

The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 23, 2019. The location of the meeting was in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe F. Hale, Vice Chair
B.G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
Ryan M. Lawson

Charlie G. Lester
Coy L. McRoberts
Brian W. Vaught

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair

STAFF PRESENT:

Stephen D. Bear, County Administrator
Martha Collins, Administrative Assistant/Clerk
Billy Bowers, Building & Grounds Director
Scot Farthing, County Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT:

Faye Barker
Roger Crigger
John Crowgey
Lori Guynn
Doug Hudson
David Jones

Linda Meyer
Kristina Smith
Stacy Terry
Mary Thomas
3 other citizens

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Hale determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Roger Crigger, Rural Retreat Pentecostal Holiness Church, provided the invocation and Vice Chair Hale led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS' TIME

Vice Chair Hale inquired if anyone present wished to address the Board.

1. Business Licensing – Mr. David Jones appeared before the Board and stated "My name is David Jones and I live here in the Town district. I just left the Town

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meeting last night. We've had an issue going on for several years that I've been trying to get addressed and finally they passed that last night. Got the Town sticker for businesses, that way they can be identified. Most of that problem is coming out of the County because the County has no way to identify who they are. There's no business license. You've got people that are just waking up today saying 'I'm going to come out - and I'm going to become a business'. Well without a business license, without a business sticker, there's no way to identify them. The Town has closed that loophole now, and I'm here this morning hoping that you all will hear and listen to what I'm saying to try to help close that. Now the County and, of course Marion, are the two biggest places that have this problem. So basically, what I'm saying, if I want to do this, all I've got to do is wake up, drive out, hook up to a truck and trailer and I can evade taxes. I can go in the County jurisdiction and there's no way to track me down. I can just be another truck with equipment - how can you tell me any different from the next guy? You walk outside, you can't point my vehicle out from the next guy parked out there. That's kind of my point. Most of you all don't know me so if I show up at your house and I speak to you and I come to your house and you give me a job, I break something or I make a mistake, how do you track me down? You don't have any credentials because we're not asking for those. There's no way to show it. My family business has been going since 1969. I've opened up a secondary business; that way I'm not working with all my brothers and sisters in that business. There's a lot of things that are just not happening and, as this town evolves, we need to close these loopholes. Wythe County is only going to get bigger and we can help clean up the community by making sure people do their jobs correctly, making sure there's a business license. I think you all have a tax ticket in the County or something. That's not helping. There's no paperwork to prove who these guys are. A business license will be a much more efficient way to do this. I know you already have a system but I think that system is broke. Putting a sticker that the Town has already designing in your window with a three-digit number that would register to my business, would be a quick solution. That way, somebody drives by, if an officer wants to know if I'm a licensed business, he sees that sticker just like an inspection. The Town's doing it, the Town thinks it's a great idea, Mayor Beth Taylor liked the idea. I spoke with her first. And I would appreciate you all considering this because, like I told them last night, they were talking about a 15-yard minimum. I said well if you're going to do that, I said I can pay my bills completely off of 15 yards. I said \$3,000 a month would be an easy income off of 15 yards. If you allow somebody to evade taxes on 15 yards, then I can pay my house payment, my vehicle payment, my insurance, my lights, everything, and buy everything I need. So, I think kids should be allowed to go

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out and work in the County without any issues and that adults should be paying taxes. If we continue to allow this, then who's going to be paying taxes? Everybody right now, every time you go out the door, you see a new milling service, a new landscaper, but they're not really landscapers; they're just somebody that walked out the door that absolutely has no clue what they're doing; they're not knowledgeable in these jobs, but they're doing them. I do give them a thumbs up for the work ethics but I don't give them a thumbs up for evading taxes. I hope you all consider this and I will continue to follow-up and try to see where you stand on this. Thank you."

Supervisor Hale commented that seldom do people come in asking for a new tax in place!

Mr. Jones responded "It needs to be done. We need to pay and like I told them, I don't mind buying those stickers. I've talked to other large landscaping companies and they said that they would be more than happy to pay for those stickers. A lot of them are thanking me for coming forward to do this. I'm also proposing to the Town of Wytheville a permanent brush disposal sticker and like I told them, I said 'charge us'. We don't mind paying because we own property in the County and that's another issue. We've got a blue-collar guy, got a \$300,000 home, and it's just eating that guy alive. Next door, we've got a piece of property that's brush disposal. Can you imagine how irritating that is to that guy? I'm not the only person – every landscaper owns a piece of property somewhere in the County jurisdiction with brush disposal. If we can get that problem fixed, that property can now be developed into housing which will make the property value go up in the County opposed to driving it in the dirt. We need to make all these things change and you want the property value for that guy that owns the \$300,000 home to go up because our properties are riding it in the dirt right now. But what do we do? Trying to get the Town on board with that sticker but if we don't get the Town on board with that sticker, then people are going to continue buying property paying \$20,000 for a piece of land just to put a compost pile on. Then of course they say "well you can go to the Town Office and you get to buy a brush disposal'. Well, you're allowed to have brush this tall on your trailer; do you know a landscaper who's going to put brush this tall on his trailer? I don't. It would take him a month to do one tree. We like to have brush that tall on our truck. That way we can get the job done at the most efficient cost for the customer and for ourselves."

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2. Speedwell Feed Lot – Ms. Linda Meyer appeared before the Board and stated “Good morning. I’m curious if we’ve gotten any information about our feed lot issue in Speedwell.”

Mr. Bear responded that Mr. Spraker has been following-up with DEQ and VDAC on the issue. They indicated that they are continuing to monitor but we have not yet received any specific reports on air quality, water quality, etc.

3. Telephone Book - Ms. Meyer also stated “Last Friday I had an issue and I needed to call the non-911 number for the Sheriff’s Office. So there’s two numbers in the telephone book, the 2018 telephone book, which I called and it rang and rang and rang and rang on both numbers, like forever. And I’m like I didn’t want to call 911 so anyway, on my way out that evening, I stopped at the Sheriff’s Office and there was a lady there and she said I should’ve been calling 223-6000. That’s not what’s in the telephone book and there’s no answering machine on the two numbers that are in the telephone book. So, we need to either scratch them or update them one way or the other because, I mean, I’m old school, I don’t have a smart phone and that kind of stuff so I use my telephone book. And in the 2019, those numbers are listed, not the 6000 number. So, it’s very very inconvenient and people don’t know and so on. Plus, I also noted, we used to have a Government Offices page in the 2018 phone book. That has been eliminated in CenturyLink 2019 phone book to the point that they even have, under Government Offices, Ann Crockett-Stark is listed. That’s kind of sad. Because she hasn’t been there for what, 5-6 years? And they’re still putting her name under Government Offices. So, we need to get on the stick so people can know if they need to call the Sheriff’s Office. Either get an answering machine for those two numbers that are listed or make sure the 6000 number is posted, or any other number and then, of course, I was wondering what other numbers on this list don’t work anymore. So, we really need to update it and get on the stick for 2020, if they publish a phone book. Thank you.”

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

PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

Supervisor Horney made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on July 23, 2019, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30104136-30104283 as follows:

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**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT
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CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
30104136	07/12/2019	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$17,916.40
30104137	07/12/2019	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	2,414.94
30104138	07/12/2019	CENTURYLINK	6,966.00
30104139	07/12/2019	DELL MARKETING LP	5,538.96
30104140	07/12/2019	DUNAGAN, KEITH	229.35
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 07/12/2019			\$33,065.65

CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
30104141	07/23/2019	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$10,526.41
30104142	07/23/2019	BLUE RIDGE AUTO PARTS INC	139.99
30104143	07/23/2019	BLUE RIDGE AUTO PARTS INC	110.78
30104144	07/23/2019	BRENNTAG MID-SOUTH INC	2,117.00
30104145	07/23/2019	CAMPBELL & ASSOC. PC	120.00
30104146	07/23/2019	CARDNO INC	435.00
30104147	07/23/2019	CARROLL COUNTY PSA	7,420.42
30104148	07/23/2019	CAVALIER SUPPLY CO	1,657.14
30104149	07/23/2019	CENTRAL BUILDERS INC	35,720.00
30104150	07/23/2019	CHEROKEE CONSTRUCTION CO	700.00
30104151	07/23/2019	COMSONICS	474.00
30104152	07/23/2019	COUNTS, LENNON	201.60
30104153	07/23/2019	CSG SYSTEMS, INC	1,659.93
30104154	07/23/2019	DEPT OF MOTOR VEHICLES	10.00
30104155	07/23/2019	EMS INC	1,185.00
30104156	07/23/2019	FARTHING, SCOT S	2,865.00
30104157	07/23/2019	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES #5	461.00
30104158	07/23/2019	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES #5	1,287.60
30104159	07/23/2019	FIDELITY POWER SYSTEMS	475.00
30104160	07/23/2019	GALLS	832.24
30104161	07/23/2019	HALE, JOE	138.04
30104162	07/23/2019	HARPO'S HARDWARE & BLDG S	170.51
30104163	07/23/2019	HORNEY, B. GENE JR	109.52
30104164	07/23/2019	HURT & PROFFITT INC	2,291.00
30104165	07/23/2019	JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE AUTH	43,092.40
30104166	07/23/2019	LANDSCAPE SUPPLY	495.00

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30104167	07/23/2019	LANTAGNE LEGAL PRINTING	80.00
30104168	07/23/2019	LEXISNEXIS	212.00
30104169	07/23/2019	LEXISNEXIS	724.00
30104170	07/23/2019	MANSFIELD OIL CO	7,206.27
30104171	07/23/2019	MATTHEW BENDER & CO INC	261.12
30104172	07/23/2019	MCI COMM SERVICE	33.92
30104173	07/23/2019	MCI COMM SERVICE	82.04
30104174	07/23/2019	MCI COMM SERVICE	507.53
30104175	07/23/2019	MCROBERTS, COY L	129.92
30104176	07/23/2019	MEADE TRACTOR	91.48
30104177	07/23/2019	NEW RIVER REGIONAL WATER	21,143.74
30104178	07/23/2019	NEW RIVER VALLEY JUVENILE	790.00
30104179	07/23/2019	NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL	128,397.50
30104180	07/23/2019	NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS	417.10
30104181	07/23/2019	OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDIC	20.00
30104182	07/23/2019	PITNEY BOWES	591.00
30104183	07/23/2019	PROFESSIONAL COMM SYSTEMS	375.00
30104184	07/23/2019	PROTECT YOUTH SPORTS	15.95
30104185	07/23/2019	R&C TOWING & REPAIR CO	100.00
30104186	07/23/2019	R&R ENTERPRISES INC	1,722.50
30104187	07/23/2019	R.E. MICHEL COMPANY, LLC	150.00
30104188	07/23/2019	RCI	142.50
30104189	07/23/2019	REEVES, TIMOTHY A SR	36.54
30104190	07/23/2019	RURAL RETREAT AUTO PARTS	29.65
30104191	07/23/2019	SALEM STONE	299.65
30104192	07/23/2019	SHELTON, LISA	88.40
30104193	07/23/2019	SOUTHWESTERN EQUIPMENT	503.15
30104194	07/23/2019	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	125.82
30104195	07/23/2019	TACS	525.00
30104196	07/23/2019	TERRY, CHRIS J	257.07
30104197	07/23/2019	THOMPSON TIRE	83.99
30104198	07/23/2019	THREE RIVERS MEDIA CORP	330.00
30104199	07/23/2019	TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE	850.75
30104200	07/23/2019	TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNA	50.00
30104201	07/23/2019	TRI CITIES/SW VA REGIONAL	765.80
30104202	07/23/2019	TWO WAY RADIO	65.00
30104203	07/23/2019	UNIFIRST CORP	69.08
30104204	07/23/2019	US CELLULAR	100.00
30104205	07/23/2019	US CELLULAR	100.00

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30104206	07/23/2019	USA BLUE BOOK	460.40
30104207	07/23/2019	V&M RECYCLING	65,653.48
30104208	07/23/2019	VACORP	48.00
30104209	07/23/2019	VAUGHT, BRIAN W	202.42
30104210	07/23/2019	VIRGINIA ELECTRIC SUPPLY,	135.00
30104211	07/23/2019	WASTE INDUSTRIES	528.00
30104212	07/23/2019	WILLIAMS, KEVIN	133.28
30104213	07/23/2019	WILSON BAIT & TACKLE INC	230.80
30104214	07/23/2019	WYTHE CO HEALTH DEPT	1,304.00
30104215	07/23/2019	WYTHE COUNTY ANIMAL CLINI	192.00
30104216	07/23/2019	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	645.93
30104217	07/23/2019	WYTHEVILLE MEETING CENTER	175.30
30104218	07/23/2019	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	249.99
30104219	07/23/2019	XEROX	514.78

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 07/23/2019**\$352,641.53**

CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
30104220	07/23/2019	APPALACHIAN POWER CIAC-VA	\$241.22
30104221	07/23/2019	ASSOC OF CLERKS OF THE	100.00
30104222	07/23/2019	BARREN SPRINGS VOL FIRE D	10,727.27
30104223	07/23/2019	BIG WALKER SWCD	2,000.00
30104224	07/23/2019	CATRON, BOBBY	18.00
30104225	07/23/2019	CENTURYLINK	39.98
30104226	07/23/2019	CENTURYLINK	59.51
30104227	07/23/2019	CENTURYLINK	249.17
30104228	07/23/2019	CENTURYLINK	304.56
30104229	07/23/2019	CINTAS CORP NO 2	70.32
30104230	07/23/2019	COLLINS AUTO REPAIR INC	20.00
30104231	07/23/2019	COMM OF THE REV ASSOC OF	380.00
30104232	07/23/2019	CONLEY, BRITTANI	72.80
30104233	07/23/2019	CORE&MAIN LP	372.90
30104234	07/23/2019	CRAV	375.00
30104235	07/23/2019	CRIGGER, SHARON	25.00
30104236	07/23/2019	DEAN, RONNIE	50.00
30104237	07/23/2019	ECONOMY QUICK LUBE	207.00
30104238	07/23/2019	ENTERPRISE FM TRUST	5,147.80
30104239	07/23/2019	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES #5	374.00
30104240	07/23/2019	RAYMOND M. ROBERTSON	35.82
30104241	07/23/2019	GRAINGER	415.96

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30104242	07/23/2019	GRANT, BRUCE M	4,343.59
30104243	07/23/2019	HALL'S GARAGE DOORS	555.00
30104244	07/23/2019	HARPO'S HARDWARE & BLDG S	64.25
30104245	07/23/2019	HAYES, OLIVIA	98.00
30104246	07/23/2019	HEDRICKS AUTO REPAIR INC	35.00
30104247	07/23/2019	HERSHEY CREAMERY CO	270.63
30104248	07/23/2019	IVANHOE FIRE DEPT	11,272.83
30104249	07/23/2019	LEAD MINES RESCUE SQUAD	100.00
30104250	07/23/2019	LEAD MINES RESCUE SQUAD	9,804.08
30104251	07/23/2019	LUMOS NETWORKS	31.72
30104252	07/23/2019	MAX MEADOWS FIRE DEPT	11,272.83
30104253	07/23/2019	MAX MEADOWS FIRE DEPT	6,105.57
30104254	07/23/2019	MCANALLY, ANGIE	78.20
30104255	07/23/2019	MEEKS, TERRY	18.00
30104256	07/23/2019	MILLER, RAY	50.00
30104257	07/23/2019	MOUNT ROGERS PLANNING DIS	4,609.50
30104258	07/23/2019	PREFERRED SOURCES INC	1,678.75
30104259	07/23/2019	R&R ENTERPRISES INC	135.00
30104260	07/23/2019	R.E. MICHEL COMPANY, LLC	76.32
30104261	07/23/2019	RURAL RETREAT FIRE DEPT	10,498.99
30104262	07/23/2019	RURAL RETREAT VOL EMERG S	9,804.08
30104263	07/23/2019	SHENTEL	68.37
30104264	07/23/2019	SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA CRIMIN	15,886.00
30104265	07/23/2019	SPEEDWELL FIRE DEPT	9,253.51
30104266	07/23/2019	THOMPSON TIRE	59.95
30104267	07/23/2019	US CELLULAR	634.82
30104268	07/23/2019	US CELLULAR	697.85
30104269	07/23/2019	VACA	350.00
30104270	07/23/2019	VACORP	164,548.50
30104271	07/23/2019	VIRGINIA LAW ENFORCEMENT	1,750.00
30104272	07/23/2019	VIRGINIA RESOURCES AUTHOR	2,619.74
30104273	07/23/2019	VIRGINIA STATE BAR	1,450.00
30104274	07/23/2019	VLGMA	295.00
30104275	07/23/2019	WILSON BAIT & TACKLE INC	288.00
30104276	07/23/2019	WOLFE, WES	18.00
30104277	07/23/2019	WYTHE CO RESCUE SQUAD	1,104.08
30104278	07/23/2019	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	154.99
30104279	07/23/2019	WYTHE-GRAYSON REGIONAL LI	81,113.75
30104280	07/23/2019	WYTHEVILLE FIRE DEPT	11,272.83

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30104281	07/23/2019	WYTHEVILLE FIRE DEPT	160.00
30104282	07/23/2019	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	214.97
30104283	07/23/2019	WYTHEVILLE-WYTHE-BLAND	3,600.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 07/23/2019			\$387,729.01

TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 07/23/2019 **\$773,436.19**

Supervisor Lester seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board was presented with the July 9, 2019 minutes for approval.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lawson, to approve the July 9, 2019, minutes as presented.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Bear mentioned there are still a few appointments that remain open, and that he recently submitted the name of someone to the Board for consideration.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Vaught, to appoint Butch Brewer to the Recreation Commission.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Lori Guynn appeared before the Board and reported the following:

1. Revenue Statement – Mrs. Guynn reported that the Consolidated Account was comprised of \$58,277,302 of which \$36,253,600 was in the General Fund Account at the end of June. This reflects a decrease from May, much of which is attributable to fiscal year-end expenses/purchasing.
2. Collections – Mrs. Guynn reported that they've exceeded 100% of what was budgeted in just about every category. They are still averaging 97% of collections to what was billed.

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3. Tax Bills – Mrs. Guynn will be working with Mr. Suthers and Mrs. Barker’s office in preparation for the upcoming tax cycle.
4. Delinquent Real Estate Taxes - Mrs. Guynn said that last year the Board of Supervisors published the delinquent real estate tax list in the Wytheville Enterprise and the delinquent personal property tax list was published online. The delinquent taxes on real estate totaled over \$490,000 (tax and penalty) and personal property is over \$424,000. Mrs. Guynn said that some customers have paid since June 30th and she recommends an updated list for publication.

Vice Chair Hale stated that the Treasurer’s efforts are greatly appreciated in helping us increase revenue so we don’t have to add new taxes.

Mrs. Guynn added that her office also works with taxpayers to setup payment plans. Original bills go out in the Fall and delinquent notices are sent in early April.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester, to publish an updated list of both delinquent real estate and personal property taxes online, and delinquent real estate tax in the local newspaper.

The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Guynn also thanked the Board for the pay increases for her two County-funded positions, and she’s happy to report that her office is now fully staffed.

WATER COMMITTEE

1. Ft. Chiswell Pump Station Generator Set – Supervisor Horney made a motion, as recommended by the Water Committee, to proceed with the purchase of a Caterpillar generator set for the Ft. Chiswell Pump Station in the amount of \$96,462.07. The purchase will be made through Sourcewell cooperative purchasing.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Brian W. Vaught Coy L. McRoberts
Charlie G. Lester B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
Ryan M. Lawson Joe F. Hale

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

2. Account Adjustment for Josh & Heather Lewis – Supervisor Horney made a motion, as recommended by the Water Committee, to approve an account adjustment for Josh and Heather Lewis, 466 Broadway Road, Wytheville, releasing the judgement and writing off any account balance. No signed contract exists and the residence is outside the 350' requirement for connection. The account balance as of July 2, 2019 was \$11,050.88.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Brian W. Vaught Coy L. McRoberts
Charlie G. Lester B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
Ryan M. Lawson Joe F. Hale

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

3. Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund - Supervisor Horney made a motion, as recommended by the Water Committee, to proceed with an application for financial assistance through the Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund (due date 7/26/19). Inspections and smoke testing have identified issues in Austinville requiring attention.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Brian W. Vaught Coy L. McRoberts
Charlie G. Lester B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
Ryan M. Lawson Joe F. Hale

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT

County Attorney Scot Farthing appeared before the Board and recommended they go into closed session to discuss bid proposal as well as a transportation service district.

CLOSED MEETING – CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

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

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Coy L. McRoberts
	Charlie G. Lester	B.G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Joe F. Hale

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

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

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Coy L. McRoberts
	Charlie G. Lester	B.G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Joe F. Hale

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

Upon returning to open meeting, Supervisor Lester made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lawson 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:	Brian W. Vaught	Coy L. McRoberts
	Charlie G. Lester	B.G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Joe F. Hale

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

APEX CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

1. Utility Barn Bids – Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, as recommended by the APEX Construction Committee, to reject all bids and place the utility barn out for bid again with revised plans and bid documents to reflect the following:
 - A. Bid a 32,000 square foot building only
 - B. Remove asphalt floor and construct with dirt floor only (show location of borrow area, if needed)
 - C. Indicate floor to be flat but may slope from base elevation level to lower elevation level, not exceed more than 20 inches in elevation change
 - D. Install French Foundation drains to the footers on the inside and outside
 - E. Decrease height of cement board liner panel to 4'

F. Address electrical service to building not specified in previous plan

Mr. Bear requested item F be clarified so it can be incorporated into the HDH design plans. The two options are: (1) Have AEP set a new pole adjacent to existing pole at an estimated cost of \$5,000. County would then have to install a conduit from the pole to the main building at an estimated cost of \$4,200 not including labor; or (2) the County purchase a transformer to run over to the barn through existing conduits in the main building at an approximate cost of \$7,200. If the County buys the transformer, any repairs or replacement would be the County's responsibility.

Vice Chair Hale suggested a separate meter (separate pole) since the barn will be a revenue-producing building where electrical costs should be separate from the main building. He recommends the AEP pole and running a conduit to the main building.

Mr. Bowers disagreed and feels it's better to go with existing electric in the APEX building. He stated that the initial upfront and continuing cost is more to install an AEP pole than to use the existing service from the APEX center. There's also the advantage of being able to upgrade the barn electrical coming from the APEX because of three-phase power versus single phase that would come from the pole.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion to amend item F of his original motion to read "Address electrical service to building with the installation of an AEP pole". Supervisor Lester seconded that motion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Charlie G. Lester	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Coy L. McRoberts	Joe F. Hale

NAYS:	Brian W. Vaught	Ryan M. Lawson
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ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

2. Parking Lot Repair – Supervisor Hale made a motion, as recommended by the APEX Construction Committee, to accept RGM's proposal to repair the parking lot with a 2'x2' drop inlet/catch basin grate at the low point, piped into downspout

drainage approximately 25' away. RGM will also remove any wet areas under asphalt and recompact with new material, re-pave and slope as necessary. This work will be done at no additional cost.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Coy L. McRoberts
	Charlie G. Lester	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Joe F. Hale

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

APEX UPDATE – KRISTINA SMITH

Mrs. Smith reported that in the past two months she's been working hard to build processes in order to run the APEX efficiently and profitably. Venues historically profit when they promote their own events and, as such, they are working towards that, making the APEX the event promoter.

Mrs. Smith commented that she sent out about 20 different contracts with estimates to fill the Fall calendar. There will also be a concert series running in August which they will soon be heavily promoting. She also reported that both the Titans of the Cage and Millbridge Speedway are on the calendar for this Fall.

Supervisor Vaught asked when these events will appear on the APEX events calendar online.

Mrs. Smith replied that she doesn't post them "publicly" until a signed contract and deposit has been received. She said the last artist of the summer concert series was just confirmed yesterday and this event will be posted and advertised very soon. Historically, the summer months are quiet for this industry unless you have an outdoor venue. Mrs. Smith added that the barn will provide an additional revenue stream for them, pulling in several different agricultural-based groups. They've already had to turn away a handful of people for summer events because the barn is not yet constructed.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

1. Amendments & Appropriations – Supervisor Lester made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to amend and appropriate the following:

A.	3104-453020	Telecommunications-Bldg Dept	\$ 1,800.00
B.	7109-453020	Telecommunications-Parks & Rec	\$ 1,800.00
C.	32021-457275	ATL Funds-BSFD	\$11,272.83
D.	32022-457255	ATL Funds-IFD	\$11,272.83
E.	32023-457265	ATL Funds-MMFD	\$11,272.83
F.	32024-457235	ATL Funds-RRFD	\$11,272.83
G.	32025-457545	ATL Funds-SFD	\$11,272.83
H.	32026-457225	ATL Funds-WFD	\$11,272.83
I.	32025-461400	SFD reimbursements	\$ 8,700.00
J.	32023-461400	MMFD turnout gear	\$ 2,837.00
K.	2201-470012	Commonwealth Attorney computers	\$ 7,953.90

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Coy L. McRoberts
	Charlie G. Lester	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Joe F. Hale

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

2. Petty Cash Increase – Supervisor Lester made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to approve an increase to Parks & Recreation Department petty cash of \$100 bringing the total amount of petty cash to \$550 (split between campground, pool and P&R Dept). With the increased days Rural Retreat Pool is open, more cash is needed to break larger bills. The increase of \$100 will be used exclusively by Rural Retreat Pool.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Coy L. McRoberts
	Charlie G. Lester	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Joe F. Hale

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

3. Virginia War Memorial – Supervisor Lester made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to approve \$100 contribution to the Virginia War Memorial Foundation in support of their *Speak Their Names* Campaign. They are requesting \$1 for each hero (per county) who has made the ultimate sacrifice. Wythe County has 97 heroes enshrined at the War Memorial.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Coy L. McRoberts
	Charlie G. Lester	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Joe F. Hale

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

Mr. Bear added that the Public Information Officer, Mr. Stowers, will be putting out a press release indicating the County's support of this campaign and listing the names of the 97 heroes from Wythe County.

4. Victim Witness Grant - Supervisor Lester made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to accept the DCJS Victim Witness Grant in the amount of \$97,310 and authorize the County Administrator to sign the necessary documentation.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Coy L. McRoberts
	Charlie G. Lester	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Joe F. Hale

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

5. Law Enforcement Block Grant - Supervisor Lester made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to accept the DCJS Local Law Enforcement Block Grant in the amount of \$1,184, contingent upon the Sheriff agreeing to the special conditions on how the funds are to be managed, and authorize the County Administrator to sign the necessary documentation.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Charlie G. Lester B.G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
Ryan M. Lawson Joe F. Hale
Coy L. McRoberts

ABSTAIN: Brian W. Vaught

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

6. APEX Utility Barn Reimbursement Resolution – Supervisor Lester made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to adopt Resolution 2019-20 declaring an official intent to reimburse expenditures made in connection with the APEX Center from the proceeds of bonds. This resolution will allow the County to be reimbursed for any expenses in conjunction with the barn made prior to the closing of the bond. The Resolution is as follows:

**WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2019-20
RESOLUTION DECLARING AN OFFICIAL INTENT TO
REIMBURSE EXPENDITURES MADE IN CONNECTION
WITH THE APEX CENTER FROM THE PROCEEDS OF BONDS**

WHEREAS, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors (the "Board") may make capital expenditures (the "Expenditures") in connection with site improvements to the APEX Center, including parking areas, lights and a barn (the "Project"); and,

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the funds advanced to pay Expenditures are or will be available for only a temporary period and it will be necessary or advisable to reimburse those Expenditures with the proceeds of an issue of obligations (the "Bonds").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. It is found and declared that the Board reasonably expects to reimburse Expenditures made with respect to the Project with proceeds of the Bonds.
2. The maximum aggregate principal amount of the Bonds expected to be issued for the Project is \$1,000,000.
3. To the extent required under applicable law, the Board will make a reimbursement allocation, which is a written allocation that evidences the use of proceeds of the Bonds to reimburse an Expenditure, no later than 18 months after the latter of (a) the date on which the Expenditure is paid or (b) the Project is placed in service or abandoned, but in no event more than three (3) years after the date on which the Expenditure is paid. It is recognized that exceptions are available for certain "preliminary expenditures", costs of issuance, certain de minimis amounts, expenditures by "small issuers" and expenditures for construction projects of at least five years.
4. This resolution is intended to constitute the "official intent" of the Board under Section 1.150-2 of the regulations promulgated under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Adopted this 23rd day of July, 2019.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Coy L. McRoberts
	Charlie G. Lester	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Joe F. Hale

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

7. Capital Improvements Funding – Supervisor Lester made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to direct staff to pursue \$1 million

bond from Rural Development for APEX barn with a 40-year term, and a \$2 million bond issuance with VACO/VML Finance for Exit 77 development area.

Supervisor Vaught commented that in previous discussions, it was not clear that the \$1 million bond was solely for the barn.

Mr. Bear clarified that the \$1 million bond is for the APEX capital improvements, not specifically the barn.

Supervisor Lawson asked if the two issues mentioned could be voted on separately.

Mr. Bear responded that the Board can vote on these separately, and the Vice Chair agreed.

The roll call vote on the \$1 million APEX capital improvement bond from Rural Development for a 40-year term was as follows:

AYES:	Charlie G. Lester Coy L. McRoberts	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr. Joe F. Hale
NAYS:	Brian W. Vaught	Ryan M. Lawson
ABSENT:	Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.	

With respect to the Exit 77 development, Supervisor Lawson feels that this is the answer to a lot of problems in the County. Developing this area, she said, will create more opportunity for tax revenue.

The roll call vote on the \$2 million bond issuance with VACO/VML Finance for Exit 77 development area was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught Charlie G. Lester Ryan M. Lawson	Coy L. McRoberts B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr. Joe F. Hale
NAYS:	None	
ABSENT:	Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.	

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Stephen Bear addressed the Board with the following:

1. Staff Street – Mr. Bear explained that Mr. John Crowgey of Staff Street in Lead Mines Estates, submitted a request that the County provide 100% of the funding for necessary improvements to Staff Street, and for VDOT to take this street into the secondary state highway system.

Mr. Crowgey said that the written material he submitted pretty much covers it all and that he is here basically to answer any questions the Board may have.

Mr. Bear has indicated to Mr. Crowgey and recommends the Board deny the request for the County to pay 100% of the funding. Mr. Bear recommends we apply for revenue sharing; final application is due by October 1. As with others, Staff Street residents must commit to provide funding or petition the Board for creation of a transportation service district. Mr. Bear said the VDOT construction estimate is \$150,000, and utility relocation cost is unknown at this time. The County will only charge "actual" costs.

Supervisor McRoberts feels this cost is excessive for what he believes is just 2/10 of a mile.

Supervisor Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester, to deny Mr. Crowgey's request for the County to fund this project 100%.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Coy L. McRoberts
	Charlie G. Lester	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Joe F. Hale

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

Mr. Bear added that staff will continue to work with Mr. Crowgey on developing the petition.

2. Max Meadows Ball Field Lease - Mr. Bear reported that Norfolk Southern Railway has requested a revision to the current lease agreement (in effect since 2003), removing property on south side of the tracks which has never been used by the County. This would reduce the County liability and we wouldn't have to maintain it. Mr. Bear said the revised lease will now cover just the Max Meadows ball field inside the chain-link fenced.

Supervisor Vaught made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester, to approve the Max Meadows Ball Field lease with Norfolk Southern and to allow County Administrator to sign the lease agreement.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Coy L. McRoberts
	Charlie G. Lester	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Joe F. Hale

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

3. VDOT Administered Locally Funded Project – Progress Park Project – Mr. Bear announced that we finally received a project agreement for the connector road. They have been working to connect Nye Road over to Progress Park for many years and the new access road will reduce tractor trailer traffic on Peppers Ferry Road. Mr. Bear announced the County has a revenue sharing match of \$5,242,777 and, more importantly, was awarded Smart Scale funding in the amount of \$12,857,000 on top of that. He said the total estimated cost for the new road is \$23,342,554 and the total cost to Wythe County is \$5,242,777. Both Mr. Bear and Mr. Vaughan worked very hard for a long time to get these applications approved.

Vice Chair Hale noted the very serious accident that recently took place on Peppers Ferry Road. The connector road will have a big impact on reducing the amount of tractor trailer traffic and related accidents. This is a serious safety improvement for the County.

The project as designed is a 2.3 mile two-lane roadway from E. Lee Trinkle Drive to Nye Road with an unsignalized intersection at Lovers Lane.

Supervisor Lester made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lawson, to enter into an agreement for Wythe County for project #999-098-840.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Coy L. McRoberts
	Charlie G. Lester	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Joe F. Hale

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

4. Wythe-Bland Foundation Grant Application, Resolution 2019-21 – Mr. Bear stated this is for Parks & Recreation application for the continuance of the Shape Up Wythe Sheffey program which has been successful over the past few years. Resolution 2019-21 is as follows:

**WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2019-21
AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION AND FILING
OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE
WYTHE-BLAND FOUNDATION**

WHEREAS, the Wythe-Bland Foundation is soliciting applications for the 2019 Grant Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors has determined that the continuation of the Shape Up Wythe Sheffey Program in Wythe County meets the program requirements.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors wishes to make application to the Wythe-Bland Foundation's 2019 Grant Program in order to obtain funding for the Shape Up Wythe Sheffey Exercise Program.

Adopted this 23rd day of July, 2019.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lester, to adopt Resolution 2019-21 authorizing the preparation and filing of a grant application to the Wythe-Bland Foundation to obtain funding for the Shape Up Wythe Sheffey program.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Coy L. McRoberts
	Charlie G. Lester	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Joe F. Hale

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

5. Capital Improvement Plan/Financial Planning – Mr. Bear has communicated with financial firms regarding financial planning for Wythe County. One of those firms has done a lot of work with surrounding counties. They basically take an overall view of the County's financial position, review existing debt service, make recommendations to the County to improve the financial position now and in the future (interest savings). Mr. Bear said that a financial planning firm could also help us in obtaining a bond rating for the County, one that we currently do not have. Having a good bond rating would not only help us to get bonds, but would also help us in attracting industry to Wythe County (showing that we are a financial stable area). He shared with the Board a draft working document of some of these items. Mr. Bear would like to meet with the Board of Supervisors, as well as the School Board, over the next month or so to further discuss and refine our capital improvements plan.
6. Hurt & Proffitt ("H&P") – Exit 77 Development Area – Mr. Bear stated he just received this information yesterday which is why it wasn't included on today's agenda. H&P did the design work for the Exit 77 Development Area project which required a traffic impact analysis. It came to their attention that their analysis did not include Saturday traffic and, therefore, they need to include that in the analysis. They recommend an amendment to our agreement to include this work (required by VDOT) in the amount of \$3,430. VDOT will then determine what and how many turn lanes are needed for building the access road into the Exit 77 development area.

Vice Chair Hale asked about the original agreement and did it mention an hourly rate? The cost seems excessive.

Mr. Bear said the agreement uses standard language but states the work would require counts over several weekends including 10 State intersections for analysis. H&P is subbing the work to Malone & Associates and said that it would be less costly to use Malone than if H&P did the work themselves. Mr. Bear said the sooner we get this work done, the sooner we can grade the lots and get them ready to market for sale.

Supervisor Lester made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Vaught, to approve amendment to H&P agreement and authorize the County Administrator to sign the amended agreement.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Coy L. McRoberts
	Charlie G. Lester	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Joe F. Hale

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

1. Pine Glade Road – Supervisor Vaught asked about the area near Heldreth's which is horrible with potholes (same area he complained about last year). He's not sure that anything was ever done and he asked Mr. Bear to reach out to Mr. Fowler (VDOT) for some relief.
2. Park & Ride Ft. Chiswell – Supervisor Vaught was contacted by a concerned citizen who had their vehicle broken into there. He understands it's VDOT property but asked if there's any way we can get some lighting out there. Supervisor Vaught said that while it's a great resource, the lighting is limited, there's trash, and vandalism. He asked, even if the County has to pay for it for our citizens, can we get some lighting up there.

Mr. Bear will send a request to Mr. Russell and see what can be done at their expense first.

3. School Resource Officers – Supervisor Lawson has a few concerns about the School Security Guards. Due to the new Virginia laws, the School Security Guards are now managed by the School Board. There are a few teachers concerned about a certain guard who is also a bus driver. She said he will not be full time from 8:00-3:00 in the school. Supervisor Lawson plans to talk with the School Board about it. She added that we lose a lot of control when the School Board is managing the program.

Mr. Bear said while the security guards are under the School Board, it's a Fair Labor Standards Act issue and similar to what schools went through 15-16 years ago with assistant coaches and others regarding overtime requirements, etc. They are on a 180-day work cycle with limited number of hours employees can work under part-time status. Mr. Bear acknowledges the School Board has limitations but they are working to address the situation. He said they can't go to an overtime situation nor can this person go to full-time status (he wants to stay retired).

Supervisor Lawson hopes that the School Board can keep this individual in the school from 8:00-3:00. She said we worked so hard for several months to get the SRO's in schools.

4. Peppers Ferry Road – Supervisor Lawson was contacted by a concerned citizen about the recent accident and the ditch lines in that area. According to the concerned citizen, this has been an issue for years. Supervisor Lawson understands this area is within the Town limits. She will, however, update the citizen with respect to the connector road.
5. Major Grahams Road – Regarding VDOT activities, Vice Chair Hale said we should know more in September/October whether special funding is available to complete the work on Major Grahams Road. He said if that happens, it will be paved from US-52 all the way to Red Hollow Road (1,290 traffic count). Currently, VDOT is working on shoulder and ditch repair and addressing stormwater issues.
6. Trash Detail – Vice Chair Hale said the Sheriff's Department is back on trash detail and have picked up a significant amount along secondary roads.

7. Cannery – Supervisor Horney received a few inquiries about the cannery. Apparently, they closed it and haven't reopened due to not having any employees.

Mr. Bear just learned that three part-time employees will be starting immediately. He said it's been difficult finding people who have cannery experience.

Vice Chair Hale is emphatic that the Cannery remain open, stating that there are only 13 canneries left in Virginia. Two in Russell County needed money and the Tobacco Commission funded both of them. He said the Cannery is an asset and the responsibility of Wythe County. He suggests the Public Information Officer put out a statement that the Board of Supervisors fully supports the Cannery.

8. Edgewood Road – Supervisor Horney has received a request to get Edgewood Road paved. It's a small area (top of the ridge) and he can't imagine that it would be difficult for VDOT to fix.

Mr. Bear commented that that unless VDOT allows us to make a mid-year change for any funds that free up this year, it would be next Spring before we can add any roads to the plan.

Supervisor Horney told the Edgewood resident that he was a couple of months too late reaching out but he hopes this road can be added in the future.

9. Ivanhoe Fire Department – Supervisor Horney has been requested to provide an update on the status of the fire department building.

Mr. Bear said they're addressing some building concerns. He added that Mr. Crawford is drafting a standard policy for all fire departments regarding use of the buildings. Staff is also working with the Ivanhoe Fire Department to address personnel issues.

Vice Chair Hale also said that it's been recommended that the Fire & Rescue Committee meet at the fire departments on a rotating basis. He added that the Board, upon inspection, did not find appalling conditions that were raised at the last Board meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Supervisor Horney made a motion to adopt the Consent Calendar as follows:

1. PAYROLL – June 2019:

General County Fund	\$ 532,148.19
Police Activity Fund	82,817.99
Courthouse Security Fund	12,233.29
Water Department Fund	20,290.12
Wythe County Wastewater Fund	20,263.47
TOTAL	\$ 667,753.06

Check Numbers: 20000525-20000547

Voucher Numbers: 8159-8551

2. STATUS REPORTS:

- A. Animal Control – Arlan Dunford
- B. Engineering – Bill Vaughan
- C. Finance – Bruce Grant
- D. Building Inspection – Tim Spraker
- E. Parks & Recreation – Kevin Williams

3. PERSONNEL:

- A. Crigger, Dawn – Hired, Full-time Deputy Treasurer, Annual Salary \$26,250, Effective July 1, 2019
- B. Counts, Lennon – Transferred, Full-time Registrar, Annual Salary \$52,080, Effective July 1, 2019
- C. King, Carolyn – Retired, Full-time Registrar, Effective June 30, 2019
- D. King, Mary Ellen – Hired, Full-time Deputy Clerk, Clerk of Circuit Court, Annual Salary 26,972, Effective July 8, 2019
- E. Smith, Sadie – Resigned, Sheriff’s Office Dispatch, Effective June 30, 2019
- F. Hieronymi, William – Hired, Full-time Sports Coordinator, Annual Salary \$28,000, Effective July 2, 2019

- G. Dunford, Tim – Hired, Full-time Custodian, Annual Salary \$21,300, Effective July 1, 2019

4. BUDGET AMENDMENT:

- A. \$19,475 (31021-470030) – Auto Claim 5/9/19, Sheriff’s Dept, Total Loss

Supervisor McRoberts seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

JOINT MEETING WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. Bear announced that the School Board has a meeting scheduled for September 12, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at George Wythe High School. He discussed with the Superintendent having a joint meeting to discuss general issues as well as the capital improvements plan. Mr. Bear recommends a joint meeting on Thursday, September 12th beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Vice Chair Hale stressed the importance of a joint meeting with the School Board to discuss finances and when debt service will be eliminated so we can begin improvements.

BARREN SPRINGS PROPERTY BIDS

Mr. Bear explained that the County advertised for bids and he recommends that the County Attorney draft a deed to sell this property to the highest bidder, Mr. Samuel E. Carpenter.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Vaught, to accept Mr. Carpenter’s bid in the amount of \$25,002.69 and to authorize the Chair to sign necessary documents.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Coy L. McRoberts
	Charlie G. Lester	B.G. “Gene” Horney, Jr.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Joe F. Hale

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board, Vice Chair Hale adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:15 a.m.

Joe F. Hale, Vice Chair