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The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 9 a.m., Tuesday, April 22, 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 (9:52 a.m.)	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 (10:20 a.m.)
Scot Farthing, County Attorney
Martha G. Collins, Administrative Assistant
Bill Vaughan, County Engineer

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rae Mullins	Lee Brannon
Sam Crockett	Salem Bush
Faye Barker	Andy Fowler
Keith Dunagan	Earle Libby
Two other citizens	

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Vice Chair Hall determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Rae Mullins of the St. Paul United Methodist Church provided the invocation and Vice Chair Hall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS' TIME

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

1. Personal Property Tax Relief Act – Sam Crockett addressed the Board. Mr. Crockett explained that in 2005 the County first implemented the Personal Property Tax Relief Act (PPTRA) program, which provides a certain dollar amount to each locality based on the value of their fleet. He noted that with the inclusion of titled vehicles, the County's fleet would increase, which would reduce the amount received. Mr. Crockett reported that with an increase of 10,000 additional vehicles valued at less than \$1,000, the PPTRA payback to citizens would decrease. He stated that this decrease to the PPTRA would be equivalent to an approximately 43% tax increase. Mr. Crockett added that Commissioner of Revenue, Faye Barker, has suggested the possible reclassification of some of these vehicles as junk cars so that they would not be included in the PPTRA allocation. He asked that the Board consider this option.

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2. Affordable Housing – Earle Libby of Carterville Heights Road in Max Meadows addressed the Board. Mr. Libby proposed the repurposing of the vacant Fort Chiswell Merchant’s Mall in Fort Chiswell as affordable housing. He suggested that the County, with the permission of the owner, request the evaluation of the property by an engineer to determine the cost of repairing structural issues, as well as construction of walls, doors, kitchens, and bathrooms. Mr. Libby noted that additional lighting and elevators would also be needed within the facility. He explained that Americans with Disability Act (ADA) compliance modifications would be required for completion of the proposed project. Mr. Libby added that he has no financial interests in the property, nor does he know who owns the property.

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board was presented with the April 8, 2014, minutes for adoption.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Willis to approve the April 8, 2014, minutes as presented.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Gary M. Houseman Joe F. Hale
Arthur E. “Artie” Hall Coy L. McRoberts
Steven T. Willis B. G. “Gene” Horney

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on April 22, 2014, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30087916 and 30087918-30087990 as follows:

**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	TOTAL
30087916	04/22/14	ALSCO	\$103.76
30087918	04/22/14	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$21,160.44
30087919	04/22/14	BRANCH HIGHWAYS INC.	\$96,497.89
30087920	04/22/14	BW WILSON PAPER CO.	\$3,624.58
30087921	04/22/14	CAMRETT LOGISTICS INC.	\$221.00
30087922	04/22/14	CASH CYCLE SOLUTIONS INC.	\$1,311.05

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30087923	04/22/14	CENTURYLINK	\$42.49
30087924	04/22/14	CENTURYLINK	\$46.05
30087925	04/22/14	CENTURYLINK	\$42.49
30087926	04/22/14	CENTURYLINK	\$42.49
30087927	04/22/14	CENTURYLINK	\$42.49
30087928	04/22/14	CENTURYLINK	\$204.67
30087929	04/22/14	CENTURYLINK	\$42.49
30087930	04/22/14	CENTURYLINK	\$333.04
30087931	04/22/14	CENTURYLINK LABOR	\$858.84
30087932	04/22/14	CHALLENGER SPORTS TEAM WEAR	\$111.83
30087933	04/22/14	COM TEC	\$5,925.00
30087934	04/22/14	COMPUTER PROJECTS OF ILLINOIS INC.	\$87.70
30087935	04/22/14	CREATIVE GLASS INC.	\$1,071.88
30087936	04/22/14	DALTON, ROBERT C	\$371.72
30087937	04/22/14	FARTHING, SCOT S	\$3,050.00
30087938	04/22/14	GRANT, BRUCE M	\$3,965.21
30087939	04/22/14	HALE, JOE	\$163.20
30087940	04/22/14	HORNEY, B GENE JR	\$151.20
30087941	04/22/14	HORNEY, B GENE JR	\$75.60
30087942	04/22/14	HOUSEMAN, GARY M	\$78.40
30087943	04/22/14	HUFF FORD SUBARU INC.	\$891.61
30087944	04/22/14	JONES, RANDY	\$2,500.00
30087945	04/22/14	KMART	\$162.01
30087946	04/22/14	KUSTOM SIGNALS	\$196.79
30087947	04/22/14	LEAD MINES RESCUE SQUAD	\$9,448.40
30087948	04/22/14	LEXISNEXIS	\$154.00
30087949	04/22/14	MANSFIELD OIL CO.	\$9,918.42
30087950	04/22/14	MAX MEADOWS FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$292.80
30087951	04/22/14	MCI COMM SERVICE	\$299.51
30087952	04/22/14	MCROBERTS, COY L	\$179.20
30087953	04/22/14	MEREDITH'S GARAGE	\$37.00
30087954	04/22/14	MT ROGERS CSB	\$33,475.00
30087955	04/22/14	NEW RIVER VALLEY JUVENILE DETENTION	\$1,058.64
30087956	04/22/14	PAPER CLIP	\$767.32
30087957	04/22/14	PEED AND BORTZ LLC	\$3,635.00
30087958	04/22/14	PREFERRED PRINTING SERVICES INC.	\$199.98
30087959	04/22/14	PROFORMA	\$573.40
30087960	04/22/14	R & R ENTERPRISES INC.	\$210.00
30087961	04/22/14	REEVES, TIMOTHY A SR	\$194.80
30087962	04/22/14	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$2,282.00
30087963	04/22/14	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$2,514.00
30087964	04/22/14	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$11,572.00
30087965	04/22/14	SHENTEL	\$55.22
30087966	04/22/14	SOUTHERN POLICE EQUIPMENT	\$166.72
30087967	04/22/14	SUBURBAN PROPANE-1241	\$389.43
30087968	04/22/14	SUBURBAN PROPANE-1241	\$1,340.76

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30087969	04/22/14	TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE	\$4,847.78
30087970	04/22/14	TOWN POLICE SUPPLY	\$22,045.50
30087971	04/22/14	TOWN WYTHEVILLE	\$5,000.00
30087972	04/22/14	TRI CITIES/SW VA REGIONAL	\$271.95
30087973	04/22/14	TRI COUNTY GLASS INC.	\$159.95
30087974	04/22/14	TWO WAY RADIO	\$90.00
30087975	04/22/14	UPS STORE 5065	\$45.51
30087976	04/22/14	US CELLULAR	\$541.84
30087977	04/22/14	US CELLULAR	\$549.99
30087978	04/22/14	US CELLULAR	\$696.64
30087979	04/22/14	US CELLULAR	\$60.00
30087980	04/22/14	US POSTAL SERVICE	\$98.00
30087981	04/22/14	VERIZON	\$13.73
30087982	04/22/14	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$50.08
30087983	04/22/14	VGFOA	\$225.00
30087984	04/22/14	VITA	\$52.57
30087985	04/22/14	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	\$392.40
30087986	04/22/14	WYTHE-GRAYSON REGIONAL LIBRARY	\$72,396.00
30087987	04/22/14	WYTHEVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE	\$9,508.33
30087988	04/22/14	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	\$151.21
30087989	04/22/14	WYTHEVILLE-WYTHE-BLAND	\$200.00
30087990	04/22/14	XEROX	\$320.02
TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 4/22/14			\$339,856.02

Supervisor Horney seconded the motion.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

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 \$50,913,000 with \$31,995,000 in the General Fund account. He advised that the Treasurer's Office has collected \$18,161,000 to date this year, which is approximately 99% of their budget. Mr. Crockett noted that personal property collections are lower than normal, with 4,422 delinquent tax tickets still

outstanding. He added that he believes that the elimination of decals has impacted the amount of personal property tax collected.

Mr. Dalton questioned if any methods of tax collection are available for the collection of unpaid delinquent taxes.

Mr. Crockett reported that the Treasurer's Office uses warrants and debt for collection of delinquent taxes from incorporated businesses. He noted that they also implement Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) stops if vehicles are owned by the delinquent taxpayer. Mr. Crockett explained that many of the unpaid taxes are less than \$20 and inquired if it would be worthwhile to issue a DMV stop in these situations. He added that he would not be in favor of collection methods that utilize wage garnishments to collect the unpaid taxes.

FIRE AND RESCUE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Wythe County Rescue Squad – Supervisor Houseman made a motion, as recommended by the Fire and Rescue Committee to appoint Martha Umberger, Keith St. John, Sally Callahan, Roger Hudson, and Jay Wright, to the Wythe County Rescue Squad Board of Directors, pending verification that all members meet the residency requirements as outlined in the Squad's by-laws.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

AGRICULTURAL EXPOSITION CENTER

Supervisor Hale updated the Board on the status of the proposed agricultural exposition center. He explained that the Agricultural Exposition Center Committee has prepared an organizational chart, as previously requested by the Board. Supervisor Hale noted that the project is moving forward and hopefully will become a reality.

WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Speedwell Water Extension Project – Supervisor Horney made a motion, as recommended by the Water Committee to allow any residence that the County did not receive confirmation of receipt on the registered letter mailed or the letter was returned or undeliverable, the full amount of time to receive the water connection at the reduced rate from the date the letter was actually received, as noted in the Frequently Asked Questions handout.

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The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

Vice Chair Hall noted that Mr. Dalton distributed a letter to the Board members related to a water issue. He recommended the referral of the letter to the Water Committee for discussion.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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

1. District Three Governmental Cooperative – Mr. Dalton reviewed with the Board a memorandum and supporting information from Mike Guy, Executive Director of the District Three Governmental Cooperative, concerning "Age Wave" planning and livable communities. Mr. Dalton explained that District Three Governmental Cooperative has requested that the County, working with the Towns, prepare a plan detailing how they can make living in the County more successful for the aging "baby boomer" population residing within the County. He requested the placement of the issue on the next Joint Governing Bodies meeting agenda.

Supervisor Houseman questioned if this issue could be addressed in the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Dalton agreed that the issue should be addressed in the Comprehensive Plan update. He noted that the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission would be in attendance later in the meeting to brief the Board on the Comprehensive Plan update.

The Board agreed to recommend the issue for discussion at the upcoming Joint Governing Bodies meeting.

SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

1. Convenience Center – Supervisor Houseman reported that he had been contacted by an individual concerning the Route 52 convenience center. He noted that the individual parks outside of the convenience center due to a sight issue caused by the fence surrounding the center.

Vice Chair Hall noted that when exiting the center, the fence does make it difficult to see oncoming traffic. He added that the only possible solution would be removal of the fence.

2. Litter – Supervisor Hale reported that he has received complaints related to trash dumping and littering on Ramsey Mountain Road. He requested that the Sheriff's Office trash pickup crew address this area. Supervisor Hale questioned if the County has a littering or trash dumping ordinance in place.

Mr. Dalton advised that the County falls under the State ordinance. He noted that there are no littering and no dumping signs throughout the County. Mr. Dalton recommended requesting placement of these signs on Ramsey Mountain Road through the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT).

Supervisor Hale inquired if a sign would improve enforcement of the issue.

Mr. Dalton noted that the placement of a guardrail close to the road often helps with this issue. He added that the guardrail eliminates a place for those dumping trash to park.

3. Route 619 – Supervisor McRoberts reported that he has a received a request for trash pickup on Route 619 to Pope Road.
4. Six Year Road Plan – Supervisor Horney questioned whom to speak with concerning the addition of a road to the Six Year Plan.

Mr. Dalton noted that VDOT would be in attendance later in the meeting to discuss the Six Year Plan.

5. Speedwell Fire Department Fishing Tournament – Supervisor Horney reported that the Speedwell Fire Department plans to hold their fishing tournament on the first Saturday and Sunday in May. He requested permission to use the County property for camping purposes during the tournament.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Houseman to allow the use of the County property for camping during the Speedwell Fire Department's fishing tournament.

The motion passed unanimously, with six ayes and one absent.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Supervisor Hale made a motion to approve the consent calendar for April 22, 2014, as follows:

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1. PAYROLL – March 2014:

Water Department	\$	23,984.40
Wythe County Wastewater Fund		7,147.64
Police Activity Fund		50,227.60
Courthouse Security Fund		17,338.78
General County Fund		<u>466,603.76</u>
TOTAL	\$	565,302.18

Check Numbers: 30087639-30087648; 30087763-30087774

Voucher Numbers: V405000-405155; V406000-406159

2. STATUS REPORTS:

- A. Animal Control – Arlan Dunford
- B. Building Inspection – Chip Dunford
- C. Emergency Services – Ikey Davidson
- D. Finance – Bruce Grant
- E. Parks and Recreation – Kevin Williams
- F. Planning Commission – Michelle Cassell

3. PERSONNEL:

- A. Moore, Terry – Resigned, Full-time Maintenance, Building and Grounds, Effective March 20, 2014
- B. McFarlane, Chad – Discharged, Full-time Secretary, Commonwealth Attorney, Effective March 20, 2014
- C. Larkin, Thadeous – Resigned, Full-time Assistant Commonwealth Attorney, Effective April 15, 2014
- D. Kincer, Christi D. – Hired, Full-time Secretary, Commonwealth Attorney, Annual Salary \$25,168, Effective April 16, 2014

4. BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

- A. \$382 (32031-4566002) – Four-for-Life Funds – Lead Mines Rescue Squad
- B. \$382 (32032-4566002) – Four-for-Life Funds – Rural Retreat Rescue Squad
- C. \$382 (32033-4566002) – Four-for-Life Funds – Wythe County Rescue Squad
- D. \$55 (3102-46010) – Property Damage Claim, December 20, 2013
- E. \$3,215 (2201-48202) – Purchase of iPads and covers from Asset Forfeiture Account

F. \$606 (2201-48202) – Purchase of new computer from Asset Forfeiture Account

Supervisor Willis seconded the motion.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

The Board reviewed a letter and related information from Melanie Davenport of the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality concerning the amended Stormwater Management Act and Virginia Stormwater Management Program "opt in" adoption.

Mr. Dalton explained that the General Assembly has amended the Stormwater Management Act requirements. He noted that the General Assembly has revised the requirements to allow localities to "opt in" to the program instead of "opt out." Mr. Dalton advised that staff would recommend that the County not "opt in" to the program, which would require no action from the Board and would authorize the Department of Environmental Quality to manage the program within the County.

Supervisor Houseman questioned the implications of not opting in on the grant received for stormwater management.

Mr. Dalton reported that portions of the grant funding received have been expended. He explained that unspent portions of the grant would be returned. Mr. Dalton noted that the County would not be held liable for any funds spent. He added that staff would prepare a letter to the Department of Environmental Quality stating the County's decision.

The Board agreed to not "opt in" to the Stormwater Management program.

WYTHE COUNTY SCHOOLS

Lee Brannon, Wythe County Public Schools Superintendent, addressed the Board.

1. School Construction – Dr. Brannon updated the Board on the progress of current County school construction projects. He noted that both the Rural Retreat Middle School and Sheffey Elementary School projects should be completed by the beginning of the next school year.

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2. Testing – Dr. Brannon reported that testing is underway at all Wythe County Public Schools.
3. Graduations – Dr. Brannon reported that graduation dates have been set for the technology center and three area high schools. He noted that the Wythe County Technology Center will hold its graduation on May 29 at 7 p.m., Rural Retreat High School will graduate on May 30 at 6 p.m., George Wythe High School will graduate May 30 at 8 p.m., and Fort Chiswell High School will graduate on May 31 at 10 a.m.

Chair Reeves entered the Board meeting at 9:52 a.m.

Mr. Dalton noted that he has requested that Dr. Brannon make a presentation outlining the effects of flat school funding. He asked that the Board schedule a budget work session with Dr. Brannon on April 24 or 25.

The Board agreed to set the budget work session for April 24 at 5 p.m.

RECESS

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

RECONVENE

The Board reconvened at 10:13 a.m.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Chief Deputy Keith Dunagan addressed the Board and reported the following:

1. Trash Pickup Detail – Chief Deputy Dunagan reported that the trash pickup crew has picked up 2,860 bags of trash with a total weight of 88,270 pounds to date this year. He noted that they expect to pick up 100,000 pounds of trash by July 1, which would be the program's one-year anniversary.

Chair Reeves expressed his appreciation on behalf of the Board for the program.

Supervisor Hale noted that he had previously recommended the implementation of a litter education program in the elementary schools and requested an update on the program.

Chief Deputy Dunagan reported that he has attempted to research similar programs in other areas, but has not been able to locate a litter education program to emulate. He noted that he would continue to work on this project.

BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT

The Board reviewed a letter from Sheriff Doug King and supporting letter and documents from Garth Wheeler of the Department of Criminal Justice Services outlining

the recent award of a Byrne Justice Assistance Grant to Wythe County in the amount of \$1,353.

Chief Deputy Dunagan noted that the Sheriff's Office plans to use the funds for the purchase of a computer.

Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hall to approve the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$1,353 and to amend and appropriate \$135 in matching funds to 3102-48202, Furniture and Fixtures.

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

WYTHE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Salem Bush, Mount Rogers Planning District Commission Regional Planner, addressed the Board. Mr. Bush updated the Board on the status of the Wythe County Comprehensive Plan, which with assistance from County staff and the Planning Commission, is being updated by the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission. He requested work sessions with Board members, Planning Commission members, County staff, Virginia Department of Transportation representatives, and interstate property owners to discuss utility corridors, land use growth, and interstate corridors. Mr. Bush recommended holding public input meetings following the work sessions.

Chair Reeves suggested that the Economic Development Committee meet with Mr. Bush.

Mr. Dalton noted that the Economic Development Committee would next meet on May 8 at 8 a.m.

Mr. Bush advised that he distributed a draft citizen survey to the Board members. He requested that the Board members review the survey and return any comments, concerns, or suggestions to Assistant County Administrator Bear.

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Andy Fowler, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Assistant Residency Administrator, addressed the Board. Mr. Fowler reported that VDOT is currently working through drainage and fencing issues for the reconstruction of Archer and Dunford Roads, which are included in the Secondary Road Six Year Plan. He noted that with the resolution of these issues, VDOT would be prepared to begin the projects

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following the public hearing on May 27. Mr. Fowler asked if the Board members have any road issues or concerns to be addressed.

Supervisor Willis requested an update on the issue that he had previously discussed with Mr. Fowler via e-mail.

Mr. Fowler noted that VDOT is working on the project presently. He added that they plan to flush the culvert pipes out with the pipe flusher.

Supervisor Hale questioned what needs to be completed to move forward with the Archer Road project. He noted that the road has been reflagged and inquired what work needs to be done in between those flags. Supervisor Hale discussed several engineering issues with the project. He added that he would contact the landowners to address the fencing issues, if needed.

Mr. Fowler stated that he would tour the road with Supervisor Hale to explore options for completion of the project.

Supervisor McRoberts requested paving of Rickey Road, and Piney Mountain Road.

Mr. Fowler explained that Rickey Road is on the paving schedule. He noted that VDOT is currently working on primary roads and will work on secondary roads later in the year.

Supervisor Hale discussed the paving of Millers Creek Road. He inquired if this project would be completed by the VDOT crew or contracted out.

Mr. Fowler noted that the project would be completed by the VDOT crew.

Supervisor Horney reported that the ditch line on both sides of St. Peters Road is two feet deep. He noted that a portion of the road is narrowing every day as it falls into the ditch. Supervisor Horney requested an update on the St. Peters Road project.

Mr. Fowler advised that the St. Peters Road project is still in the planning stage. He noted that they would address the ditch issue.

Supervisor Horney explained that he had been contacted by several individuals who have requested the addition of their roads to the Six Year Plan.

Mr. Fowler noted that VDOT does not plan to expand the Six Year Plan at this time.

Chair Reeves reported that two individuals have contacted him requesting a speed study on Old Stage Road.

Mr. Fowler explained that VDOT plans to pave Old Stage Road this year. He noted that he would contact Traffic and Engineering to begin the speed study process.

Mr. Dalton requested that VDOT reschedule the Secondary Road Six Year Plan public hearing to a night meeting, which would allow more citizens the opportunity to attend.

Mr. Fowler noted that he would check with VDOT Residency Administrator, Jeff Russell.

The Board agreed to hold the public hearing on May 29 at 7 p.m., contingent upon approval by Mr. Russell.

Mr. Dalton explained that VDOT plans to hold a public hearing in Bristol on April 22 at 6 p.m. to discuss primary roads. He requested a copy of the primary road plan.

Mr. Fowler noted that he would forward a copy of the primary road plan to Mr. Dalton.

Mr. Dalton reported that VDOT had requested that the Board pass resolutions in acceptance of the Rural Retreat Elementary School and Max Meadows Elementary School access roads. He requested that Mr. Russell prepare a letter to the County concerning the addition of these roads to the VDOT maintenance program.

ENTERPRISE ZONE

The Board reviewed information concerning the expansion of Enterprise Zones in Wythe County, the Town of Wytheville, and Town of Rural Retreat.

Mr. Dalton advised that a public hearing would be needed for the expansion of the Enterprise Zones. He noted that Enterprise Zones would be added in Progress Park, and within both Towns along the interstate exits.

The Board agreed to hold a public hearing for discussion of Enterprise Zones on May 27 at 9:10 a.m.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

The Board reviewed a letter from Patti Pizinger tendering her resignation from the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Supervisor Hall noted that he does not have an appointee recommendation at this time. He added that he would prepare an appointment for the May 13 Board meeting.

PROPOSED WYTHE COUNTY ORDINANCE 2014-01 – MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER LICENSE ORDINANCE

The Board reviewed and discussed proposed Wythe County Ordinance 2014-01, Motor Vehicle and Trailer License Ordinance.

Mr. Dalton reported that proposed Ordinance 2014-01 would impose a \$20 license fee on all registered cars and trucks, and a \$10 fee for motorcycles and trailers.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hall to adopt Ordinance 2014-01, Motor Vehicle and Trailer License Ordinance.

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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

PROPOSED WYTHE COUNTY ORDINANCE 2014-02 – TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION ORDINANCE

The Board reviewed and discussed proposed Wythe County Ordinance 2014-02, Tangible Personal Property Tax Exemption Ordinance.

Supervisor Hale made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hall to adopt Ordinance 2014-02, Tangible Personal Property Tax Exemption Ordinance, as written.

Supervisor Houseman recommended the removal of Article V from proposed Ordinance 2014-02, and addressing this Article in a separate ordinance. He noted that household goods are different from livestock, farm equipment, and farm machinery.

Chair Reeves noted that Supervisor Houseman's proposed amendment would require a public hearing.

Supervisor Horney suggested the exemption of vehicles and trailers that are used exclusively for agricultural purposes. He explained that the Commissioner of Revenue could investigate to determine if the vehicle is used exclusively for agricultural purposes. Supervisor Horney noted that farmers could provide their Schedule F to prove that the vehicle is used on a farm.

Supervisor Houseman explained that an individual had asked if a decal could be provided to farmers to allow them to use farm use tags on their vehicles.

Supervisor Hale noted that the Ordinance, as written, fairly taxes all citizens. He explained that most silage trucks used within the County are used to haul silage from other farms, with the farmer being charged for that use.

Supervisor Horney stated that those individuals who use their truck on other farms are not using the truck for their own farm use and are operating a business.

Chair Reeves advised that the Board is attempting to collect taxes from those who do not pay taxes on pickup trucks, ton trucks, and other vehicles. He added that this Ordinance would make it more fair for those who do pay their taxes.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Arthur E. "Artie" Hall
Steven T. Willis
Joe F. Hale
Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

NAYS: Gary M. Houseman
Coy L. McRoberts
B. G. "Gene" Horney

HELPING OVERCOME POVERTY'S EXISTENCE

Andy Kegley, Executive Director of Helping Overcome Poverty's Existence, addressed the Board. Mr. Kegley reported that April is Fair Housing Month and reviewed fair housing information with the Board. He noted that Helping Overcome Poverty's Existence (HOPE), Inc. applies to the State Department of Housing Community Development for funds to provide housing assistance programs. Mr. Kegley explained that a portion of those funds are federal dollars and require the acceptance of a certification from the local government. He added that these funds provide accommodations and housing for homeless individuals.

Supervisor Hall made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hale to approve the certification of local government approval for nonprofit organizations receiving ESG funds from State sub-recipients for Helping Overcome Poverty's Existence, 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

WYTHE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD

Mr. Dalton advised that Roger Hudson is not a County resident, and therefore, cannot serve on the Wythe County Rescue Squad Board of Directors.

Chair Reeves reported that a meeting of the Board of Directors was scheduled for April 21, but only one member attended.

Mr. Dalton noted that there may have been some confusion on the exact date of the meeting, as several members believed the meeting was scheduled for April 22.

Chair Reeves explained that Mr. Hudson does plan to move back to Wythe County.

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Supervisor Houseman advised that the Squad's by-laws state, "The Board of Supervisors will appoint five members to the Board of Directors who live in the service area." He noted that Mr. Hudson's appointment is in violation of the by-laws.

Chair Reeves questioned if an exception could be made to the by-laws.

Supervisor Houseman explained that an exception would require an amendment to the by-laws by the Board of Directors, who would then bring those amended by-laws before the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Mr. Farthing reiterated that the amendment process would have to be completed in order to provide an exception to the by-laws.

Supervisor Hale recommended informing the Board of Directors of the situation and allowing the Board of Directors to determine if an amendment to the by-laws should be made.

Chair Reeves requested that Mr. Dalton inform the Board of Directors of the situation. He also requested that Mr. Bear contact the Board of Directors members to remind them of their meeting.

RECESS

The Board recessed at 11:24 a.m. until April 24, 2014, at 5 p.m.

RECONVENE

The Board reconvened on April 24, 2014, at 5:03 p.m.

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
Martha G. Collins, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lee Brannon

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Supervisor Hall made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts to appoint Eric Melton to the Parks and Recreation Commission as the West Wytheville representative.

The motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

Lee Brannon, Wythe County Public Schools Superintendent, addressed the Board. Dr. Brannon provided a presentation to the Board outlining the effects of flat funding on the school system’s fiscal year 2015 budget.

Dr. Brannon exited the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

The Board reviewed and discussed the fiscal year 2015 budget.

FIRE AND RESCUE COMMITTEE

Supervisor Houseman made a motion, as recommended by the Fire and Rescue Committee to adopt Guardian Emergency Medical Services (EMS) proposal number two, which would allow Guardian Emergency Medical Services to provide 24 hour, 7 days a week advanced and basic life support coverage for any area defined by Wythe County, with services provided at no cost to Wythe County and with Guardian EMS responsible for billing and collections for any services provided.

Supervisor Houseman explained that the agreement would go into effect as soon as Guardian EMS is able to take over coverage of the area, with an option to extend the initial 60 day agreement an additional 30 days if Wythe County Rescue Squad is not able to answer calls at that time.

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

LEAD MINES RESCUE SQUAD

Supervisor McRoberts reported that he was contacted by Mike Ingo of the Lead Mines Rescue Squad concerning Robert Walk. He noted that Mr. Ingo does not believe that Mr. Walk will return to the Lead Mines Rescue Squad Board of Directors and requested the appointment of a new member.

Chair Reeves recommended that the Fire and Rescue Committee review candidates, conduct interviews, and select a new member to serve on the Lead Mines Rescue Squad Board of Directors.

Supervisor Hall suggested advertising the opening on the County’s Facebook page.

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RECESS

The Board recessed at 6:54 p.m. until May 6 at 5 p.m.

RECONVENE

The Board reconvened on May 6, 2014, at 5 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair	Joe F. Hale
Arthur E. "Artie" Hall, Vice Chair (5:14 p.m.)	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
Martha G. Collins, Administrative Assistant

BUDGET WORK SESSION

The Board reviewed and discussed the revised fiscal year 2015 revenue statement, expenditure budget, and summary of operations budget.

Supervisor Hall made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hale to set the budget public hearing for June 3, 2014, at 7 p.m., retain the current tax rates and to advertise the expenditure and revenue budgets as presented.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: Gary M. Houseman

CLOSED MEETING – PROSPECTIVE INDUSTRY

Supervisor Hall made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts to enter into Closed Meeting under Section 2.2-3711-A.5 (Prospective Industry) of the Code of Virginia.

The motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Hale made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Willis to return to open session.

The motion passed unanimously.

Upon returning to open session, a motion was made by Supervisor Hall and seconded by Supervisor McRoberts 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

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Reeves adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:47 p.m.

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair