Musick, Chelsea – Deputy, Clerk of Circuit Court, Leave without pay, Effective July 15, 2015
- B. Eversole, Richard – Hired, New River Regional Water, Water Operator Trainee, Annual Salary \$24,094, Effective August 1, 2015
- C. Williams, Cayce – Resigned, Communications Officer, Effective August 14, 2015

Supervisor Hall seconded the motion.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Steven T. Willis

MOUNT ROGERS COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD – PERFORMANCE CONTRACT

The Board reviewed and discussed a letter and performance contract documents from Lisa Moore, Mount Rogers Community Services Board Executive Director, requesting review and approval of the Community Services Board performance contract with the Department of Behavioral Health and Development Services.

Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hale to approve the Mount Rogers Community Services Board Performance Agreement as presented and to authorize the necessary signatures on the agreement documents.

Supervisor Hale noted that he recently met with Lennon Counts to discuss workforce development. He explained that Mr. Counts, along with a group of other students at James Madison University, wrote a graduation paper on the subject of workforce development. Supervisor Hale requested a meeting with the Superintendent of Schools and Wytheville Community College President to discuss this issue. He advised that

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recently passed legislation would allow a greater involvement between local education authorities and the community college to establish meaningful workforce development programs. Supervisor Hale added that workforce development is the first step in commercial and industrial development.

Supervisor Houseman reported that the Mount Rogers Industrial and Development Center (IDC) has developed several innovative projects. He noted that the IDC has been contracted to produce cooling vests, designed to keep industrial workers cool. Supervisor Houseman added that the IDC is a valuable workforce program that helps put individuals to work.

Supervisor Hale inquired if the school division has implemented the emergency services class.

Supervisor Houseman advised that they were not able to find enough students interested in the program.

Supervisor Hale questioned if the County has requested the return of the funds allocated for the program.

Mr. Dalton noted that they have not requested return of the program funds.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Steven T. Willis

SURPLUS VEHICLE AUCTION

The Board reviewed auction results for the sale of surplus vehicles through govdeals.com.

Mr. Dalton requested that the Board declare the vehicles as surplus and accept the bids as presented.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts to declare the six vehicles as surplus and to accept the bids as presented in the amount of \$13,884.72.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Steven T. Willis

IVANHOE CIVIC LEAGUE

The Board reviewed a letter from Maxine Waller, President of the Ivanhoe Civic League, requesting \$10,000 in funding for general support of the organization.

Mr. Dalton advised that he contacted Ms. Waller and informed her that the Budget Committee had reviewed the request and had referred it to the full Board. He explained that Ms. Waller had stated that the League has requested funding assistance for payment of insurance, building and grounds maintenance, and utilities.

Supervisor Hall noted that he believes that the request was made in response to the Rural Retreat Wythe County Fair Association donation.

Supervisor Houseman explained that the activities planned by the Fair Association fit in with the mission of the exposition center. He noted that if the Ivanhoe Civic League also meets those guidelines, then he would be in favor of the donation.

Chair Reeves questioned what documents were requested from the Fair Association prior to providing the donation.

Mr. Dalton reported that documentation of their 501 (3)(c) status was requested, as well as their budgetary information and a detailed account of how the funds would be expended.

Supervisor Hale noted that he would support the donation, if the League could provide a business plan.

Supervisor McRoberts stated that he would invite Ms. Waller to attend the September 8 Board meeting. He noted that the donation to the Fair Association would lead to requests from many more non-profit groups throughout the County.

Chair Reeves advised that each request would be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Supervisor Houseman asked that the Civic League provide the same information that was requested from the Fair Association.

Chair Reeves directed Mr. Dalton to draft a letter to Ms. Waller requesting the necessary information.

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FISCAL YEAR 16 REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM

The Board reviewed a letter from Julie Brown, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Local Assistance Division Assistant Director, announcing approval of fiscal year 16 Revenue Sharing Program projects, as well as requesting de-allocation of unused funds.

Mr. Dalton requested roads for inclusion in the fiscal year 17 revenue sharing program. He recommended that the County apply for revenue sharing program funding for the completion of Ready Mix Road. Mr. Dalton noted that applying for the funding does not commit the County to the project. He explained that VDOT has requested the release of the funding for the three previously approved projects, if no longer desired. Mr. Dalton added that of the three previously approved projects, Bear Wallow Road is the only potentially viable project.

Supervisor Hale inquired if the right-of-way on Bear Wallow Road is valid.

Mr. Dalton explained that VDOT has requested a letter stating that there is a County owned guaranteed right-of-way on Bear Wallow Road before the project could proceed. He noted that the County Attorney is investigating the right-of-way.

Mr. Dalton requested authorization to write a letter to VDOT eliminating the Conners Valley and Bertha Farms Road projects and releasing those funds. He recommended the adoption of a resolution to allow for the application of funding for the Ready Mix Road project. Mr. Dalton also suggested that the Board authorize the application for the Ready Mix Road project.

Supervisor Hale made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts to request funding for Ready Mix Road through the Virginia Department of Transportation Revenue Sharing Program.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Steven T. Willis

COUNTY ATTORNEY

The Board reviewed a letter from County Attorney, Scot Farthing, requesting amendment to his contract.

Mr. Farthing reported that he has been serving as the County Attorney since 2001 and renegotiated his contract in 2010 to an hourly rate of \$125 based on actual hours

worked. He advised that he has hired an associate attorney, and would request inclusion of the associate attorney's hourly rate of \$100 per hour, in addition to the increase of his own hourly rate to \$150 per hour.

Mr. Dalton advised that the County has been requesting increasingly complex services from the County Attorney and the additional assistance could help expedite projects.

Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hall to approve the County Attorney's request as presented.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Steven T. Willis

RILEY CONSTRUCTION

Mr. Farthing advised that the Riley Construction tax assessment case has been continued. He explained that the assessment challenge involved the Emerson Building on Peppers Ferry Road, which was assessed at \$1.4 million. Mr. Farthing noted that Riley Construction purchased the warehouse building property, as well as the adjoining eight-acre tract in 2012 for \$400,000. He reported that two weeks after purchasing the property, Riley Construction sold the eight-acre tract to the Wytheville Housing Authority for \$500,000. Mr. Farthing stated that Riley Construction has completed building improvements on the property, as well as the addition of storage buildings between the warehouse and the nearby hotel. He commented that the owner believes that the assessment was too high due to an previous environmental issue with the property, and had an evaluation completed, which valued the property at \$580,000. Mr. Farthing recommended settling the case with an assessed value of \$900,000 for 2013-2014, with an increase to \$1 million for 2015-2016 due to the additional storage building. He added that Riley Construction has not paid taxes on the property since filing the suit.

Supervisor Hale noted that Riley Construction has made significant improvements to the building since the 2012 reassessment.

Mr. Farthing advised that the new reassessment in 2017, would include the cost of the building, in addition to the income produced. He recommended acceptance of the settlement proposal.

Mr. Dalton questioned if Riley Construction would accept the proposal.

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Mr. Farthing explained that Riley Construction has agreed to the offer.

Supervisor Hale made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hall to accept the settlement assessment of the Riley Construction property in the amount of \$900,000 for 2013-2014 and \$1,000,000 for 2015-2016.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Steven T. Willis

RECESS

The Board recessed at 10:48 a.m. until August 26, 2015, at 5 p.m.

RECONVENE

The Board reconvened on Wednesday, August 26, 2015, at 5 p.m. The location of the meeting was in the Conference Room of First Bank, 150 Virginia Avenue, Wytheville, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair	Joe F. Hale
Arthur E. "Artie" Hall, Vice Chair	Coy L. McRoberts
Gary M. Houseman	B. G. "Gene" Horney
Steven T. Willis	

STAFF PRESENT:

R. Cellel Dalton, County Administrator
D. Allen Lamberson, County Administrator
Stephen D. Bear, Assistant County Administrator
Scot Farthing, County Attorney

CLOSED MEETING – LEGAL ADVICE – CONSULTATION WITH STAFF

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

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Gary M. Houseman Coy L. McRoberts
Arthur E. "Artie" Hall B. G. "Gene" Horney
Steven T. Willis Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.
Joe F. Hale

NAYS: None

Supervisor Hall made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to return to open meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Hall made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Houseman to adopt the following Resolution certifying the business conducted in closed meeting as follows:

**RESOLUTION
CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

WHEREAS, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and,

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Wythe County Board of Supervisors that such meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the Wythe County Board of Supervisors.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Gary M. Houseman Coy L. McRoberts
Arthur E. "Artie" Hall B. G. "Gene" Horney
Steven T. Willis Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.
Joe F. Hale

NAYS: None

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ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Reeves adjourned the meeting.

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair