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The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, July 8, 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
Steven T. Willis	B. G. "Gene" Horney

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Gary M. Houseman

STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Don Smith	Brian Vaught
Terance Rephann	Wayne Beasley
David Manley	Danny Gordon
Matthew Miller	Buddy Johnstone
Mark Munsey	Linda Meyer

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Chair Reeves determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Don Smith of the Rural Retreat United Methodist 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. New River Campground – Wayne Beasley of 2522 Austinville Road in Austinville and owner of the New River Campground addressed the Board. Mr. Beasley explained that during the previous winter the campground experienced a water leak. He noted that they worked to repair the leak, and provided a detailed description of the leak and what was completed to repair it. Mr. Beasley advised that their recent water bill was approximately \$3,800 and on July 3, the water was turned off. He requested a payment plan to allow the bill to be paid off over a six-month period. Mr. Beasley added that he has rental buildings, as well as the campground and needs the water.

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2. Environmental Protection Agency Regulations – Linda Meyer of 1118 Dry Road in Speedwell addressed the Board. Ms. Meyer reported that she recently received a flyer from the Wythe County Farm Bureau, which contained a notice concerning proposed Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations. She asked that the Board on behalf of the constituents of Wythe County, draft a resolution to oppose the EPA and Army Corps of Engineers’ proposed rules and regulations. Ms. Meyer noted that opposition to the regulations is supported by the Farm Bureau.
3. Illegal Immigrants – Ms. Meyer explained that Virginia has a refugee coordinator in place to assist with the issue of illegal immigrant children. She asked that the Board contact the refugee coordinator to discuss this issue.

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board was presented with the June 30, 2014, minutes for adoption.

Supervisor Hall made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to approve the June 30, 2014, minutes 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: None

ABSENT: Gary M. Houseman

PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on July 8, 2014, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30088608-30088613, 30088615-30088631, and 30088633-30088634 as follows:

**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT
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CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	TOTAL
30088608	07/08/14	ANTHEM BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	\$1,494.00

30088609	07/08/14	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$1,715.66
30088610	07/08/14	BARREN SPRINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.	\$1,569.13
30088611	07/08/14	BUSINESS INFORMATION SYSTEMS	\$285.00
30088612	07/08/14	CASELL, MARY N	\$95.32
30088613	07/08/14	CENTURYLINK	\$42.49
30088615	07/08/14	CENTURYLINK	\$4,819.82
30088616	07/08/14	CENTURYLINK	\$98.09
30088617	07/08/14	CENTURYLINK	\$102.92
30088618	07/08/14	CITIZENS TELEPHONE COOP	\$742.00
30088619	07/08/14	CROCKETT, WALTER S	\$41.61
30088620	07/08/14	GRANT, BRUCE M	\$3,965.21
30088621	07/08/14	JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY	\$42,642.08
30088622	07/08/14	MALONE, JASON B	\$1,000.00
30088623	07/08/14	PITNEY BOWES	\$570.00
30088624	07/08/14	SUNTRUST	\$36,881.92
30088625	07/08/14	SWANK MOTION PICTURES INC.	\$723.00
30088626	07/08/14	TACS	\$2,130.00
30088627	07/08/14	V & M RECYCLING	\$65,426.58
30088628	07/08/14	VACO	\$6,172.00
30088629	07/08/14	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$50.08
30088630	07/08/14	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYSTEMS	\$708.41
30088631	07/08/14	VITA	\$153.22
30088633	07/08/14	VITA	\$362.93
30088634	07/08/14	WILLIAMS, KEVIN	\$106.01
TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 07/08/14			\$171,897.48

Supervisor Hale seconded the motion.

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: None

ABSENT: Gary M. Houseman

AGRICULTURAL EXPOSITION CENTER – ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY

Terance Rephann, Regional Economist for the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Services at the University of Virginia, addressed the Board. Dr. Rephann provided a detailed presentation of the recently completed Appalachian Agricultural Exposition Center

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Economic Impact Study to the Board and those present. He noted that the presentation along with their final report would be posted on the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service website.

Mr. Dalton questioned if the hotel and restaurant impact data includes those businesses located in the Town of Wytheville. He asked if there is a breakdown of the statistics available for the Town and County separately.

Dr. Rephann advised that they did not prepare a breakdown of that data. He noted that the location of the center would impact those numbers.

Mr. Dalton inquired if the available data indicates whether the addition of the center would spur an influx of hotel/motels and restaurants in the vicinity of the center.

Dr. Rephann noted that an additional more focused feasibility study would be needed to make that determination. He explained that there are databases available, which could be utilized to predict whether adequate traffic is available or could be generated by the facility to merit new visitor related industry such as a hotel.

Mr. Dalton asked when comments would need to be submitted to allow for finalization of the report.

Dr. Rephann requested the submittal of comments by the end of next week, if possible.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Newtown Church Road – Supervisor Hale made a motion, as recommended by the Building and Grounds Committee to negotiate with Austinville Limestone for the swap of land for the relocation of the area convenience center to the site at 225 Newtown Church Road.

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: None

ABSENT: Gary M. Houseman

2. Water Tank Removal – Supervisor Hale made a motion, as recommended by the Building and Grounds Committee to accept the bid from DH Griffin for the removal of the water tank at 151 Carbide Lane and to proceed with the project.

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: None

ABSENT: Gary M. Houseman

3. Water Tank Removal – Supervisor Hale made a motion, as recommended by the Building and Grounds Committee to accept the bid from DH Griffin for the removal of the water tank at 135 Slabtown Road and to proceed with removal of the tank.

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: None

ABSENT: Gary M. Houseman

APPOINTMENTS

1. Mount Rogers Planning District Commission Transportation Technical Committee – Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to reappoint Stephen Bear to the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission Transportation Technical Committee.

The motion passed unanimously with six ayes and one absent.

2. New River Regional Water Authority – Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts to reappoint Cellell Dalton to the New River Regional Water Authority.

The motion passed unanimously with six ayes and one absent.

Mr. Dalton requested the appointment of an alternate to the New River Regional Water Authority.

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Chair Reeves referred the appointment of an alternate to the New River Regional Water Authority to the Water Committee for discussion.

3. Recreation Commission – Supervisor Willis made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hall to reappoint Meade Lewis to the Recreation Commission.

The motion passed unanimously with six ayes and one absent.

Supervisor Hall made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Willis to reappoint John Sisti to the Recreation Commission.

The motion passed unanimously with six ayes and one absent.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hale to reappoint Donnie Wyatt to the Recreation Commission.

The motion passed unanimously with six ayes and one absent.

4. Department of Social Services Board – Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to reappoint Nancy Jackson to the Department of Social Services Board.

The motion passed unanimously with six ayes and one absent.

5. Virginia First Industrial Facility Authority – Supervisor Hale questioned the County's role in the Virginia First Industrial Facility Authority.

Mr. Dalton explained that other than being a member and paying dues, the Board is not currently active in the Virginia First Industrial Facility Authority. He noted that he has requested that the County Attorney investigate the process needed to discontinue membership in the Authority.

Supervisor Hale recommended that the Board not make an appointment to the Virginia First Industrial Facility Authority at this time.

The Board agreed.

6. Wytheville Community College Board – Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to nominate Danny McDaniel to serve on the Wytheville Community College Board.

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: None

ABSENT: Gary M. Houseman

Supervisor Hale made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to nominate Joseph W. "Dicky" Morgan to serve on the Wytheville Community College Board.

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: None

ABSENT: Gary M. Houseman

Supervisor McRoberts requested that the Board prepare a resolution thanking Howard Manley and Edmund Pendleton for their service on the Wytheville Community College Board.

The Board agreed.

Mr. Dalton noted that the resolution would be prepared for adoption at the July 22 Board meeting.

RURAL RETREAT WYTHE COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed a letter from the Rural Retreat Wythe County Fair Association requesting waiver of all building permit fees associated with the fair to be held August 6-9.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hale to waive all building permit fees associated with the fair.

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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: None

ABSENT: Gary M. Houseman

PULASKI COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS PICNIC

The Board reviewed an invitation to the Pulaski County Elected Officials Picnic to be held on July 20, 2014, at the Randolph Park Pavilion.

NEW RIVER CAMPGROUND

Chair Reeves referred Wayne Beasley's complaint to the Water Committee for review and discussion.

MAYAPPLE LANE

Supervisor McRoberts reported that the Board had previously made a decision concerning the Mayapple Lane right of way. He asked if the issue could be readdressed by the Board.

Mr. Dalton explained that Greg Hoover had requested the abandonment of the right of way on Mayapple Lane. He advised that the Board has a policy in place that requires the person requesting the abandonment to purchase the vacated right of way for the fair market value of the property.

Mr. Bear reported that based on its dimensions, the property was assessed at 80% of the surrounding lots, which are valued at \$7,250. He noted that using those calculations, the purchase price of the right of way would be \$5,800. Mr. Bear added that Mr. Hoover's attorney had submitted an offer to the Board in the amount of \$1,000.

Chair Reeves referred the issue to the Building and Grounds Committee for further review.

Mr. Dalton noted that the Building and Grounds Committee would hold a called meeting later in the month.

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ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Reeves adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:06 p.m.

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair