

**June 10, 2014**

The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 10, 2014. The location of the meeting was in the Boardroom of the County Administration Office, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair

**STAFF PRESENT:**

R. Cellell Dalton, County Administrator  
Stephen D. Bear, Assistant County Administrator  
Martha G. Collins, Administrative Assistant  
Bill Vaughan, County Engineer  
Don Crisp, Water and Wastewater Director  
Kevin Williams, Parks and Recreation Director

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Jack Rutherford	Carolyn Copenhaver
Danny Gordon	Sharon King
Kimber Simmons	Larry Clemons
David Manley	Charles Campbell
Millie Rothrock	Patricia Arnold
Donna Irvin	Linda Meyer
Stephanie James	Kim Aker
Kay Reasor	Approximately 15 other citizens

**CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION**

Vice Chair Hall determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Jack Rutherford of the Sharon Baptist Church provided the invocation and Vice Chair Hall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED WATER RATE INCREASE**

Vice Chair Hall 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 consider a proposed increase to County water rates. The public hearing, which may be continued or adjourned, and at which persons may appear and present their views on the proposed increase, will be held at 7:05 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on June 10, 2014, before the Board in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia.

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In accordance with the Code of Virginia Section 15.2-2119 and subsequent revisions, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors proposes to change the rates charged for water service on July 1, 2014, as follows:

<b>Current Rates</b>	<b>Proposed Rates</b>
\$11.00 (0-1,000 gallons)	\$18.00 (0-1,000 gallons)
\$9.00 (per 1,000 gallons after)	\$9.00 (per 1,000 gallons after)

Mr. Dalton reported that the water system is an enterprise fund, which is required by the Code of Virginia to be separate from the County's general fund and to be self-sufficient. He explained that in 1997 the minimum water system bill was \$18, with a water rate per additional 1,000 gallons of \$7. Mr. Dalton noted that if the water rate followed the rate of inflation as calculated on the Bureau of Labor Statistics website, the current rate would be \$26.59, with \$10.34 per additional 1,000 gallons. He stated that in 2009, the County increased the water rates by \$2 to allow the water system to be self-sustaining. Mr. Dalton added that in 2010 the County lowered the water rate to \$11, which was a 45% reduction to the rate. He advised that the proposed increase would return the County's water system to the rate that was established over 17 years ago.

Vice Chair Hall inquired if anyone present wished to address the Board concerning the proposed water rate increase.

Donna Irvin of 942 Crockett Road in Crockett addressed the Board. Ms. Irvin reported that she and her family recently received County water and were very thankful for the water. She explained, however, that she was disappointed to learn, just two months after connecting, that the rates are proposed to increase. Ms. Irvin noted that some individuals, such as her mom, have very limited income and cannot absorb the increase. She stated that her mom did pay the connection fee, but did not connect to the water system and would be paying the increased rate for water she does not use. Ms. Irvin added that the rate increase would also be a strain on area churches.

Carolyn Copenhaver of 980 Crockett Road in Crockett addressed the Board. Ms. Copenhaver advised that she has paid a deposit to connect to the water, but has not yet connected. She noted that she does plan to connect to the water. Ms. Copenhaver reported that she and two other members of her family work for the County and have not received a raise to compensate for inflation. She explained that there is a lot of waste within the County and asked that the Board readdress budget cuts before the implementation of water rate increases.

Sharon King of 5033 Lee Highway in Wytheville addressed the Board. Ms. King advised that she was not in favor of the mandatory water connections and will not pay her water bill if the increase is implemented. She noted that she and others are on fixed incomes and cannot afford the increase.

Larry Clemons of 311 Johnny Lane in Wytheville addressed the Board. Mr. Clemons requested justification for the proposed 39% water rate increase.

Supervisor McRoberts noted that the County has a reduced rate for those citizens within the County's poverty guidelines. He asked that Mr. Dalton explain this program.

Mr. Dalton explained that the Board of Supervisors adopted a policy several years ago, which allows anyone with low income to apply for a reduced connection fee and reduced monthly payments based on the poverty level.

Supervisor McRoberts advised that he does not believe that any of the Supervisors want to increase customers' water bills. He noted that the increase would help assist with the water issues in Barren Springs. Supervisor McRoberts explained that there are approximately 75 families in the Barren Springs area who are in need of water.

Charles Campbell of 5040 Ivanhoe Road in Ivanhoe addressed the Board. Mr. Campbell explained that he is aware that the citizens in Barren Springs are in need of a new water system, but questioned if the County could obtain a grant or loan to fund the project. He noted that many individuals cannot afford the increase.

Patricia Arnold of 107 Iron Ore Lane in Barren Springs addressed the Board. Ms. Arnold advised that many citizens in the Barren Springs area are in need of the water. She noted that many of the Barren Springs residents are also paying additional tax for the area road projects. Ms. Arnold requested that the Board investigate other options to fund the water project.

With no one else to address the Board, Vice Chair Hall closed the public hearing.

### **CITIZENS' TIME**

Vice Chair Hall inquired if anyone wished to address the Board.

1. Budget – Linda Meyer of 1118 Dry Road in Speedwell addressed the Board. Ms. Meyer noted that previously she had requested a proposed salary schedule and asked for an update on the status of that request. She added that salary information had been posted on the County website in the past.

Mr. Dalton explained that the Board has frozen all salaries, and the previous salary schedule posted would still be correct.

Ms. Meyer advised that she believes that County employees received a raise in the 2014 budget.

Mr. Dalton reported that employees received a 5% increase to cover the additional 6% Virginia Retirement System deduction. He noted that it was not a raise.

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Ms. Meyer stated that according to the proposed budget posted online the Board members are paid \$8,446, with the Chair receiving \$9,064, which is an increase over the salary schedule posted online. She requested the posting of a current salary schedule on the County website.

Ms. Meyer stated that telecommunications totaled approximately \$30,000 in just the first 23 pages of the proposed budget. She requested a breakdown of telecommunication expenses. Ms. Meyer asked if funding for books and subscriptions are necessary. She noted that many of the publications may be available online. Ms. Meyer also questioned the recreation supplies listed in the Board of Supervisors budget.

Supervisor Hale reported that the Board members do not receive \$8,400 in annual pay. He noted that with the number of hours the Board members work, their salary equates to approximately \$0.50 per hour.

Ms. Meyer inquired if travel expenses are needed and suggested the removal of this budget item. She noted that over \$26,000 in furniture and fixtures are listed in the budget and questioned these expenses. Ms. Meyer also recommended the elimination of all clothing expenditures. She advised that she does not receive any benefit from the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) dues paid and suggested the elimination of this expense. Ms. Meyer added that she believes that the current Rural Retreat Fair is a waste of community resources and asked that the Board investigate ways to improve the Fair and use of its facility.

2. Schools – Stephanie James of 130 Dodgion Street in Wytheville addressed the Board as a teacher and on behalf of the Wythe County Education Association. Ms. James reported that the Board had previously compensated the schools for the reduction in State funding, and had kept Wythe County public school teachers at or close to a pay scale comparable to surrounding counties. She explained that the Superintendent of Schools presented a proposed budget to the Board, which the School Board worked to reduce as much as possible. Ms. James noted that they cannot afford to cut the budget further and requested that the Board continue to support the schools and teachers.
3. Schools – Kim Aker of 186 Turley Farm Road in Wytheville addressed the Board. Ms. Aker explained that the students of Wythe County need schools that are safe, clean, and have top-notch technology, qualified and dedicated teachers, specialty classes, and course choices. She noted that students would be at risk if the initially requested funding is not granted. Ms. Aker reported that the School Superintendent and School Board had already cut their budget prior to presenting it to the Board. She requested that the Board reconsider the funding provided to the school system.

- 4. Glade Mountain Saddle Club – Kay Reasor of 105 Chaney Branch Road in Crockett addressed the Board on behalf of the Glade Mountain Saddle Club. Dr. Reasor reported that since moving to the County in 1999 she has seen a steady decline in the quality and attendance at the Rural Retreat Wythe County Fair, with the exception of horse events. She explained that the Glade Mountain Saddle Club sub-leases the arena area from the Fair Association, and had planned to commemorate its 50<sup>th</sup> year by sponsoring horse events during the annual fair. Dr. Reasor advised that when in attendance at a recent Fair Association meeting to request the dates of the upcoming fair, she was informed that visitors could not attend their meetings and was asked to state her business and leave. She added that as the Fair Association’s lessor, the Board of Supervisors has the responsibility to disband this dysfunctional group and replace it with a properly run and publicly open organization.

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

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Board was presented with the May 27, 2014, minutes for adoption.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Willis to approve the May 27, 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 Houseman made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on June 10, 2014, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30088322-30088323, 30088325-30088334, 30088336-30088384, 30088386-30088427, and 30088429-30088438 as follows:

**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT  
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<b>CHECK #</b>	<b>ISSUE DATE</b>	<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
30088322	06/10/14	AFTON COMMUNICATIONS CORP	\$9.85
30088323	06/10/14	ANTHEM BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	\$1,494.00

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30088325	06/10/14	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$1,302.56
30088326	06/10/14	BAKER ROOFING	\$1,650.00
30088327	06/10/14	BLUE RIDGE AUTO PARTS (MM)	\$5.81
30088328	06/10/14	BLUE RIDGE AUTO PARTS INC.	\$2,440.46
30088329	06/10/14	BROWNELLS INC.	\$1,068.40
30088330	06/10/14	BUSINESS CARD	\$3,437.03
30088331	06/10/14	BUSINESS INFORMATION SYSTEMS	\$35.00
30088332	06/10/14	CARTER, TIMOTHY W	\$60.00
30088333	06/10/14	CDW GOVERNMENT INC.	\$3,979.32
30088334	06/10/14	CENTURYLINK	\$43.12
30088336	06/10/14	CENTURYLINK	\$4,812.30
30088337	06/10/14	CENTURYLINK	\$53.55
30088338	06/10/14	CENTURYLINK	\$223.97
30088339	06/10/14	CENTURYLINK	\$211.54
30088340	06/10/14	CENTURYLINK	\$110.82
30088341	06/10/14	CENTURYLINK	\$42.49
30088342	06/10/14	CENTURYLINK	\$102.92
30088343	06/10/14	CENTURYLINK	\$89.00
30088344	06/10/14	CENTURYLINK	\$56.72
30088345	06/10/14	CENTURYLINK LABOR	\$241.13
30088346	06/10/14	CITIZENS TELEPHONE COOP	\$742.00
30088347	06/10/14	COUNTY OF WYTHE	\$2,833.34
30088348	06/10/14	CROCKETT, WALTER S	\$62.45
30088349	06/10/14	CROWGEY, ERIC W	\$19.20
30088350	06/10/14	CW WARTHEN	\$336.00
30088351	06/10/14	D & H TRACTOR SALES INC.	\$901.30
30088352	06/10/14	DELL MARKETING LP	\$1,368.79
30088353	06/10/14	DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES	\$390.00
30088354	06/10/14	DIXIE SUPPLY CENTER	\$103.75
30088355	06/10/14	EMPIRE VENDING	\$213.92
30088356	06/10/14	ESP	\$1,773.89
30088357	06/10/14	FASTENAL	\$416.89
30088358	06/10/14	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES	\$24.01
30088359	06/10/14	FIELDER ELECTRIC	\$972.00
30088360	06/10/14	FOLEY COMPANY	\$109.05
30088361	06/10/14	FOWLKES MACHINE CO INC.	\$30.36
30088362	06/10/14	GALLS	\$1,626.99
30088363	06/10/14	GRANT, BRUCE M	\$3,965.21
30088364	06/10/14	HARPO'S HARDWARE AND BLDG SUPPLY INC.	\$69.84
30088365	06/10/14	HARRINGTON, BARRY A	\$358.95
30088366	06/10/14	HEART OF THE EARTH ANIMAL EQUIPMENT	\$935.10
30088367	06/10/14	HORNEY, HAYDEN H	\$410.29
30088368	06/10/14	HURT AND PROFFITT INC.	\$490.00
30088369	06/10/14	HY-TEST INC.	\$245.00
30088370	06/10/14	IVANHOE FIRE DEPT.	\$2,088.19

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30088371	06/10/14	JANPAK	\$1,097.56
30088372	06/10/14	JCI JONES CHEMICALS INC.	\$776.00
30088373	06/10/14	JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY	\$46,418.32
30088374	06/10/14	JONES AND BARTLETT LEARNING LLC	\$2,413.72
30088375	06/10/14	KING, DOUGLAS W	\$620.24
30088376	06/10/14	KING-MOORE INC.	\$3,458.00
30088377	06/10/14	KMART	\$68.76
30088378	06/10/14	KUSTOM SIGNALS	\$181.65
30088379	06/10/14	LEXISNEXIS	\$696.00
30088380	06/10/14	LITTLE, DANE	\$177.50
30088381	06/10/14	LOWE'S	\$1,145.96
30088382	06/10/14	LUMOS NETWORKS	\$30.90
30088383	06/10/14	MALONE, JASON B	\$1,000.00
30088384	06/10/14	MANSFIELD OIL CO.	\$7,365.56
30088386	06/10/14	MANSFIELD OIL CO.	\$17,075.81
30088387	06/10/14	MATTHEW BENDER AND CO INC.	\$59.68
30088388	06/10/14	MEREDITH'S GARAGE	\$43.00
30088389	06/10/14	MIDKIFF, DAVID P	\$72.00
30088390	06/10/14	MILO C COCKERHAM INC.	\$1,341.60
30088391	06/10/14	MODERN SHOE STORE	\$609.38
30088392	06/10/14	NEW RIVER REGIONAL WATER AUTH.	\$13,708.09
30088393	06/10/14	NEW RIVER RESOURCE AUTHORITY	\$161.16
30088394	06/10/14	OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER	\$20.00
30088395	06/10/14	PAPER CLIP	\$128.49
30088396	06/10/14	PEED AND BORTZ LLC	\$62,300.00
30088397	06/10/14	PEED AND BORTZ LLC	\$8,112.00
30088398	06/10/14	R & R SEPTIC	\$460.00
30088399	06/10/14	R & R SEPTIC	\$75.00
30088400	06/10/14	RCI	\$427.50
30088401	06/10/14	ROCIC	\$300.00
30088402	06/10/14	SENTRY SERVICES	\$3,527.97
30088403	06/10/14	SHARP'S WELL DRILLING	\$3,126.74
30088404	06/10/14	SOUTHERN STATES	\$1,375.17
30088405	06/10/14	SOUTHWESTERN EQUIPMENT	\$317.95
30088406	06/10/14	SPEEDWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$9,689.00
30088407	06/10/14	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY	\$24.84
30088408	06/10/14	SUNGARD PUBLIC SECTOR INC.	\$22,201.84
30088409	06/10/14	SUNTRUST	\$36,881.92
30088410	06/10/14	SWANK MOTION PICTURES INC.	\$299.00
30088411	06/10/14	TACS	\$164.00
30088412	06/10/14	THOMPSON TIRE	\$2,036.00
30088413	06/10/14	THREE RIVERS MEDIA CORP	\$330.00
30088414	06/10/14	TOWN OF RURAL RETREAT	\$24,155.00
30088415	06/10/14	TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE	\$6,508.05
30088416	06/10/14	TOWN POLICE SUPPLY	\$664.60

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30088417	06/10/14	TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY	\$33.12
30088418	06/10/14	TRI CITIES/SW VA REGIONAL	\$1,169.25
30088419	06/10/14	TRI COUNTY GLASS INC.	\$149.95
30088420	06/10/14	TWO WAY RADIO	\$260.00
30088421	06/10/14	US POSTAL SERVICE	\$1,800.00
30088422	06/10/14	USA BLUE BOOK	\$3,967.13
30088423	06/10/14	V & M RECYCLING	\$61,291.50
30088424	06/10/14	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$50.08
30088425	06/10/14	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYSTEMS	\$952.71
30088426	06/10/14	VIRGINIA TECH	\$9,544.06
30088427	06/10/14	VITA	\$153.22
30088429	06/10/14	VITA	\$321.17
30088430	06/10/14	VITA	\$52.57
30088431	06/10/14	WALK, ROBERT H	\$76.80
30088432	06/10/14	WILLIAMS, KEVIN	\$166.78
30088433	06/10/14	WILSON, DOUGLAS E	\$45.60
30088434	06/10/14	WRIGHT, RANDAL C	\$40.00
30088435	06/10/14	WYTHE COUNTY WATER AND WASTEWATER	\$11.00
30088436	06/10/14	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	\$518.19
30088437	06/10/14	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	\$1,833.18
30088438	06/10/14	XEROX	\$153.97
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 06/10/14</b>			<b>\$406,192.75</b>

Supervisor McRoberts seconded the motion.

Supervisor Horney questioned the payment to D & H Tractor Sales, Inc. He asked why the part was not ordered from a local Wythe County business. Supervisor Horney requested that they attempt to use Wythe County businesses in the future.

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.

### **WYTHE COUNTY SECONDARY ROAD SIX-YEAR PLAN**

The Board reviewed the revised Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Secondary Road Six-Year Plan and Wythe County Resolution 2009-10, listing roads to be returned to the Plan.



Supervisor Houseman questioned if the funding designated to Archer Road would remain in Wythe County if Archer Road were constructed as a rural rustic road.

Mr. Dalton confirmed that those additional funds would remain in Wythe County.

Supervisor Houseman inquired if any new roads have been added to the Plan. He questioned if the Board would need to determine what roads to add.

Mr. Dalton advised that no new roads have been added to the Plan. He explained that there are several roads on the Plan that do not currently have funding. Mr. Dalton noted that VDOT Residency Administrator, Jeff Russell, has stated that the Board should not add any roads until it could be determined that Archer Road can be completed as a rural rustic project.

Supervisor Houseman asked that if the Board designates a road for the Six-Year Plan, would it be added to the Plan when funds are available.

Mr. Dalton reported that the Board had previously attempted to add the roads placed on Resolution 2009-10 to the Plan, but the Commonwealth Transportation Board did not approve the Plan and removed those roads from the Plan. He noted that the Board could attempt to add roads to the Plan.

Supervisor Houseman stated that he would be in favor of adding those roads to the Plan.

Supervisor Hale advised that he, Supervisor McRoberts, and Chair Reeves met with VDOT in the previous week to discuss the issue. He reported that the Board has worked to modify the Plan to construct Archer Road as a rural rustic road for one and a half years. Supervisor Hale stated that construction of Archer Road, as a rural rustic road would save funds, which could be used to build other Wythe County roads. He explained that Dunford Road is scheduled for construction this year and he would agree to this project, so that a road can be completed. Supervisor Hale noted that if the Board does not adopt the Six-Year Plan, VDOT would pass it anyway and complete the projects they choose. He added that VDOT has stated that they would not proceed with any projects if the Board does not agree to the Plan.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to adopt the Virginia Department of Transportation Secondary Road Six-Year Plan as presented.

Supervisor Houseman requested the addition of New Bethel Road and Greasy Creek Road to the Six-Year Plan.

Supervisor McRoberts made an amended motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to adopt the Virginia Department of Transportation Secondary Road Six-Year Plan with the addition of Greasy Creek Road and New Bethel Road.

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Supervisor Hale recommended the addition of Major Grahams Road and Conners Valley Road to the VDOT Secondary Road Six-Year Plan.

Mr. Dalton noted that when the Board added roads previously, the Commonwealth Transportation Board adopted the Plan presented by the VDOT Residency Administrator, not the County.

Supervisor McRoberts made an amended motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to adopt the Virginia Department of Transportation Secondary Road Six-Year Plan with the addition of Greasy Creek Road, New Bethel Road, Major Grahams Road, and Conners Valley Road.

Supervisor Houseman questioned if the addition of roads to the Plan would jeopardize the construction of Dunford Road or Archer Road.

Mr. Dalton explained that Dunford Road would be constructed in 2014 regardless of the Board's decision. He noted that if Archer Road were modified to a rural rustic road, VDOT would begin construction of Archer Road in the spring of 2015. Mr. Dalton added that those remaining funds from the Archer Road project would be allocated to the next roads on the list. He advised that that does not mean that the roads suggested by the Board for addition to the Plan would be constructed.

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

NAYS: Joe F. Hale

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

**WYTHE COUNTY ENTERPRISE ZONE RESOLUTION**

The Board reviewed Resolution 2014-10 authorizing amendment to the Wythe County Enterprise Zone as follows:

**WYTHE COUNTY  
RESOLUTION 2014-10**

By this resolution, the governing body of Wythe County hereby states and/or authorizes the following:

- Wythe County is applying for an Enterprise Zone amendment;

- Wythe County Board of Supervisors authorizes the County Administrator to submit all information needed to apply for the Zone amendment;
- Wythe County Board of Supervisors authorizes the County Administrator to meet other program administrative and reporting requirements, as defined by the Enterprise Zone Regulations, throughout the life of the Zone.

Supervisor Hale made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Willis to adopt Resolution 2014-10 authorizing amendment to the Wythe County Enterprise Zone.

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.

**JACKSON MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WATER PROJECT**

The Board reviewed a tabulation of the bids received for the Jackson Memorial Elementary School water extension project.

Mr. Dalton noted that Branson Construction, Inc. was the low bidder for the project with a bid in the amount of \$239,165.50.

Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts to accept the bid in the amount of \$239,165.50 from Branson Construction, Inc. for the Jackson Memorial Elementary School water project, pending a check of references.

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.

**OLD SCHOOL ROAD WATER PROJECT**

The Board reviewed a memorandum from the Wythe County Engineering Department outlining Old School Road Loop Change Order No. 2.

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Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts to accept the Old School Road Loop Change Order No. 2.

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.

**WYTHE COUNTY EMS RESPONSE PLAN**

The Board reviewed the updated Wythe County EMS Response Plan as prepared by the County Emergency Services Coordinator.

Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hale to accept the Wythe County EMS response plan 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.

**PARKS AND RECREATION – PETTY CASH FUND INCREASE**

The Board reviewed a memorandum from Kevin Williams, Parks and Recreation Director, requesting an additional \$100 for the Rural Retreat Lake and Campground petty cash fund.

Supervisor Willis made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to increase the Parks and Recreation petty cash fund to \$450.

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.

**VIRGINIA RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

The Board reviewed a resolution in concurrence with the School Board, electing to accept the Virginia Retirement System Board certified rate as follows:

**RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors 55598 does hereby acknowledge that the Wythe County School Board has made the election for its contribution rate to be based on the employer contribution rates certified by the Virginia Retirement System Board of Trustees pursuant to Virginia Code § 51.1-145(I) resulting from the June 30, 2013, actuarial value of assets and liabilities (the "Certified Rate"); and

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors 55598 does hereby certify to the Virginia Retirement System Board of Trustees that it concurs with the election of the Wythe County School Board to pay the Certified Rate, as required by Item 468 (H) of the 2014 Appropriation Act; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the officers of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors 55598 are hereby authorized and directed in the name of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors to execute any required contract to carry out the provisions of this resolution. In execution of any such contract, which may be required, the seal of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors, as appropriate, shall be affixed and attested by the Clerk.

Supervisor Houseman made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Willis to adopt the Virginia Retirement System election resolution as presented by the Wythe County School Board.

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.

**CLOSED MEETING – PROSPECTIVE BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY**

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

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The motion passed unanimously with six ayes and one absent.

Upon returning to open session, a motion was made by Supervisor Hale and 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	Joe F. Hale
	Arthur E. "Artie" Hall	Coy L. McRoberts
	Steven T. Willis	B. G. "Gene" Horney

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

**RECESS**

The Board recessed at 8:28 p.m. until June 17, 2014, at 4 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

The Board reconvened on June 17, 2014, at 4:02 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair  
Arthur E. "Artie" Hall, Vice Chair  
Gary M. Houseman  
Steven T. Willis

Joe F. Hale  
Coy L. McRoberts  
B. G. "Gene" Horney

**STAFF PRESENT:**

R. Cellell Dalton, County Administrator  
Stephen D. Bear, Assistant County Administrator  
Martha G. Collins, Administrative Assistant  
Bruce M. Grant, Finance Director  
Jennifer Druien, Secretary

**BUDGET WORK SESSION**

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed Fiscal Year 2015 expenditure and revenue budgets.

**RECESS**

The Board recessed for a short break at 5:24 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

The Board reconvened at 5:40 p.m.

**BUDGET WORK SESSION – CONTINUED**

The Board continued to discuss the proposed Fiscal Year 2015 expenditure and revenue budgets.

**RECESS**

The Board recessed at 6:50 p.m. until 7 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

The Board reconvened at 7:07 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair  
Arthur E. "Artie" Hall, Vice Chair  
Gary M. Houseman  
Steven T. Willis

Joe F. Hale  
Coy L. McRoberts  
B. G. "Gene" Horney

**STAFF PRESENT:**

R. Cellell Dalton, County Administrator  
Stephen D. Bear, Assistant County Administrator  
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**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Danny Gordon  
Linda Pollard  
Robert Nunn  
Chester Jarosz  
Marcel Legare  
Stephen Hampton

Stephen Crockett  
William Houston  
Millie Rothrock  
Linda Meyer  
Sharon King  
Approximately 15 other citizens

**PUBLIC HEARING – SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE 99-2 AMENDMENT NO. 2**

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 consider proposed Amendment No. 2 to Wythe County Solid Waste Ordinance 99-2. The public hearing, which may be continued or adjourned, and at which persons may appear and present their views on the proposed amendment, will be held at 7 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on June 17, 2014, 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 amendment.

Robert Nunn of 116 Iron Ore Lane in Barren Springs addressed the Board. Mr. Nunn reported that the County recently eliminated vehicle decals, which would allow individuals from surrounding counties to use the area convenience centers. He noted that without the decal there is no way to monitor who is using the centers. Mr. Nunn questioned if the County would collect trash at individual residences or would citizens still be required to transport it to a center. He next inquired if the fee would be charged for each individual property.

Supervisor Hall noted that each individual property would be charged the fee, as the amendment is presently written.

Mr. Nunn asked how the County would monitor the use of the centers. He noted that those from outside of the County would be using the centers, without paying the fee.

Chair Reeves explained that the Board is considering the use of a permanent decal or placard to allow County residents to use the convenience centers.

Mr. Nunn inquired if the Board would raise taxes if they do not charge the fee.

Chester Jarosz of 664 Ridge Avenue in Rural Retreat addressed the Board. Mr. Jarosz questioned why the Board did not hold meetings in each district to discuss the proposed trash disposal fee. He noted that additional meetings would have allowed for more citizen input on the matter. Mr. Jarosz advised that he would have preferred a tax increase to the fee. He inquired who would ensure that each County household pay



their share. Mr. Jarosz next asked how the fee would be collected from renters. He stated that he would be willing to pay the fee if trash was collected at his residence. Mr. Jarosz added that a tax increase could be deducted from his income taxes, but the fee cannot. He recommended a \$0.01 food tax increase similar to the Town of Wytheville instead.

Linda Pollard of 538 Parsonage Avenue in Rural Retreat addressed the Board. Ms. Pollard explained that it is difficult for individuals in the County to even pay their taxes. She noted that social security and retirement does not increase every year. Ms. Pollard added that many citizens do not have the money to pay a fee to use the convenience centers. She asked that the Board reconsider the proposed trash disposal fee.

Marcel Legare of 406 East Buck Avenue in Rural Retreat addressed the Board. Mr. Legare advised that his wife is 84 years old, legally blind, and on a fixed income. He noted that all expenses are increasing with inflation and asked that the Board reconsider the fee.

Stephen Hampton of 139 Cycle Drive in Rural Retreat addressed the Board. Mr. Hampton noted that the previous speaker, Mr. Legare, spoke for him.

Stephen Crockett of 2650 Cripple Creek Road in Ivanhoe addressed the Board. Mr. Crockett reported that he owns between 40-50 rental properties. He noted that the renters have difficulty paying their rent now and questioned how he can pass this fee on to the renter. Mr. Crockett explained that his mother is retired from a sewing factory and receives approximately \$800 a month. He stated that she would not be able to pay a \$100 fee for trash disposal. Mr. Crockett added that he believes that the fee would hurt those who own the property, not those who live on the property. He asked that the Board consider a fee that everyone would be required to pay, not just the property owners.

William Houston of 640 Murphyville Road in Rural Retreat addressed the Board. Mr. Houston asked that the Board consider the following questions: who brought the fee to the table, are the funds collected from the fee needed, when was the fee brought up, where would the citizens get the money to pay the fee, how will the fee be collected, and how will the fee affect the citizens.

With no one else to address the Board, Chair Reeves closed the public hearing.

**PUBLIC HEARING – WATER USE AND MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE 96-4 AMENDMENT NO. 3**

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 consider proposed Amendment No. 3 to Wythe County Water Use and Management Ordinance 96-4. The public hearing, which may be

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continued or adjourned, and at which persons may appear and present their views on the proposed amendment, will be held at 7:05 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on June 17, 2014, before the Board in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia.

Assistant County Administrator, Stephen Bear, reviewed the proposed amendment to the Water Use and Management Ordinance with the Board. He reported that the bill adjustment policy amendment would allow water bill adjustments for catastrophic leaks, which are defined as a metered volume greater than or equal to four times the metered volume of the six-month average volume. Mr. Bear noted that water customers would be limited to one adjustment every twelve months, however they will be eligible to receive an adjustment for two consecutive months billed. He advised that adjustments would be allowed for subsurface leaks only, though non-subsurface leaks not immediately visible may be approved by the Water Committee. Mr. Bear explained that bills would be adjusted to the average of the customer's six-month volume plus a 15% surcharge to cover the cost of the actual water loss.

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

Robert Nunn addressed the Board. Mr. Nunn noted that the County had previously discussed taking over Charles Riddle's wells and charging the citizens on the Barren Springs Waterworks for construction of the new waterline. He questioned if the County still plans to proceed with taking over the Barren Springs Waterworks.

Chair Reeves explained that the matter is currently in court litigation. He added that they are working to resolve the issue as quickly as possible.

Mr. Nunn questioned if the County plans to charge the citizens who currently use the Barren Springs Waterworks system a fee.

With no one else to address the Board, Chair Reeves closed the public hearing.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Reeves adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:37 p.m.

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Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair