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The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 10, 2019. The location of the meeting was in the Boardroom of the County Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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

STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Terry Beamer
 Mark Bloomfield
 Beth & Bill Conaway
 Lori Guynn
 Teresa Hagee
 Buddy Johnstone
 Ralph Kidd
 Whitley Lester

Linda Meyer
 Jamie Smith
 Kristina Smith
 Beth Taylor
 Stacy Terry
 John Thompson
 and four other citizens

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Reeves determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Ralph Kidd, Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church, provided the invocation and Chairman Reeves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS' TIME

Chairman Reeves inquired if anyone present wished to address the Board.

With no one wishing to address the Board, Chairman Reeves closed Citizens' Time.

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PUBLIC HEARING – WYTHE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Chairman Reeves announced that in compliance with Section 15.2-2229 of the Code of Virginia and amendments thereto, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing to consider amending the transportation section of Wythe County Comprehensive Plan.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at 7:05 p.m. in the Board Room of the Wythe County Office Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia.

The proposed amendment is as follows:

ROAD NAME	LENGTH	FROM	TO	COST ESTIMATE
Beetle Spinner Drive	1.2 miles	Major Grahams Road (SR 619)	Intersection of River Hills Road	\$196,128
Bentwood Drive	0.8 miles	Dunford Road (SR 605)	End of Bentwood Drive	\$149,816
Dyer Road	0.5 miles	Wysor Highway (US Route 100)	End of Dyer Road	\$114,940
Orion Drive	0.1 miles	Ivanhoe Road (US Route 94)	Intersection of Wildwood Lane (SR 1016)	\$34,952
Penwood Lane	0.1 miles	Topaz Drive (F045)	End of Penwood Lane	\$35,000
Staff Street	0.2 miles	Kohler Avenue	End of Staff Street	\$150,000

Mr. Bear asked the Board's consideration of several roads where preliminary applications were made through VDOT's revenue sharing program. VDOT recommended that the County amend the Comprehensive Plan to incorporate these roads. Mr. Bear stated that the Planning Commission held a public hearing last Tuesday and recommended approval of this amendment to the Plan.

Chairman Reeves opened the public hearing for comment.

Hearing no comments, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

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Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Vaught, to adopt the amendment to the transportation section of Wythe County Comprehensive Plan.

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	Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.
	Joe F. Hale	

NAYS: None

PUBLIC HEARING – MILLWALD THEATRE REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

Chairman Reeves announced that in compliance with the Code of Virginia and amendments thereto, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing to consider Ordinance 2019-2 entitled, "Ordinance to Exempt Real Property Owned by Millwald Theatre, Inc. from Real Property Taxation".

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at 7:06 p.m. in the Board Room of the Wythe County Office Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia.

The proposed Ordinance is as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-02 ORDINANCE TO EXEMPT REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY MILLWALD THEATRE, INC. FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION

WHEREAS, Millwald Theatre, Inc., has petitioned the Board of Supervisors of Wythe County, Virginia ("Board of Supervisors") to exempt from taxation certain real property pursuant to Article X, § 6(a)(6) of the Constitution of Virginia.

WHEREAS, Virginia Code § 58.1-3651 sets forth the procedure, including the adoption of an ordinance, by which the Board of Supervisors may designate property as tax exempt.

WHEREAS, Virginia Code § 58.1-3651 further establishes certain requirements for a public hearing concerning the adoption of such an ordinance.

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WHEREAS, Virginia Code § 58.1-3651(B) sets forth certain questions and materials to be considered by the Board of Supervisors prior to the adoption of such an ordinance.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, after due notice and public hearing, has considered the questions and materials set forth in Virginia Code § 58.1-3651(B) and has determined that the petition for the proposed exemption from taxation should be granted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Wythe County, Virginia, that:

1. In accordance with Virginia Code § 58.1-3651(A) the Board of Supervisors hereby designates Millwald Theatre, Inc., a nonprofit organization, as a charitable organization within the context of Article X, § 6(a)(6) of the Constitution of Virginia.
2. In accordance with Virginia Code § 58.1-3651(A) the Board of Supervisors hereby exempts from local property taxation the real property located in Wythe County at 203-207 West Main Street, Wytheville, VA 24382 (Tax Map No.: 41A-001-0062-0008), owned by Millwald Theatre, Inc., (Instrument Number 190002018) and used by it exclusively for charitable purposes.
3. Pursuant to Virginia Code § 58.1-3605, the Millwald Theatre, Inc., shall file triennially an application with the Commissioner of the Revenue of Wythe County as a requirement for retention of the exempt status of the property. Such application shall show the ownership and usage of such property and shall be filed within the next sixty days preceding the tax year for which such exemption, or the retention thereof, is sought
4. The clerk is directed to forward an attested copy of this ordinance to the Commissioner of the Revenue and to the Millwald Theatre, Inc.
5. The continuance of this exemption shall be contingent on the continued use of such property in accordance with the purpose for which the Millwald Theatre, Inc., is designated.

- 6. This ordinance shall become effective at 12:00 a.m., September 11, 2019.

Mr. Bear explained that the Millwald Theatre, Inc. recently purchased the old Millwald Theatre, has plans for refurbishing it, and obtained the necessary non-profit status. The Code requires that the Board of Supervisors adopt an ordinance to exempt them from real property taxation.

Chairman Reeves opened the hearing for public comment.

- 1. Mr. Mark Bloomfield appeared before the Board of Supervisors and stated, "I'm Mark Bloomfield. I live at 205 Cove Hills Drive here in Wytheville. I am also Chairman of the Board of the Millwald Theatre, Inc. and I want to thank you for considering this item tonight and I just wanted to clarify one thing; all activities in this facility will be contributing to the tax-exempt charitable status of the organization. You probably know that there are currently three tenants in that facility. They will all be departing by the end of January and so again, once we do full restoration, all activities that go on in that facility will be toward our charitable status and charitable activities. We appreciate your consideration. This is a really important asset to our region and once it's completed, you'll see a lot of activities there and I think it will contribute to the whole county. Thanks again and we appreciate your support."

Hearing no other comments, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

Supervisor Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to adopt Ordinance 2019-2 entitled, "Ordinance to Exempt Real Property Owned by Millwald Theatre, Inc. from Real Property Taxation".

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

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PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDMENT TO ARECA ORDINANCE NO. 2015-2

Chairman Reeves announced that in compliance with the Code of Virginia and amendments thereto, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing to consider amending Ordinance No. 2015-2 entitled, "An Ordinance Creating the Appalachian Regional Exposition Center Authority of Wythe County, Virginia". The Board of Supervisors will hear comments from citizens concerning the proposed amendment.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at 7:07 p.m. in the Board Room of the Wythe County Office Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia.

The proposed amendment is as follows:

**AMENDMENT #1 TO ORDINANCE NO. 2015-2
AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE
APPALACHIAN REGIONAL EXPOSITION CENTER AUTHORITY
OF WYTHE COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

A public hearing was held on September 10, 2019, at 7:07 p.m. in the Board Room of the Wythe County Office Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia to consider amending Ordinance No. 2015-2 entitled, "An Ordinance Creating the Appalachian Regional Exposition Center Authority of Wythe County, Virginia" as follows:

Delete:

SECTION 6 – FINANCIAL RECORDS.

E. Officers and employees of Wythe County may serve on the Authority. The Board of Directors shall, at the first meeting held after January 1 in each year, elect one of their members as Chairman. The Wythe County Administrator or his/her designee shall serve as Secretary and Treasurer of the Authority. The Chair of the Board of Supervisors or his/her designee and the Wythe County Administrator shall be ex-officio members of the Authority.

Each Board member shall be reimbursed for his actual expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of his duties.

Add:

SECTION 6 – FINANCIAL RECORDS.

E. Officers and employees of Wythe County may serve on the Authority. The Board of Directors shall, at the first meeting held after January 1 in each year, elect one of their members as Chairman. The Chair of the Board of Supervisors or his/her designee and the Wythe County Administrator shall be ex-officio members of the Authority.

Each Board member shall be reimbursed for his actual expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of his duties.

Mr. Bear stated that in 2015 when the ordinance was adopted creating the Appalachian Regional Exposition Center Authority, the language specified the Wythe County Administrator or his/her designee will serve as Secretary/Treasurer of the Authority. The APEX Authority has since hired staff and this revision to the ordinance just removes the County Administrator from the Secretary/Treasurer responsibilities. The County Administrator, as well as the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, will remain as ex-officio members.

Chairman Reeves opened the hearing for public comment.

Hearing no comments, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester, to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 2015-2.

Supervisor Vaught commented that he has spoken a couple of times with Mr. Bear about this issue. Mr. Bear has not been acting as Secretary for a while now and Supervisor Vaught has been asking for the minutes of the APEX Authority meetings. Of the past four meetings, the Supervisor said that only one set of minutes were provided. He added that the information flow was more readily available when Mr. Bear was acting as Secretary.

Mr. Bear responded that he has had discussions with Mrs. Smith and, while they are working with limited staff, they understand the urgency of having up-to-date minutes and they will be working toward a more timely and routine process.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

PUBLIC HEARING – VACATION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY ON JANET H. DEW PROPERTY

Chairman Reeves announced that in compliance with Section 15.2-2006 of the Code of Virginia and amendments thereto, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing to consider adopting an ordinance for vacation of right-of-ways or streets entitled:

“An Ordinance Discontinuing and Vacating Public Right-of-Ways Crossing the Property of Janet H. Dew, Located in the Community of Max Meadows, Fort Chiswell Magisterial District, Wythe County, Virginia”

The Board of Supervisors will hear comments from citizens concerning the adoption of the proposed ordinance.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at 7:08 p.m. in the Board Room of the Wythe County Office Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia.

The proposed ordinance is as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-03

An Ordinance Discontinuing and Vacating Public Right-of-Ways Crossing the Property of Janet H. Dew, Located in the Community of Max Meadows, Fort Chiswell Magisterial District, Wythe County, Virginia

WHEREAS, Janet H. Dew has submitted an application to vacate undeveloped public right-of-ways located south of Peppers Ferry Road and identified as "Richmond Street," "Norfolk Street," "Sixth Street," and "Fourth Street" and shown on the plat attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit A. All of the right-of-ways to be vacated by this Ordinance are located on the property identified as 5009 Peppers Ferry Road, Max Meadows Virginia and containing Tax Map

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Numbers: 29-3-1A, 29-3-1, 29-3-1, 29-3-3, 29-3-5, 29-3-6, 29-3-7A and an unknown tax parcel (Lot 8), and described in a deed dated September 8, 1980 and recorded in Deed Book 282, page 275.

WHEREAS, notice that the Board of Supervisors of Wythe County would consider such request has been given pursuant to Section 15.2-2006 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors held a public meeting and considered such application on September 10, 2019, pursuant to such notice.

WHEREAS, the Board was of the opinion that the vacation would not result in any inconvenience and was in the interest of public welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained that the undeveloped public right-of-ways located south of Peppers Ferry Road and identified as "Richmond Street," "Norfolk Street," "Sixth Street," and "Fourth Street" and shown on the plat attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit A, which is made a part of this ordinance by this reference, is hereby DISCONTINUED AND VACATED.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance be recorded as deeds are recorded and indexed, in the name of the County of Wythe, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Wythe County, Virginia.

Mr. Bear explained that Max Meadows is made up of various right-of-ways and alley ways that exist on paper but have never been developed. This proposal is a request to vacate the right-of-ways of this property as we have done for several other properties in the area. In addition, there is a request to waive the fees since none of the right-of-ways have ever been developed or used.

Chairman Reeves opened the hearing for public comment.

1. Ms. Ann Pope appeared before the Board and stated "I am Ann Pope. I'm a realtor with Long & Foster Realtors in Roanoke, and I have the property listed that is the property of Janet H. Dew and we were unaware of this, and we have a contract that is acceptable for this property. The purchaser had a survey done and I had two surprises on this; first of all, I found that it was not 16 acres as I had always heard that it was and taxes were paid on 16 acres. The next was that the streets and alleys had been drawn in on this property on the survey. So, I

respectfully request that this be vacated and that the fees would be waived.
Thank you very much.”

Supervisor Vaught asked Ms. Pope what the actual acreage is of the property.

Ms. Pope stated that it should be on the survey.

Mr. Bear replied that the survey indicates 14.5 acres.

Supervisor Vaught added that the County then, for years, has likely been receiving taxes on 16 acres instead of 14.5.

Hearing no other comments, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

Supervisor Vaught made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lawson, to adopt Ordinance 2019-3 vacating public right-of-ways on the property of Janet H. Dew in Max Meadows.

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	Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.
	Joe F. Hale	

NAYS: None

Supervisor Vaught made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lawson, to waive associated fees for vacating public right-of-ways on the property of Janet H. Dew.

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	Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.
	Joe F. Hale	

NAYS: None

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PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on September 10, 2019, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30104640-30104765 as follows:

**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
30104640	09/05/2019	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$ 2,501.85
30104641	09/05/2019	BUSINESS CARD	4,374.59
30104642	09/05/2019	CENTURYLINK	60.76
30104643	09/05/2019	CENTURYLINK	152.89
30104644	09/05/2019	CENTURYLINK	362.51
30104645	09/05/2019	CENTURYLINK	3,406.05
30104646	09/05/2019	CENTURYLINK	5,187.65
30104647	09/05/2019	LUMOS NETWORKS	30.78
30104648	09/05/2019	TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE	9,786.70
30104649	09/05/2019	VERIZON WIRELESS	40.01
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 09/05/2019			\$25,903.79

CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
30104650	09/10/2019	CARDNO INC	\$ 2,164.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 09/10/2019			\$ 2,164.00

CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
30104651	09/10/2019	AKER, S KAREN	\$ 6.93
30104652	09/10/2019	APPALACHIAN POWER	273.76
30104653	09/10/2019	ARC3 GASES	31.35
30104654	09/10/2019	AUSTIN, MARTIN	75.00
30104655	09/10/2019	BAKER ROOFING	1,800.00
30104656	09/10/2019	BLUE RIDGE AUTO PARTS INC	4.58
30104657	09/10/2019	BMS DIRECT INC	16,692.00
30104658	09/10/2019	BSN SPORTS INC	182.00
30104659	09/10/2019	BUILDING & DESIGN OF VA	475.90
30104660	09/10/2019	CAMPBELL & ASSOC. PC	120.00
30104661	09/10/2019	CARDNO INC	1,061.30
30104662	09/10/2019	CARICO, JAIMEE L	188.03

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30104663	09/10/2019	CENTRAL BUILDERS INC	75,031.63
30104664	09/10/2019	CITIZENS TELEPHONE COOP	720.00
30104665	09/10/2019	CLINCH VALLEY COMM ACTION	101.10
30104666	09/10/2019	COOK, JUSTIN	18.00
30104667	09/10/2019	CORE&MAIN LP	319.25
30104668	09/10/2019	COVERT, JINJER A	250.35
30104669	09/10/2019	CW WARTHEN	1,105.10
30104670	09/10/2019	DAVIS, JO ANN	92.16
30104671	09/10/2019	DUNCAN, SASHA	100.00
30104672	09/10/2019	EAST COAST EMERGENCY VEHI	2,233.92
30104673	09/10/2019	ELASTEC INC.	4,590.00
30104674	09/10/2019	FASTENAL	64.93
30104675	09/10/2019	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES #5	19,682.50
30104676	09/10/2019	FIELDS, CECIL	56.25
30104677	09/10/2019	FIRE RESCUE AND TACTICAL	1,855.13
30104678	09/10/2019	GOINS, JACOB K	131.59
30104679	09/10/2019	GRANT, BRUCE M	4,343.59
30104680	09/10/2019	GRUBB FUNERAL HOME	2,274.00
30104681	09/10/2019	HARPO'S HARDWARE & BLDG S	34.96
30104682	09/10/2019	HEDRICKS AUTO REPAIR INC	929.10
30104683	09/10/2019	HUFF FORD	324.67
30104684	09/10/2019	HURLEY, TRAMPUS R	156.39
30104685	09/10/2019	HURT & PROFFITT INC	350.00
30104686	09/10/2019	JASON'S AUTO SERVICE	16.00
30104687	09/10/2019	JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE AUTH	46,001.80
30104688	09/10/2019	JP COOKE CO	40.75
30104689	09/10/2019	KING-MOORE INC	2,539.50
30104690	09/10/2019	KINZER, CHARLES	18.00
30104691	09/10/2019	LACY, BRITTANY N	44.38
30104692	09/10/2019	LEE, LOUANN	117.60
30104693	09/10/2019	LEXISNEXIS	212.00
30104694	09/10/2019	LEXISNEXIS	724.00
30104695	09/10/2019	LOWE'S	1,523.02
30104696	09/10/2019	MANSFIELD OIL CO	7,385.54
30104697	09/10/2019	MEADE TRACTOR	38.88
30104698	09/10/2019	MEREDITH'S GARAGE	61.00
30104699	09/10/2019	MEREDITH, DAVID M	39.49
30104700	09/10/2019	MOORE, MORGAN M	30.97
30104701	09/10/2019	MUSSER, JEREMIAH	392.70

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30104702	09/10/2019	MAILROOM FINANCE, INC	688.20
30104703	09/10/2019	NEW RIVER REGIONAL WATER	467,733.21
30104704	09/10/2019	OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDIC	20.00
30104705	09/10/2019	ADDAIR DANNY RAY	60.00
30104706	09/10/2019	ARNOLD ALEXANDER LEE	42.10
30104707	09/10/2019	CASTLE MARTHA E	16.10
30104708	09/10/2019	CASTLE MARTHA E	6.82
30104709	09/10/2019	FARMER PATRICK	20.00
30104710	09/10/2019	JONES ANITA GAIL	40.00
30104711	09/10/2019	OSBORNE DEBRA D	30.90
30104712	09/10/2019	WOOD RICHARD WAYNE	60.00
30104713	09/10/2019	AKER GEORGE W JR & ROWENA	16.00
30104714	09/10/2019	DAVID WESLEY GRANT	20.00
30104715	09/10/2019	GALLIMORE HERBERT LEWIS	20.00
30104716	09/10/2019	GRUBB JAMIE LEANNE	20.00
30104717	09/10/2019	GRUBB LLEWELLYN	20.00
30104718	09/10/2019	GRUBB RONALD EDWARD	20.00
30104719	09/10/2019	HALE JASON C & KARA	21.66
30104720	09/10/2019	HALE JESSICA BOYER	16.43
30104721	09/10/2019	HAMBLIN ESTLE LOUIS	40.00
30104722	09/10/2019	HAND ROY BRUCE	21.47
30104723	09/10/2019	HARMON SHARON REBECCA A	47.60
30104724	09/10/2019	HAYES TINA SHUMATE	20.00
30104725	09/10/2019	HICKS CLARA FARMER	47.85
30104726	09/10/2019	HINES DANIEL KEITH	20.00
30104727	09/10/2019	JENKINS BEN ALLEN	39.95
30104728	09/10/2019	KILGORE JONATHAN MARK	20.01
30104729	09/10/2019	KNUCKLES AMY SUE	20.00
30104730	09/10/2019	LINEBERRY STACY BERNARD	20.00
30104731	09/10/2019	MARTIN REBECCA JEAN	20.00
30104732	09/10/2019	MOORE GARY CLARENCE	20.00
30104733	09/10/2019	MOORE STEPHEN ANDREW	30.00
30104734	09/10/2019	R&R ENTERPRISES INC	135.00
30104735	09/10/2019	RCI	230.00
30104736	09/10/2019	RENTAL HUB INC	168.00
30104737	09/10/2019	RICHARDSON, PAUL G	120.40
30104738	09/10/2019	ROBINSON, JESSICA B	93.20
30104739	09/10/2019	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	2,282.00
30104740	09/10/2019	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	2,514.00

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30104741	09/10/2019	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	11,572.00
30104742	09/10/2019	RURAL RETREAT AUTO PARTS	44.26
30104743	09/10/2019	SHORT, CHRIS	60.20
30104744	09/10/2019	SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA CRIMIN	4,056.00
30104745	09/10/2019	SOUTHWESTERN EQUIPMENT	43,775.95
30104746	09/10/2019	SPENCER, LOGAN I	24.53
30104747	09/10/2019	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	400.51
30104748	09/10/2019	SUNTRUST	36,881.92
30104749	09/10/2019	THOMPSON TIRE	1,442.51
30104750	09/10/2019	TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNA	50.00
30104751	09/10/2019	TWO WAY RADIO	13.00
30104752	09/10/2019	TYLER BUSINESS FORMS	236.79
30104753	09/10/2019	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC	1,762.95
30104754	09/10/2019	USA BLUE BOOK	1,710.02
30104755	09/10/2019	V&M RECYCLING	64,676.34
30104756	09/10/2019	VACORP	36,417.50
30104757	09/10/2019	VITA	142.19
30104758	09/10/2019	VITA	243.16
30104759	09/10/2019	WARD, KEVIN	75.00
30104760	09/10/2019	WATER & WASTE EQUIPMENT,	4,395.00
30104761	09/10/2019	WRIGHT, MISTY L	133.63
30104762	09/10/2019	WYTHE CO WATER & WASTEWAT	333.81
30104763	09/10/2019	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	539.46
30104764	09/10/2019	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	1,303.55
30104765	09/10/2019	XEROX	132.67
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 09/10/2019			\$880,064.95

TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 09/10/2019 **\$908,132.74**

Supervisor Hale inquired about an expenditure of \$575,566 to Laake Enterprises.

Mr. Bear replied that it was approved at the last Board meeting and was a fire truck payment.

Supervisor Lester seconded the motion and 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	Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.

Joe F. Hale

NAYS: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board was presented with the August 27, 2019 minutes for approval.

Supervisor Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester, to approve the August 27, 2019, minutes as presented.

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	Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.
	Joe F. Hale	

NAYS: None

APPOINTMENTS

1. MRPCD Transportation Technical Committee - Mr. Bear introduced Mr. Johnny Kincer as the new County Engineer. Mr. Bear requests that Mr. Kincer be appointed to the MRPCD Transportation Technical Committee replacing Mr. Vaughan who recently retired as County Engineer.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts, to appoint Mr. Johnny Kincer to the MRPCD Transportation Technical Committee.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

2. Recreation Commission - Mr. Bear added that the Recreation Commission currently has a vacancy for the at-large seat. While it does not have to be filled right away, he asked if anyone has any recommendations.

Hearing none, Chairman Reeves suggested that staff put out an announcement soliciting interest in the vacancy.

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3. Wythe Grayson Regional Library Board – Mr. Bear announced that Mr. Case’s term on the Library Board has expired. He suggested they discuss appointments in a closed session and that they add *Closed Meeting - Discussion of Personnel and Prospective Business or Industry* to the agenda.

SPILLER ANNEX BUILDING – PROPOSED DEED

County Attorney Scot Farthing appeared before the Board and distributed to them a draft deed conveying the Spiller Annex property to the Wythe County Historical Society. A reversion clause was recommended so if the property is not used for museum, historical or educational purposes, the property will revert back to the County.

Supervisor Hale asked for clarification on the proposed deed and whether it includes the parking lot and all real property, not just the building?

Mr. Farthing responded that it does and is shown on the existing plat.

Supervisor Lester made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lawson, to accept the proposed deed for the Spiller Annex and authorize the Chair to sign the 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	Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.
	Joe F. Hale	

NAYS: None

2019 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT

County Treasurer Lori Guynn appeared before the Board and stated that they’ve been working diligently with the Tyler technology software people to get through the tax process for this year. They recently were able to calculate the PPTR rate. She noted that they receive a little over \$1.5MM from the State annually for disbursement (tax relief). All vehicles valued less than \$1,000 will receive full tax relief. Vehicles valued at \$20k or less, will receive a certain percentage, and the same for any vehicle over \$20k. If a vehicle is valued at \$30k, owner will receive relief only on the first \$20k of value. Mrs. Guynn said that for 2019, based on vehicle numbers, the PPTR would need to be set at 36.95%, a

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decrease of 2.64% from last year's rate. As such, and in all likelihood, people will see a slight increase in their personal property taxes.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lawson, to adopt Resolution 2019-24 establishing the 2019 Personal Property Tax Relief rate as follows:

RESOLUTION 2019-24

WHEREAS, the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998, Va. Code §§ 58.1–3523 *et seq.* ("PPTRA"), and subsequent revisions to the PPTRA legislation; and,

WHEREAS, these legislative enactments require the County to take affirmative steps to annually implement these changes, and to provide for the computation and allocation of relief provided pursuant to the PPTRA as revised; and,

WHEREAS, these legislative enactments provide for the appropriation to the County, of a fixed sum to be used exclusively for the provision of tax relief to owners of qualifying personal use vehicles that are subject to the personal property tax on such vehicles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors that: Qualifying vehicles obtaining situs within the County during tax year 2019, shall receive personal property tax relief in the following manner:

- Registered personal use vehicles valued at \$1,000 or less will be eligible for 100% tax relief;
- Registered personal use vehicles valued at \$1,001 to \$20,000 will be eligible for 36.95% tax relief;
- Registered personal use vehicles valued at \$20,001 or more shall only be eligible for 36.95% tax relief on the first \$20,000 of value; and,
- All other vehicles which do not meet the definition of "qualifying" (business use vehicles, motor homes, titled but unregistered vehicles, etc.) as determined by the Commissioner of the Revenue will not be eligible for any form of tax relief under this program.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

Mr. Bear added that he appreciates all the hard work the Treasurer and Commissioner and their staff have done on preparing the tax books. It has been a stressful time with the sudden leave of absence of Mr. Suthers, but Mr. Bear said the Tyler Munis system will allow for greater independence that this Board desires. He also appreciates the assistance from both Mr. Grant and Mrs. Jensen in this process and he commends everyone involved for their efforts.

BANK OF AMERICA CREDIT CARD ACCOUNT

Mr. Bear reported that Bank of America needs the County to list him and Mrs. Crystal Holliday as primary and secondary contact on the account, and he requests that the Board approve this change.

Supervisor Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester, to approve the addition of Mr. Stephen D. Bear and Mrs. Crystal A. Holliday as primary and secondary contact, respectively, on the Bank of America credit card account.

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 Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.
 Joe F. Hale

NAYS: None

SHERIFF'S OFFICE REQUEST TO PURCHASE INCINERATOR

Mr. Bear advised that the Sheriff's Office requests approval to purchase an incinerator from Elastec, Inc. at a cost of \$4,590. This purchase will be paid for by State Asset Forfeiture Funds.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to approve the purchase of an incinerator from Elastec, Inc. for \$4,590.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:	Brian W. Vaught	Ryan M. Lawson
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BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

1. Barren Springs Fire Department Auxiliary Parcels - Supervisor Hale made a motion, as recommended by the Building & Grounds Committee, to draft an option agreement to purchase two parcels owned by the Barren Springs Fire Department Auxiliary at a cost of \$45,000.

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	Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.
	Joe F. Hale	

NAYS: None

2. Sheriff's Office Windows – Supervisor Hale made a motion, as recommended by the Building & Grounds Committee, to amend and appropriate \$5,500 for installing bullet-proof windows at the Sheriff's Office reception area.

Supervisor Hale added that bullet-proof glass has a rating and whatever it is, we need better glass than what we currently have.

Mr. Bowers commented that, technically, it's "bullet resistant" not bullet proof, and that the Sheriff's Office helped develop the specs of the material they desire. Mr. Bowers anticipates this to be the first of many requests for protective glass in and around the courthouse area.

Supervisor Vaught advised that the Board should also consider relocating the Registrar's Office due to their close proximity to the Sheriff's Office and in light of the recent incident.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:	Brian W. Vaught	Ryan M. Lawson
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APEX CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

1. Utility Barn Relocation – Supervisor Hale made a motion, as recommended by the APEX Construction Committee, to recommend moving the location of the utility barn to the west parking area and to submit plans to DEQ for stormwater management approval.

Mr. Bear explained that the County Engineer, Mr. Kincer, is also considering the possibility of adding storage tanks to reclaim water off the roof which would benefit the DEQ calculations. Mr. Bear added that this area has already been determined to be impervious by our most recent revision to the stormwater management plans.

Chairman Reeves added that he would like to see the barn moved as close as possible to the north end boundary.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS:	Brian W. Vaught	Ryan M. Lawson
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APEX UTILITY BARN BIDS

Mr. Bear shared the bid results in the Board package and stated that the low bidder was Colt W. Simmons Construction Company. Staff have met with them and Mr. Bear drafted a memo to the Board summarizing Colt's recommendations in order to save us money. As a result, total reductions are \$21,975 for a total cost of \$732,437.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hale, to accept the bid from Colt Simmons in the amount of \$732,437.

Supervisor Hale stated that that further discussion should take place regarding the change in conduits from rigid to BX and the related pricing.

Mr. Bear confirmed that they could later put in a change order if it is warranted.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

CLOSED MEETING – DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL MATTERS AND PROSPECTIVE BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY

Supervisor Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester, to enter into Closed Meeting under Sections 2.2-3711.A.1 (Personnel) and 2.2-3711-A.5 (Prospective Business or Industry) of the Code of Virginia.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Upon returning to open meeting, Supervisor Lester made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, 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	Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.
	Joe F. Hale	

NAYS: None

APPOINTMENTS (CONT'D.)

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts, to appoint John DiYorio to the Wythe Grayson Regional Library Board.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

IVANHOE

Supervisor McRoberts reported that there's a community meeting in Ivanhoe over some road issues but that he will discuss this at the next Board meeting.

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Mr. Bear responded that he will ask Mr. Russell to attend the next meeting to address those concerns.

READY MIX ROAD

The Chairman asked the status of the guide wire moving.

Mr. Bear replied the guide wire has been moved out of the way, and Mr. Kincer and Mr. Crisp have arranged a meeting this week to discuss moving forward.

GROUSE RIDGE ROAD

Mr. Bear also noted that CenturyLink has not moved their line in Grouse Ridge Road but are supposed to move it this week, then AEP can remove their poles. After that, VDOT can begin their work on Grouse Ridge Road.

Supervisor Hale asked Mr. Bear if he could speak with Mr. Russell about getting a few loads of gravel to fill in the chasms. It is so rough that he doubts a milling machine will work on it.

JOINT MEETING WITH SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. Bear reminded everyone of the Joint Meeting this Thursday at 4:00 p.m. at George Wythe High School in the auditorium. At 5:00, they will tour the renovations. Primary topics of discussion will be workforce development and capital improvements.

COUNTY EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY

Supervisor Lawson asked whether County offices will close the afternoon of Friday, September 20th as it seems appropriate to take formal action now. The Board agreed.

Supervisor Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lester, to close County offices from noon to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 20th for the County picnic.

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	Timothy A. Reeves, Sr.
	Joe F. Hale	

NAYS: None

INTERSTATE 81 MEETING

Chairman Reeves reported that another I-81 meeting has been scheduled for either October 1st or 3rd.

VACO MEETING

Mr. Bear announced there will be a VACO meeting this Thursday, September 12th at 2:00 p.m. if anyone is interested in attending. Chairman Reeves will be attending and will be back in time for the Joint Meeting with the School Board.

RECESS

The Board recessed until Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

RECONVENE

The Board reconvened on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. with the Wythe County School Board at George Wythe High School, #1 Maroon Way, Wytheville, VA.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair
Joe F. Hale, Vice Chair

Ryan M. Lawson
Charlie G. Lester

MEMBERS ABSENT:

B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
Coy L. McRoberts

Brian W. Vaught

STAFF PRESENT:

Stephen D. Bear, County Administrator
Martha Collins, Administrative Assistant/Clerk

SCHOOL BOARD PRESENT:

Tonya Freeman
Chalmer Frye
Lee Johnson
Ann Manley

Steve Sage
Peggy Wagy
Alan Wilder

SCHOOL BOARD STAFF PRESENT:

Nicki Blankenship
Catrina Hall
Becki James
Scott Jefferies

Dante Lee
Jason Morris
Wes Poole

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OTHERS PRESENT:

Kim Aker
Doug Campbell
Stacy Dixon

Stacy Terry
and four other citizens

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda from the School Board. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Reeves determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. followed by a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING COMMENTS

Mr. Bear welcomed everyone and thanked the School Board for the joint meeting which he said is critical to their continued cooperation and planning for the future of our schools and our students. Because we have such an excellent school system, he is pleased to congratulate the School Board on their recent outstanding State rankings. Mr. Bear said it is the cooperation and commitment over the last 20 years that have allowed us to get to where we are today with both school renovations and academic achievement. He is looking forward to workforce development and opportunities for improved career paths. Mr. Bear provided a financial handout and said that today's joint meeting will allow them to consider and discuss financial planning for capital improvements for the next 5 or 10 years. Basically, the total school debt is currently at \$33MM, and annual debt service is \$3.2MM. Mr. Bear said he is happy to address any questions or concerns anyone has regarding the financials.

Dr. Jefferies also welcomed everyone and especially thanked Mr. Lee and his staff for allowing them to meet in the newly renovated auditorium. Dr. Jefferies is so pleased to see everyone come together with such a collaborative spirit and he envisions their relationship to strengthen and continue for many years to come.

SCHOOL OPENING UPDATE

Dr. Jefferies distributed a handout relating to Wythe County Public Schools. He is exceedingly proud of the recent SOL results, ranking them 6th in the State of Virginia. But, he said, that is just one of many measurements of success; among them are workforce development, athletics, academic programs, and strategic planning. With a shared community vision, he sees a bright future ahead for Wythe County Public Schools. Current enrollment is 3,841 which is up a little from last year

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Dr. Jefferies reported an excellent opening of the school year and that great things are already underway. He stated how wonderful it is to see SRO's in the schools now and said they are great relationship-building tools with the kids, the staff and the community. Dr. Jefferies also commended Sgt. Dixon for all his hard work and excellent line of communication.

The school buses also got off to a great start with new buses and bus-driver training. Mr. Bear had recently asked Dr. Jefferies, on average, how many miles per day do the buses travel. Including some extra-curricular activities, Dr. Jefferies stated their buses average 4,631 miles per day (73 buses). Some months are even higher.

Dr. Jefferies reported that the "Strive for Five" initiative is going well and that they've experienced great attendance so far this year. He also said that Workforce Development and Career Preparation are new programs this year that Dr. James will cover next.

Dr. Jefferies extended an open invitation for all to come visit the schools and see all the great things going on.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION

Dr. James provided an overview of the Workforce Development projects. Career Planning & Navigation includes internships, career development, workforce development, workplace learning, etc. These programs take what students learn in the classrooms and apply it to the workforce. Dr. James said they are partnering with outside organizations and companies. They have also visited with Wytheville Community College to see what they're doing and with whom they are partnering. What students are learning at the college level, Dr. James wants to bring down to the high school level, and then bring that down to the middle school.

Dr. James reported that they've partnered with JIDA and Wythe Bland Chamber of Commerce, and are doing a mass mailing to all businesses in our area seeking internships for students. They met over the summer with some of those businesses to develop job descriptions, and then the information was shared with all their seniors. Of the three high schools, 51 students expressed interest. Dr. James also reported that they have nine workshops for students this fall in preparation for internships and post-graduation opportunities (resume preparation, mock interviews and field trips).

They will also be offering manufacturing excellence training in the Spring and are soliciting partnerships right now.

Dr. Jefferies added that the success of these programs will not only help future development of our students but it will also add to the betterment of Wythe County as a whole.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Mr. Bear provided a financial overview and distributed a handout. He said that Spiller Elementary, Scott Memorial and Ft. Chiswell are the projects that are left before us and that the School Board should set the order. The Board of Supervisors will then determine funding. Mr. Bear added that, currently, Wythe County debt is nearly \$74MM of which the school portion is close to \$33MM. Operational funding and debt service funding total \$16.9MM which Mr. Bear said is more than what we collect in personal property and real estate tax (FYI).

Mr. Bear stated that in FY24, we could issue \$9MM more in debt and remain around the same debt service level of \$3.2MM. In FY25, he said we could add another \$6.5MM and remain at the same debt service level. So, over fiscal years 23, 24 and 25 there will be \$15MM available for capital investment which would leave the debt service around the same level. Mr. Bear commented that interest rates are based on the balance we have in the General Fund account (the higher the fund balance, the lower the rate).

Dr. Jefferies stated that this is a good start to our capital improvement plan and discussions.

Mrs. Johnson feels that Scott Memorial should be next in regard to capital improvements, then they can focus on Spiller. She asked if it's financially feasible and the best use of their money to combine Scott Memorial and George Wythe High School, with Scott on the second floor. Some felt it might pose an issue with just one, shared gymnasium and one cafeteria. The group discussed teachers and related travel of both teachers and students, potential sharing of classrooms, and class scheduling. Some of the group expressed that a combination would never work and that there are not enough classrooms or shareable spaces without additional construction.

Mr. Bear commented that \$15MM over fiscal years 23, 24 and 25 would likely be enough for an addition to accommodate a combination. He said they can use those numbers as a guideline.

Vice Chair Frye said they should think about future growth instead of trying to save a buck, and their focus should be on investing in their kids.

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Supervisor Hale suggested they think about a "campus concept" instead of just a building. It may be financially feasible to combine schools by building additions and turning it into a campus, rather than trying to squeeze everyone into one building.

Supervisor Lawson recommended meeting again sooner rather than later to move this process forward.

Chair Reeves agreed but believes the School Board first needs to sit down and determine what they want to do and where they want to go with this.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board, Chairman Reeves adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:00 p.m. at which time the Board accompanied Dr. Poole on a tour of the high school.

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair