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The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 9 a.m., Tuesday, February 25, 2014. The location of the meeting was in the Boardroom of the County Administration Office, 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
Steven T. Willis	

STAFF PRESENT:

R. Cellell Dalton, County Administrator
Stephen D. Bear, Assistant County Administrator
Scot Farthing, County Attorney
Martha G. Collins, Administrative Assistant
Bruce Grant, Finance Director
Bill Vaughan, County Engineer
Billy Bowers, Building and Grounds Supervisor

OTHERS PRESENT:

Doug King	Steve Ridenhour
Sam Crockett	J. D. Hancock
Faye Barker	Millie Rothrock
Lee Brannon	Linda Meyer

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Chair Reeves determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Steve Ridenhour of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church provided the invocation and Chair Reeves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS' TIME

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

1. Virginia Association of Counties – Linda Meyer of 1118 Dry Road in Speedwell addressed the Board. Ms. Meyer explained that she had previously requested that the Board discontinue endorsement of the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo). She noted that she believes that VACo does not promote the sovereignty of Virginia or individual taxpayer rights.
2. Joint Industrial Development Authority – Ms. Meyer reported that she had previously submitted a Freedom of Information Act request concerning the Joint Industrial Development Authority, but has yet to receive any information.

Chair Reeves noted that he would investigate the request.

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- 3. Consent Calendar – Ms. Meyer explained that she had previously requested items on the Consent Calendar be listed on the meeting agendas. She noted that most citizens do not have access to the information.
- 4. Meeting Videos – Ms. Meyer reported that the meeting videos have not been uploaded in a timely manner. She requested that the Board direct staff to upload the videos. Ms. Meyer questioned if the Agricultural Exposition Center meeting was videotaped. She asked that that video also be uploaded to the website for citizens to view.
- 5. Dunford Road – Ms. Meyer advised that a portion of Dunford Road is not paved and is in need of repair. She asked that the Board request the repair of Dunford Road.

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board was presented with the February 11, 2014, minutes for adoption.

Supervisor Hall made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Willis to approve the February 11, 2014, 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
Steven T. Willis Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Joe F. Hale

PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

Supervisor Houseman made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on February 25, 2014, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30087429-30087473 and 30087475-30087503 as follows:

**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT
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CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	TOTAL
30087429	02/19/14	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$785.31
30087430	02/19/14	CENTURYLINK	\$46.70

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30087431	02/19/14	CENTURYLINK	\$42.47
30087432	02/19/14	CENTURYLINK	\$42.47
30087433	02/19/14	CENTURYLINK	\$42.47
30087434	02/19/14	CENTURYLINK	\$42.47
30087435	02/19/14	CENTURYLINK	\$204.66
30087436	02/19/14	CENTURYLINK	\$42.47
30087437	02/19/14	CENTURYLINK	\$343.04
30087438	02/19/14	POSTAGE BY PHONE RESERVE ACCT	\$2,239.00
30087439	02/19/14	US CELLULAR	\$541.84
30087440	02/19/14	US CELLULAR	\$549.99
30087441	02/19/14	US CELLULAR	\$696.64
30087442	02/19/14	US CELLULAR	\$60.00
30087443	02/19/14	VITA	\$52.57
TOTAL CHECKS 02/19/14			\$5,732.10

CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	TOTAL
30087444	02/25/14	ALVIS ELECTRIC	\$240.00
30087445	02/25/14	AMERICAN ROD AND GUN	\$257.74
30087446	02/25/14	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$19,437.63
30087447	02/25/14	ARCET EQUIPMENT COMPANY	\$420.00
30087448	02/25/14	BKT UNIFORMS	\$93.44
30087449	02/25/14	BLUE RIDGE AUTO PARTS INC.	\$15.78
30087450	02/25/14	BLUE RIDGE VOICE AND DATA LLC	\$368.75
30087451	02/25/14	BRENNTAG MID-SOUTH INC.	\$920.90
30087452	02/25/14	CARILION HEALTHCARE CORP	\$95.00
30087453	02/25/14	CASH CYCLE SOLUTIONS INC.	\$1,255.32
30087454	02/25/14	CENTURYLINK	\$3,329.25
30087455	02/25/14	CENTURYLINK	\$60.43
30087456	02/25/14	CLARK GAS AND OIL CO.	\$1,097.83
30087457	02/25/14	CROCKETT, WALTER S	\$350.00
30087458	02/25/14	DELL MARKETING LP	\$1,283.94
30087459	02/25/14	DELTA PRODUCTS	\$168.00
30087460	02/25/14	ECONOMY QUICK LUBE	\$53.33
30087461	02/25/14	EEIS-ELEVATOR EQUIP INSPECT SERVICE	\$375.00
30087462	02/25/14	FARTHING, SCOT S	\$1,725.00
30087463	02/25/14	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES	\$39.28
30087464	02/25/14	FOWLKES MACHINE CO INC.	\$383.07
30087465	02/25/14	GALLS	\$588.43
30087466	02/25/14	GRANT, BRUCE M	\$3,965.21
30087467	02/25/14	HUFF FORD SUBARU INC.	\$228.32
30087468	02/25/14	JANPAK	\$459.05
30087469	02/25/14	JCI JONES CHEMICALS INC.	\$776.00
30087470	02/25/14	JONESYS SIGNS AND GRAPHICS	\$420.00
30087471	02/25/14	KAYS OF KINGSPORT INC.	\$410.95
30087472	02/25/14	KING-MOORE INC.	\$3,000.00

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30087473	02/25/14	LEXISNEXIS	\$154.00
30087475	02/25/14	MANSFIELD OIL CO.	\$10,388.94
30087476	02/25/14	MCI COMM SERVICE	\$197.19
30087477	02/25/14	MCROBERTS AUTO	\$240.00
30087478	02/25/14	NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL JAIL	\$194,398.76
30087479	02/25/14	PAPER CLIP	\$360.00
30087480	02/25/14	PEED AND BORTZ LLC	\$1,500.00
30087481	02/25/14	R & R ENTERPRISES INC.	\$75.00
30087482	02/25/14	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$2,282.00
30087483	02/25/14	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$2,514.00
30087484	02/25/14	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$11,572.00
30087485	02/25/14	SENTRY SERVICES	\$41.04
30087486	02/25/14	SOUTHERN POLICE EQUIPMENT	\$31.00
30087487	02/25/14	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY	\$167.44
30087488	02/25/14	STEVE'S AUTO SALES AND REPAIR	\$396.77
30087489	02/25/14	SUBURBAN PROPANE-1241	\$1,552.66
30087490	02/25/14	THOMPSON TIRE	\$569.15
30087491	02/25/14	TOWN WYTHEVILLE	\$24,155.00
30087492	02/25/14	TRI CITIES/SW VA REGIONAL	\$132.30
30087493	02/25/14	TRI CITIES/SW VA REGIONAL	\$159.65
30087494	02/25/14	TWO WAY RADIO	\$2,094.50
30087495	02/25/14	US POSTAL SERVICE	\$146.00
30087496	02/25/14	V & M RECYCLING	\$535.00
30087497	02/25/14	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYSTEMS	\$845.96
30087498	02/25/14	WILLIAMS SUPPLY	\$352.42
30087499	02/25/14	WORDSPRINT	\$67.50
30087500	02/25/14	WYTHE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT	\$40.00
30087501	02/25/14	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	\$279.69
30087502	02/25/14	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	\$2,263.88
30087503	02/25/14	XEROX	\$175.10

TOTAL CHECKS 02/25/14 **\$299,504.60**

TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 02/25/14 **\$305,236.70**

Supervisor Horney seconded the motion.

Mr. Dalton noted that there is a payment to McRoberts Auto included in the payment of invoices. He recommended, therefore, that Supervisor McRoberts abstain from the vote.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Coy L. McRoberts

FIRE AND RESCUE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Guardian Emergency Medical Services, Inc. – Supervisor Houseman made a motion, as recommended by the Fire and Rescue Committee to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement with Guardian Emergency Medical Services, Inc.

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

2. Extrications – Supervisor Houseman made a motion, as recommended by the Fire and Rescue Committee to require fire departments to handle all extrication calls as previously authorized by the Committee.

Supervisor Houseman reported that the Fire and Rescue Committee recently met with Captain Jerry Davis of the Virginia State Police who was asked his opinion on this matter. He noted that Captain Davis stated that the individuals who are certified and qualified should perform the extrications. Supervisor Houseman questioned if the motion on the floor would invalidate the motion made at the previous Board meeting concerning the Lead Mines Rescue Squad.

Chair Reeves noted that this motion would not negate the previous motion. He added that the truck has been returned to the Lead Mines Rescue Squad.

Supervisor Houseman inquired if the motion would prohibit the Lead Mines Rescue Squad from using the crash truck.

Mr. Dalton explained that the current protocol allows the fire department chief to assess the situation and determine what additional equipment is needed, including the crash truck.

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Supervisor Houseman questioned if the crash truck is requested, would the Lead Mines Rescue Squad members be permitted to use the truck on the scene.

Mr. Dalton confirmed that the Lead Mines Rescue Squad would be permitted to use the truck. He noted that in the event of a multiple vehicle crash, multiple extraction equipment may be needed.

Supervisor Hale reported that the truck has been in the possession of the Lead Mines Rescue Squad for quite a while. He advised that the Squad members have never used the truck. Supervisor Hale noted that the truck was driven to the scene of accidents for the fire departments to use. He added that the fire departments have the manpower and training to perform the extrications.

Supervisor Houseman noted that the Squad was reorganized and does not have the same membership as it did previously. He added that he would not be in favor of the motion.

Chair Reeves explained that in accordance with the statute, the fire chief is in charge of the scene of an accident and would request assistance when needed. He noted that he does not believe that Rural Retreat Rescue Squad and Wythe County Rescue Squad perform extrications. Chair Reeves advised that he would like a list of each Lead Mines Squad members name and certifications, as well as a list of the equipment required to perform an extrication. He added that in the situation of multiple accidents, if Lead Mines Rescue Squad is the closest extrication team and has the personnel available, then they could perform the extrication.

Mr. Dalton reviewed dispatch protocol with the Board.

Supervisor Hall noted that the motion does not prohibit rescue squad members from performing extrications; it only states that the fire departments will make the determination. He added that the rescue squads could perform the extrications if the personnel is qualified to do so.

Supervisor Horney questioned if only the fire departments can call for the extrication equipment.

Mr. Dalton noted that the fire department is in charge of the scene.

Supervisor Horney inquired if the crash truck would automatically be dispatched if there were a possible entrapment.

Mr. Dalton explained that a department with the personnel and equipment available would be dispatched. He noted that the first person often on the scene is a police officer, who would provide the needed information to dispatch.

Chair Reeves tabled the motion and referred the issue back to the Fire and Rescue Committee for further evaluation. He noted that they would contact the fire department chiefs and rescue squad captains to obtain additional information prior to voting on the issue.

TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

1. Tourism Advisory Committee Appointment – Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to appoint Sam Sweeney to serve as the Tourism Advisory Committee representative for the Lead Mines District.

The motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REPORT

Wythe County Public Schools Superintendent, Dr. Lee Brannon, appeared before the Board and reported the following:

1. Virginia Board of Education President – Dr. Brannon reported that the school system hosted the Virginia Board of Education president during a recent visit.
2. Community – Dr. Brannon reported that student groups work to help the community throughout the year by holding drives to assist Carrington Place, toy drives, clothing drives, food drives, as well as other community efforts.
3. Super Bowl – Dr. Brannon reported that a Scott Memorial Middle School student attended the recent Super Bowl. He noted that the student won a contest and was given the opportunity to be an on field reporter during the game.
4. Robotics Team – Dr. Brannon reported that the robotics team at the Technology Center would compete in a statewide robotics contest. He noted that this year would be the sixth year that a team from the Technology Center has participated.
5. Arts – Dr. Brannon explained that the Performance Learning and Arts for Youth (PLAY) fund is an organization that brings Barter Theatre players to Wythe County. He noted that the program allows local students exposure to the performances while missing less instructional time.
6. Wrestling – Dr. Brannon reported that the Rural Retreat High School wrestling team captured the first State championship in school history. He noted that the school had four individual State champions. Dr. Brannon added that George Wythe High School finished third in the competition with two individual State champions.

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7. Swimming – Dr. Brannon explained that several swimmers competed in the finals at the State swim meet.
8. Indoor Track – Dr. Brannon noted that four students would participate in the State indoor track meet in the coming week.
9. Instruction – Dr. Brannon reported that the first year of blended learning in the high school science classrooms is proceeding well. He noted that the school system received a grant from the Wythe Bland Foundation to incorporate blended learning through the integration of math and science. Dr. Brannon advised that the school system has applied for a grant that would qualify Fort Chiswell High School for an e-learning backpack program, which would guarantee a new laptop computer to each student beginning with the ninth grade level. He explained that they hope to extend an e-learning program to the other high schools in the future. Dr. Brannon added that the school system is focused on improving mathematics and special education instructions.
10. Technology – Dr. Brannon reported that the school system has upgraded their network infrastructure and updated the school websites. He explained that they have purchased and installed 100 new laptops, 4 computer labs, 100 new tablets, as well as smart boards, wireless access points, and short throw projectors. Dr. Brannon noted that all eighth through twelfth grade students now have e-mail accounts, which will be used for instruction. He added that they have upgraded the Speedwell Elementary School internet speed, and are working to have boosters installed to improve internet speed further.
11. Human Resources – Dr. Brannon explained that the school system now has job applications available online for completion, as well as a listing of all job openings.
12. Finances – Dr. Brannon noted that Virginia Retirement System, health insurance, and operational costs have increased.

Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to draft a resolution in honor of the Rural Retreat High School wrestling team and to set aside time in an upcoming Board meeting to present the resolution to the team and coaches.

The motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Willis to draft a resolution in recognition of the George Wythe High School wrestling team and coaches.

The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Wythe County 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 \$51,843,000 with \$33,004,000 in the General Fund account. He noted that the Treasurer's Office has collected \$17,553,766 as of February 24, which is approximately 97% of their projected budget for the year.
2. Delinquent Taxes – Mr. Crockett reported that the Treasurer's Office has submitted 142 records to John Rife for collection, with a total of \$586,000. He noted that \$10,555 were cancelled and another \$3,420 were adjusted. Mr. Crockett explained that they have collected approximately 20% of the remaining amount. Mr. Crockett added that they hope to hold a judicial sale when the weather improves.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sheriff Doug King appeared before the Board and reported the following:

1. Trash Pickup Detail – Sheriff King reported that the trash pickup detail has collected 412 bags and 12,360 pounds of trash on the days weather has permitted trash pickup. He noted that the Sheriff's Office has been promised extra personnel to use during the week to allow trash pickup three times a week through May.

Sheriff King advised that Supervisor Houseman had reported a complaint of debris in the road. He added that the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has re-graveled the road.

Supervisor Houseman noted that Jeff Russell of VDOT has turned the issue over to their department dealing with commercial entrances. He added that presently the sawmill is using the roadway as a commercial entrance.

Supervisor McRoberts requested trash pickup on Route 619 to Pope Road.

WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Route 619 Project – Supervisor Houseman made a motion, as recommended by the Water Committee to award the Route 619 water improvement project to Valley Contractors, Inc. with a base bid of \$137,690, contingent upon concurrence by Rural Development.

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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
	Steven T. Willis	Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.
	Joe F. Hale	

NAYS: None

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

1. Wrestling – Supervisor Houseman congratulated the Rural Retreat High School and George Wythe High School wrestling teams for their excellent showing at the recent State wrestling tournament. He noted that the Rural Retreat High School forensic team won their State championship in 1993.
2. Roads – Supervisor Hale noted that he had a road complaint, but Mr. Dalton has already addressed the issue.
3. Roads – Chair Reeves reported that he has received several road complaints. He noted that Mr. Dalton has contacted VDOT requesting the scraping and re-graveling of the gravel roads within the County. Chair Reeves added that VDOT is aware of the issue, but it will take time to address all of the roads in need of repair.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Supervisor Houseman made a motion to approve the consent calendar for February 25, 2014, as follows:

1. PAYROLL – January 2014:

Water Department	\$	24,928.52
Wythe County Wastewater Fund		7,104.90
Police Activity Fund		49,141.77
Courthouse Security Fund		15,938.53
General County Fund		<u>467,300.30</u>
TOTAL	\$	564,414.02

Check Numbers: 30087305-30087313 and 30087153-30087161

Voucher Numbers: V402000-402159 and V327000-327153

2. STATUS REPORTS:

- A. Animal Control – Arlan Dunford
- B. Building Inspection – Chip Dunford
- C. Emergency Services – Ikey Davidson
- D. Planning Commission – Michelle Cassell

3. PERSONNEL:

- A. Hall, Kaylee Ruth – Hired, Full-time Communications Officer, Annual Salary \$20,473, Effective February 1, 2014
- B. Collins, Ashley N. – Hired, Full-time Deputy Clerk, Commissioner of Revenue Office, Annual Salary \$21,100, Effective February 10, 2014

4. BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

- A. \$15,000 (44012-48219) – Jackson School Water Extension Grant from Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project, Inc.
- B. \$4,725 (3102-48205) – Auto Claim, 2006 Ford Taurus, December 20, 2013

Supervisor Horney 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
	Steven T. Willis	Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.
	Joe F. Hale	

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION 2014-02 – ROUTE 830

The Board reviewed Resolution 2014-02 in support of the temporary closure and reconstruction of the Route 830 Bridge as follows:

RESOLUTION 2014-02

Whereas, on Route 830, Creekside Road in Wythe County, the bridge is substandard and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has deemed it needs to be replaced; and

Whereas, all of the citizens have been notified by VDOT and are in agreement with the closure; and,

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Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Board of Supervisors hereby support the decision of the Department of Transportation to close this section of Route 830 to through traffic located near the intersection of Blacklick Road and Creekside Drive for approximately five days or until reconstruction of the structure is complete.

Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to adopt Resolution 2014-02.

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

RECESS

The Board recessed for a short break at 10:02 a.m.

RECONVENE

The Board reconvened at 10:16 a.m.

TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION ORDINANCE

The Board reviewed and discussed a revised draft Tangible Personal Property Tax Exemption Ordinance.

Following discussion, Supervisor Hale made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hall to set a public hearing for discussion of the Tangible Personal Property Tax Exemption Ordinance on April 8.

Supervisor Houseman requested a formal presentation at the public hearing outlining the reasons for the ordinance and exactly what the ordinance would change. He also asked that the Board not vote on the ordinance the night of the hearing to allow comments to be addressed later in a work session.

Chair Reeves noted that the Board could determine if a work session would be needed the night of the hearing.

The motion passed unanimously.

RECESS

The Board recessed at 10:48 a.m. to tour Sheffey Elementary School and Rural Retreat Middle School.

RECONVENE

The Board reconvened at 3:14 p.m.

TRASH COLLECTION SERVICES PROPOSALS

Mr. Dalton reported that requests for trash collection services proposals would be advertised in the March 1 newspaper. He noted that the pre-bid meeting would be held in approximately two weeks with proposals due by March 27.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Reeves adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:16 p.m.

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair