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The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 9 a.m., Tuesday, February 27, 2018. 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
Brian W. Vaught
Charlie G. Lester

Ryan M. Lawson
Coy L. McRoberts
B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.

STAFF PRESENT:

Stephen D. Bear, County Administrator
Scot S. Farthing, County Attorney
Martha G. Collins, Administrative Assistant/Clerk
Bruce M. Grant, Finance Director
Casey J. Jensen, Payroll Clerk
Bill E. Vaughan, County Engineer

OTHERS PRESENT:

Faye Barker
Keith Dunagan
Charles Foster
Lori Guynn
David Johnstone

Jerry Langendorfer
David Manley
Linda Meyer
Brad Simpson
Corbin Stone

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Chair Reeves determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Brad Simpson of the Wytheville Presbyterian Church provided the invocation and Chair Reeves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS' TIME

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

1. Rural Retreat Fairgrounds – Linda Meyer of 1118 Dry Road in Speedwell addressed the Board and stated the following:

"I just brought you a few photographs I thought you might like to see. They are really really nice. These were done last year by Mike Thomas from Blue Sky Realty as... just to be nice. I asked him to go out there and do some photography. This is the Rural Retreat Fairgrounds. He did some of the Lake and so on. They are really pretty. I thought you guys would enjoy them. Thank you."

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

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PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on February 27, 2018, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30100224-30100286 as follows:

**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT
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CHECK NO.	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	TOTAL
30100224	02/27/18	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$31,772.57
30100225	02/27/18	BKT UNIFORMS	\$49.97
30100226	02/27/18	BUSINESS INK CO.	\$1,574.02
30100227	02/27/18	CARZ R US LLC	\$210.98
30100228	02/27/18	CDW GOVERNMENT INC.	\$184.71
30100229	02/27/18	CENTURY LINK	\$39.98
30100230	02/27/18	CENTURY LINK	\$50.13
30100231	02/27/18	CENTURY LINK	\$56.61
30100232	02/27/18	CENTURY LINK	\$106.69
30100233	02/27/18	CENTURY LINK	\$250.83
30100234	02/27/18	COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE ASSOC. OF VA	\$150.00
30100235	02/27/18	COVERT, JINJER A.	\$1,870.77
30100236	02/27/18	DELL MARKETING LP	\$1,471.79
30100237	02/27/18	DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES	\$75.00
30100238	02/27/18	DOLI BOILER SAFETY	\$40.00
30100239	02/27/18	EEIS ELEVATOR EQUIPMENT INSPECTION SERV.	\$375.00
30100240	02/27/18	EMS INC.	\$1,205.00
30100241	02/27/18	FARTHING, SCOT S.	\$2,625.00
30100242	02/27/18	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES NO. 5	\$129.27
30100243	02/27/18	FIDELITY POWER SYSTEMS	\$2,100.00
30100244	02/27/18	GALLS	\$528.90
30100245	02/27/18	GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOC.	\$225.00
30100246	02/27/18	GRANT, BRUCE M.	\$4,136.75
30100247	02/27/18	HARPO'S HARDWARE AND BUILDING SUPPLY	\$35.10
30100248	02/27/18	HURT AND PROFFITT INC.	\$7,400.05
30100249	02/27/18	JOINT IDA OF WYTHE COUNTY	\$57,519.00
30100250	02/27/18	L4 NETWORKS	\$213.89
30100251	02/27/18	LOWES	\$1,245.63
30100252	02/27/18	MABE, GERALD E. II	\$17.62
30100253	02/27/18	MCI COMMUNICATION SERVICES	\$34.06
30100254	02/27/18	MCI COMMUNICATION SERVICES	\$202.83
30100255	02/27/18	MCI COMMUNICATION SERVICES	\$325.59
30100256	02/27/18	NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL JAIL	\$90,145.00
30100257	02/27/18	TLA ENTERPRISES LLC	\$404.00

30100258	02/27/18	OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER	\$20.00
30100259	02/27/18	PAPER CLIP	\$307.01
30100260	02/27/18	PARTNERSHIP SCREENING INTL INC.	\$14.40
30100261	02/27/18	PEED AND BORTZ LLC	\$5,000.00
30100262	02/27/18	PROFESSIONAL COMM SYSTEMS LLC	\$1,650.00
30100263	02/27/18	R & R ENTERPRISES INC.	\$1,735.00
30100264	02/27/18	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$2,282.00
30100265	02/27/18	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$2,514.00
30100266	02/27/18	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$11,572.00
30100267	02/27/18	SOUTHERN STATES	\$399.95
30100268	02/27/18	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO.	\$75.88
30100269	02/27/18	TESSCO INC.	\$3,606.60
30100270	02/27/18	THOMPSON TIRE	\$1,189.60
30100271	02/27/18	THRIVE PAYMENTS	\$564.31
30100272	02/27/18	TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE	\$653.91
30100273	02/27/18	TRI CITIES SWVA REGIONAL	\$211.35
30100274	02/27/18	TRI CITIES SWVA REGIONAL	\$882.30
30100275	02/27/18	TURNER LEASING COMPANY INC.	\$400.00
30100276	02/27/18	UNIFIRST CORP.	\$71.08
30100277	02/27/18	UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA	\$125.00
30100278	02/27/18	US POSTAL SERVICE	\$214.00
30100279	02/27/18	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$40.01
30100280	02/27/18	VGFOA	\$45.00
30100281	02/27/18	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYSTEMS	\$735.91
30100282	02/27/18	WORDSPRINT	\$282.10
30100283	02/27/18	WYTHE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD	\$3,207.09
30100284	02/27/18	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	\$499.97
30100285	02/27/18	WYTHEVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE	\$19,191.50
30100286	02/27/18	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	\$909.73
TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 02/27/18			\$265,171.44

Supervisor Lester seconded the motion.

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

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board was presented with the February 13, 2018, minutes for adoption.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Vaught to approve the February 13, 2018, 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

WYTHE COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 17 AUDIT REPORT

Corbin Stone, Robinson Farmer Cox Associates Managing Director, presented the Wythe County Financial Report for the fiscal year ended on June 30, 2017, to the Board. Mr. Stone reported that the audit of financial statements received an unqualified/unmodified opinion, which indicates that the County's financial statements were correct. He reviewed the financial report data and findings with the Board as follows:

"The audit went well. We did have some, under government auditing standards; we had a few findings in the back of the report. If we come in and recommend audit adjustments to your financial statements, then we put a finding in the back of the report saying we had to recommend some audit adjustments. Overall, the County did extremely well. Any of our audit adjustments dealt with recognizing payables or receivables. Nothing to do with cash or anything like that. Overall, the County did extremely well. When you look at an audit report that is, I guess we are up to 112, 113 pages now, you can understand we are probably going to have some adjustments. Just about everywhere we go, we have adjustments. The County is learning every year. They are doing a better job of identifying those adjustments before we show up. We did have some comments on just segregation of duties issues, which you do not want the same person keeping the books that is maybe collecting cash. That sort of thing. I think the other issue in the back of the report dealt with just coming up with a good reconciliation process in your new accounting system for your tax collections. What we want to see is that you post an original tax assessment when that comes from the Commissioner. We want to add supplemental assessments to that, subtract off exonerations of taxes, then subtract off the ending receivable balance, and that should be what you collect for the year. We want to get a running total of your delinquent balances in your accounting system so that we can make sure collections reconcile back to those delinquent balances. Overall, we were very pleased with the audit. You did receive what we would call an unqualified or unmodified opinion meaning that we think that the financials are correct, are materially correct.

If you flip to page one of the handout. The numbers are kind of small and I apologize for that. I want to give you some historical picture of where the fund balance has been and where it is going or where it is today. On that first page, you can see the fund balance for the General Fund and the Capital Projects Fund in 2017, those funds combined ended the year with \$45,284,000 in total fund balance. If you look at the General Fund breakdown. Those Capital Projects Funds are committed to capital projects, so you can't pull that money out and just use it for whatever you like. Even portions of the General Fund balance are committed to the Police Activity Fund, that sort of thing. It is merged in there. You can't just pull it out and use it for whatever you like. You can see if you look at the yellow line, the unrestricted funds, in the General Fund for 2008 to 2017, we have had pretty good growth there. You ended the year 2017 with \$36,000,000 in your General Fund balance, which is a healthy fund balance. That is healthier than what we are seeing in a lot of places in the southwestern part of the State primarily because everybody is losing population. You are losing tax base and it is kind of hard to keep that General Fund balance up when that is occurring. Long term debt for the governmental funds at the end of the year \$37,618,000. Down a little bit from the prior year. I do think that is going to go up a little bit because you have only drawn about \$50,000 on that \$5 million loan for the new ag center. You are going to pull that down and this balance should go up next year. You may have some other debt issuance that are going to drive it up as well. Enterprise fund net position ended the year with \$30,944,000. When we talk about net position, we are looking at your water and sewer system in total. That includes the depreciated value of water and sewer lines that are in the ground. You are not going to dig them up and sell them, so just keep that in mind, it is not \$30 million of cash that you have to spend. Long-term debt for enterprise funds \$25,365,000. Total debt for the County, \$62 million or just under \$63 million at the end of the year. On a per capita basis, that is \$2,193. I will let you know, when we are looking at total debt here; we are excluding your pension liabilities. You do have pension liability at VRS. The funds they have up there right now are not enough to meet the present value of your future pension liabilities. That compares to the State average back in 2010. The State averages now include those pension liabilities. The State average back in 2010, debt per capita unweighted was \$2,078, so right in line with what it was statewide back in 2010. I expect that number has actually gone up. You do have a reserve calculation down at the bottom. Basically, you have a debt reserve requirement. One of your bonds that says you got to keep 40% of your total outstanding general obligation debt in cash. That calculation comes to just under \$25 million at the end of the year. Your General Fund cash balances were \$36 million, so you have met that obligation. That one criteria, I guess in one bond is really going to dictate your minimum fund balance or minimum cash balance in the General Fund.

The next page, I am just graphing this stuff out for you on page two. Fund balance and debt going from 2008 to 2017, the closer those two things are together, the better off you are. If you used all of your unrestricted funds right now to pay off your governmental debt, that wouldn't include water and sewer, you could almost pay off all of your debt. The fund balance has unrestricted funds that have risen to that level. The next page just shows net position for the water and sewer fund going back to 2008.

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You kind of got up above \$30 million in 2014 in net position. It has kind of remained constant there, it is not growing and it is not shrinking. The next page are your revenue sources really for the General Fund and the Capital Projects Fund, I combined them here. What you can derive from this pretty quickly is that general property taxes, any increases that you have in expenditures are being covered by increases in general property taxes. The second line down, your other local taxes, meals tax that sort of thing, you can see back in 2006 it was just over \$6 million. In 2017, it is probably about \$6.5-\$6.6 million. Not a tremendous amount of growth in this look back period going all the way back to 2006. You come down to that green line, it is the third line down, that is aid from the Commonwealth, taxes, and shared expenses. Flat. All the way back to 2006, 2006 to 2017 just completely flat. The next line, the purple line is your Commonwealth aid, grant aid if you will. That includes any sort of capital allocation that they have given to you for a project. You can see it kind of bounces around a little bit. That is all going to be earmarked for a specific purpose. It is not free money. You cannot just use it for whatever you like. Really the telltale sign of this graph and we are seeing it pretty much everywhere is that there is a greater reliance on local tax dollars, local property taxes compared to State aid, other local taxes, just about everything else. I don't expect that trend to change. I expect if in the future, if your expenses go up, the revenue that is going to be used to cover those expenses is going to have to come from local property taxes. The next page is just your original tax assessments by fiscal year. Yours are kind of all over the place. Most places these things are, you just got a flat line or kind of gradually going up. Yours is just kind of all over the place. I will tell you that real estate, we have to take one tenth of the assessed value to get it on the graph. Otherwise, your real estate assessments are way up here and all of the other lines are tiny lines that kind of run together at the bottom. You can see that real estate line, which is kind of the second down. It is kind of a bluish color there with diamonds in it. You can see, I guess you had a reassessment back in 2007-2008. Since that reassessment, there has been a slight upward tick in your real estate assessments. Personal property. Looks like you went up until 2016. It came down a little bit in 2017. What we are hearing is that the car market has kind of peaked, so personal property we expect that to flatten out. We don't expect to see a whole lot of growth going forward. I think that we had record sales in 2017 and they are expecting that to decrease in 2018. The next line down, the public service corporation has had a steady growth since 2005. Passing your or getting really right in line with your personal property assessments. Machinery and tools. It is not unusual to see machinery and tools spike up and then come down as corporations essentially get a depreciation deduction for the machinery and tools they put in service. The next page, I am just graphing out the revenue sources for the School Board. You can see in 2017, the State aid is actually below the peak, which occurred back in 2009. They had a pretty good ramp up in State aid up until 2009. The great recession hit. It dropped down and we really haven't recovered fully from that yet. Part of that could be driven if you have a declining school population; not reaching those levels again can be driven by the declining school population. You can see the third line down. Federal aid spiked up to kind of take the place of that missing State aid in 2010 and now that has since tapered back off. Federal aid is actually lower than it was. Federal aid in 2017 was actually lower than it was back

in 2006. The middle line that is local aid. That is contributions from the local government. You can see your aid has picked up. Where the other two have fallen off, you guys have picked up to cover the deficit there.

The next two pages are just our management comments for the year. Statement of Economic Interest. We just want to make sure everybody files those forms by the statutory deadline and completely fills them out. I think that we had one person that didn't file that form by the deadline. I can't remember who it is. I am not going to call anybody out. The State asks us to check that. If we see even one person hasn't filed by the deadline or they haven't completed the form, we have to report it to you in our management comments. Other post-employment benefit actuarial valuation. The County and School Board. We call it the OPEB valuation. It is an estimate of your future liabilities for post-employment benefits you provide employees. It wasn't completed until December 2017. We would like to get that in September so that we can get the audit report completed by the end of November and off to the State. We are just reminding you here to try to get that update a little earlier this year from your actuary. It is not necessarily your fault. The actuaries are booked. They are having a hard time getting these reports completed in a timely manner. Next comment was just Public Deposit Act comment. Basically, all of your funds need to be listed with the State Treasurer as public deposit because that affords you additional protection in the rare instance of bank failure. We have a bank failure, personal funds are secured up to \$250,000, local government funds if they are in this program, are secured to whatever you have in there. There is no risk of loss. You want to make sure that you contact the bank and make sure they have properly reported all of your accounts to the State Treasurer. Segregation of duties. That was mentioned in the audit report and that is really the remaining comments. Not having enough people in place or controls in place. Like I said, we want the person that is writing the accounts payable check or let's say taking in cash, we don't want that person also keeping the books. If you are in the Treasurer's Office and you are closing out a drawer every day, but you are also posting journal entries to the books, we want to have some segregation of duties there. That person could theoretically run a void through the books and take cash home. Not saying that happened, but we would like to have a segregation of duties.

The last couple of pages are what we call our letter to those charged with governance. Basically, if we come to do an audit and your folks are cantankerous, probably a good word, they don't want to work with us, we are going to report it to you in this letter. We are also going to tell you about the significant estimates in the financial statements. Any issues we had during the audit. You guys get the boilerplate letter. We didn't have any problems. When we came in to do the audit, here, at the School Board, at Social Services, when we asked your folks for something, they provided it right away. We didn't have any issues. No real need to go through that letter, but we have to provide it to you regardless. I kind of went over a lot of information in a hurry there."

Chair Reeves thanked Mr. Stone and Robinson Farmer Cox Associates for a job well done and for all of the work they do for the County.

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Supervisor Hale noted that there is a new State auditing process that rates counties. He questioned where Wythe County would rate based on this method.

Mr. Stone stated that the County is financially healthy. He noted that he does not have that information with him, but would e-mail it to Mr. Bear. Mr. Stone added that the State Auditor is still working to refine and improve this rating model.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Recreation Commission – Supervisor Hale questioned if someone who works with the Recreation Commission, such as a referee, would be permitted to serve on the Commission.

Mr. Bear noted that there are no restrictions that would prohibit those individuals from serving on the Recreation Commission.

2. New River Mount Rogers Workforce Development Area Consortium Board – Mr. Bear advised that he is continuing to work to locate a business representative to serve on the New River Mount Rogers Workforce Development Consortium Board. He noted that he may contact the Wytheville Wythe Bland Chamber of Commerce to request a recommendation for nomination to the Consortium Board.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sheriff Keith Dunagan appeared before the Board and reported the following:

1. Debris Collection – Sheriff Dunagan reported that the debris collection crew picked up approximately 12,000 pounds of trash from February 1 to February 27. He noted that the program is going well and receives many positive comments.

Sheriff Dunagan explained that Mr. Bear had questioned if they could pick up trash on Routes 11 and 90 within the Town of Rural Retreat outside of the residential areas. He noted that the crew is working this area today.

Chair Reeves advised that Major Cline had provided a report to the Board members via e-mail detailing the amount of trash picked up on Foster Falls Road. He noted that the crew picked up 19 bags of trash in the park and ride area alone. Chair Reeves added that there were over 300 tires dumped on Foster Falls Road.

Sheriff Dunagan noted that the crew can spend weeks picking up the trash at the interstate exits only to have to return and pick up the trash again.

Chair Reeves stated that he believed that the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) maintenance crew was supposed to clean up the interstate and exit areas. He noted that this is taking time from the County crew

that could be used to clean up secondary County roads. Chair Reeves requested that they contact VDOT to discuss.

Sheriff Dunagan requested that Board members report any roads in need of debris clean up to his office.

2. Grants – Sheriff Dunagan explained that the Sheriff’s Office received a \$10,000 grant for purchase of Narcan, a narcotic blocker used to treat opioid overdoses. He noted that they also received a \$44,000 Wythe Bland Foundation grant for purchase of defibrillators. Sheriff Dunagan added that they have received both and are working to train the officers for use of the equipment and to deploy it into the patrol vehicles.
3. Radios – Sheriff Dunagan expressed his appreciation to the Board for providing the funding needed for purchase of the new radios. He noted that the portable units have been received and they expect the in-car units to arrive any day.

TREASURERS’ REPORT

Treasurer Lori Guynn appeared before the Board and presented the Treasurer’s Report as follows:

1. Revenue Statement – Ms. Guynn reported that the consolidated account was comprised of \$68,708,138 of which \$43,018,488 was in the General Fund Account at the end of January.
2. Tax Collections – Ms. Guynn advised that tax collections are continuing to go well, as individuals who wait until they receive their income tax refund to pay are now coming in and paying their taxes. She noted that they plan to mail delinquent notices within the next 30 days. Ms. Guynn explained that they have implemented the income tax set off debt program and have received several hits, the majority of which owe ten plus years of delinquent taxes. She stated that as they finish the tax season, they hope to begin aggressively issuing warrants and debt to assist with delinquent collections. Ms. Guynn added that they hope to subscribe to a skip tracing program, which should help provide up-to-date addresses for delinquent individuals and allow the Treasurer’s Office to pursue those collections.
3. Outstanding Tax Collections – Ms. Guynn noted that Supervisor Hale had requested outstanding tax collection data at the January 23 meeting. She reported that the total outstanding real estate tax principle, not including penalties and interest was just over \$1.9 million. Ms. Guynn advised that with the addition of personal property, mobile homes, and machine and tools, outstanding taxes total approximately \$2.6 million. She added that they do have judgements against a large number of these outstanding delinquent taxpayers, and are working to collect the outstanding balances.

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4. Meals and Occupancy Tax – Chair Reeves questioned what contributed to the recent increase in meals and occupancy tax collections.

Ms. Guynn noted that the majority of the recent lodging tax increase was attributed to the large volume of mail that was received at the end of December, but they were not able to post until January.

WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Max Meadows Bridge Crossing – Supervisor Horney made a motion, as recommended by the Water Committee to seek funding sources in order to proceed with the creek crossing option at the Max Meadows Bridge site.

Supervisor Horney reported that Water Department staff has contacted the Virginia Department of Health, who has stated that the project would be eligible for Virginia Revolving Loan Funds. He noted that the Virginia Department of Health District Engineer indicated that the preliminary engineering report requirement may be waived, as this is a replacement project.

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. Anastsios Gogos – Supervisor Horney made a motion, as recommended by the Water Committee to approve write-off of Anastsios Gogos' account balance in the amount of \$4,184.28.

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

3. Richard and Pearly Davidson – Supervisor Horney made a motion, as recommended by the Water Committee to approve write-off of the penalties and interest totaling \$2,540.16 for Account No. 103607-00 and \$2,540.16 for Account No. 103608-00 as the owner has agreed to pay the sewer connection and capacity fees for the new accounts.

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

4. Baker's Chapel Leak Adjustment – Supervisor Horney made a motion, as recommended by the Water Committee to approve the Baker's Chapel leak adjustment in the amount of \$536.62.

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

5. Fire Hydrants – Supervisor Horney updated the Board on the progress of the fire hydrant maintenance project and reported the following: "Per Mr. Hale's request, Mr. Crisp made a presentation on the status of fire hydrants in the County. The presentation included a summary of fire hydrants, flow testing and maintenance requirements, and cost associated with each, and a detailed list of fire hydrants out of service. The Committee instructed staff to draft a request for proposals to prepare a system hydraulic evaluation, which would identify available flows at all fire hydrants in the water system."

Mr. Bear explained that the system analysis would provide the information needed to allow the Water Department to color code the hydrants to the flow pressure in the future if desired.

Supervisor Hale advised that some physical testing should be performed, as the analysis would only be as reliable as the math used to calculate the flow and pressure. He noted that the functionality of the valves and other components could not be derived from the analysis. Supervisor Hale recommended that Water Department staff perform actual physical testing on at least 50 of the hydrants. He explained that the National Fire Protection Association rules require that hydrants be marked to allow fire departments to visually gauge the expected flow and pressure. Supervisor Hale inquired how many hydrants are currently out of service.

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Mr. Bear noted that he believes that ten hydrants are out of service. He explained that the report detailed the number of hydrants in need of repair, those to be removed, and hydrants to be replaced.

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

6. Collins Tank – Supervisor Horney updated the Board on the status of the Collins Tank project and reported the following: "Per Mr. Hale's request, Don Crisp made a presentation regarding the Collins tank operation and how it relates to overall system reliability. The Committee instructed staff to request proposals from the short term engineering service providers to review alternatives as it relates to the tank and the overall system reliability on the north side of the I-81/I-77 corridor."

Mr. Bear advised that Collins tank is critical to providing water to the north side of the interstate should there be a problem with the water coming from the New River Regional Water Authority. He noted that the study would determine the best use of Collins tank and alternatives to serve the northern part of the I-81/I-77 corridor to Exit 86.

Supervisor Hale noted that the appearance of the tank has been a detriment to economic development of the area. He requested that the County Engineer complete a study of the tank in conjunction with the other study.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

1. DayPro Refund – Supervisor Lester made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee to amend and appropriate DayPro maintenance funds refunded in the amount of \$2,000 to 3506-443020.

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. Public Safety Access Point Grant – Supervisor Lester made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee to amend and appropriate Public Safety Access Point (PSAP) grant funds received in the amount of \$2,000 to 3506-457703.

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

3. Spillman Technologies – Supervisor Lester made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee to approve Spillman Technologies Purchase and License Agreement Addendums A and B.

Mr. Bear advised that Addendum A would provide the equipment and maintenance module in exchange for the offender tracking module. He noted that there is no cost associated with Addendum A. Mr. Bear reported that Addendum B would surrender the Advisor Interface and the response plan module licenses, which would provide a credit of \$12,885. He explained that in exchange, they would purchase Esri ArcGIS Enterprise Workgroup Standard and ArcGIS Desktop Basic Single system and local arrest form license modules.

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

4. Speedwell Fire Department – Supervisor Lester made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee to approve transfer of \$15,886.41 from the Speedwell Fire Department Reserve Account to the General Fund, and to amend and appropriate the same amount to the Speedwell Fire Department for purchase of replacement cylinders.

Mr. Bear reported that since the Budget Committee meeting, the Treasurer's Office has indicated that with interest the amount in the Reserve Account has increased to \$15,911.34. He requested amendment of the motion to the current balance to close out the account.

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Supervisor Lester made an amended motion, seconded by Supervisor Vaught to approve transfer of the Speedwell Fire Department Reserve Account total balance to the General Fund, and to amend and appropriate the same amount to the Speedwell Fire Department for purchase of replacement cylinders.

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

5. Literary Loan Funds – Supervisor Lester made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee to proceed with refinance of the remaining Rural Retreat High School/Rural Retreat Middle School project debt at a 2% interest rate for 20 years, contingent upon confirmation of the Literary Loan funds.

Mr. Bear advised that in 2008, the County applied for Literary Loan funding for the Rural Retreat High and Middle School renovation project. He explained that the County was at that time approved and placed on a list, but funds dried up and were no longer available and the project was funded through other loan avenues. Mr. Bear noted that funds have now become available and can be used to refinance the project. He stated that the current loan was financed at a rate of 2.75% compared to the 2% interest rate promised with the Literary Loan funding, which would provide a debt service savings of approximately \$175,000 per year. Mr. Bear requested approval from the Board to allow the refinance to proceed once the Literary Loan funding is available.

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Stephen Bear appeared before the Board and reported the following:

1. Animal Shelter Inspection – Mr. Bear reviewed with the Board the Animal Shelter Inspection Form as completed by the Virginia Department of Agriculture and

Consumer Services Office of Animal Care and Emergency Services following an unannounced inspection of the Wythe County Animal Shelter on February 21, 2018. He advised that the Animal Shelter received a good report with no violations noted.

2. Wytheville Historic District 2018 Boundary Increase – Mr. Bear reviewed with the Board two letters and supporting documents from James Hare, Virginia Department of Historic Resources Survey and Register Division Director, concerning proposed increase of the Wytheville Historic District boundaries to include the property at 370 West Spring Street. He noted that inclusion of the property in the National Register of Historic Places would provide a developer potential use of Historic Tax Credits for renovation of the property.

Supervisor Vaught questioned if the Courthouse would be impacted as it is within view of the proposed Historic District property.

Mr. Bear explained that this should not have an impact on the Courthouse complex. He noted that they are currently surrounded by the Historic District.

Supervisor Lester agreed that there are properties within the Historic District presently within view of the Courthouse.

3. Appalachian Regional Exposition Center Seating – Mr. Bear reviewed with the Board an invoice from Bleacher Builders for purchase of 5,000 seats for the Appalachian Regional Exposition Center project. He reported that they had issued a purchase order to Bleacher Builders in the amount of \$250,000; with 10% due upon mobilization, \$175,000 upon delivery, and the remaining amount paid upon installation of the bleachers. Mr. Bear advised that Bleacher Builders has submitted a counter invoice requesting a \$50,000 initial payment and \$150,000 due within 48 hours of delivery. He requested the Board's approval of payment of the initial \$50,000 and authorization to pay the \$150,000 upon receipt of the seating. Mr. Bear explained that if the Board approves, they would proceed with pre-payment of the invoice and issuance of the check to Bleacher Builders when the seating arrives.

Supervisor Lester made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts to approve initial mobilization payment of \$50,000 to Bleacher Builders, as well as payment upon receipt of the seating in the amount of \$150,000 as a pre-payment.

Supervisor Hale noted that the funds to be utilized for purchase of the seating were donated to the County and are not taxpayer funds.

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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	

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

County Attorney Scot Farthing appeared before the Board and reported the following:

1. Closed Session – Mr. Farthing requested that the Board meet in closed session to discuss pending and ongoing litigation.

SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

1. School Resource Officers – Supervisor Vaught reported that he has been contacted by numerous parents and grandparents concerned about the future of the school resource officers. He requested that the Board discuss the issue and determine how they plan to proceed to allow the Sheriff's Office to prepare prior to the start of the next police academy, which begins in July. Supervisor Vaught explained that if they delay action until budget presentations, the Sheriff would not have the time needed to provide personnel for the schools. He noted that his main priorities when he ran for office were the County's infrastructure and public safety, whether it be the Sheriff's Office, fire departments, or rescue squads. He asked that the Board discuss the school resource officers and develop a plan of action.
2. School Resource Officers – Supervisor Lawson reported that Sheriff Dunagan has made the decision to no longer fund the School Resource Officer Program due to funding and the loss of three to five deputy positions. She noted that the loss of deputies consequently leads to a decrease in tickets, which in turn reduces the funds in the Police Activity Fund from which the School Resource Officer Program is funded. She stated that the Wytheville Town Council has discussed providing three police officers for Spiller Elementary, Scott Middle, and George Wythe High School. Supervisor Lawson advised that this would leave Sheffey Elementary, Jackson Elementary, Max Meadows Elementary, Fort Chiswell Middle/High, Rural Retreat Middle/High, Rural Retreat Elementary, and Speedwell Elementary Schools without an officer. She added that it is very important for all schools to have a full-time armed deputy managed by the Sheriff on site. Supervisor Lawson requested that the Board discuss funding and expanding the Program to include all schools.

3. School Resource Officers – Supervisor Hale agreed with both Supervisor Vaught and Supervisor Lawson. He suggested that the Chair appoint a committee to discuss the issue and within a designated timeline return to the Board with recommendations to address School Resource Officer Program funding. He noted that school resource officers should be placed in all schools and should be individuals who are capable of working with the students civically and socially as well as providing protection.

Chair Reeves referred the matter to the Personnel Committee and asked that they meet as soon as possible to discuss school resource officers and options to fund the Program.

Supervisor Vaught suggested that they also include someone from the Sheriff's Office or the County Attorney in the discussions. He noted that there are many Code sections that deal with armed officers on school property.

Chair Reeves noted that the County Attorney could provide Code section guidance.

Supervisor Hale requested that the Personnel Committee meet at night to accommodate all members. He also asked that the Committee be permitted to include Sheriff's Office representatives and the County Attorney as needed.

4. Millers Creek Road – Supervisor Hale noted that the Virginia Department of Transportation continues to work on Millers Creek Road.
5. Barren Springs Community Center – Supervisor McRoberts reported that he was contacted on February 26 by Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter concerning the old Barren Springs Fire Department building. He advised that Mr. Carpenter had indicated that the water pipes in the building had frozen and burst and the interior is moldy. Supervisor McRoberts explained that Mrs. Carpenter had stated that a School Board member had mentioned to her that they could use the building for senior citizen educational purposes. He noted that the School Board had provided the building to the Home Improvement Club in the 1960s, but it was returned to the School Board at some point and then given to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Bear advised that the property was relinquished to the School Board, who declared it as surplus and conveyed it to the County approximately 20 years ago. He noted that there was an agreement with the Home Improvement Club, that as long as the property was used for Club purposes, they could continue to use it. Mr. Bear added that the fire department was renting out the building for some time, but have discontinued doing so.

Supervisor McRoberts recommended that they ask the School Board if they are interested in use of the fire station building. He noted that the Home

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Improvement Club continues to use the community center building, which is also located on the property.

Mr. Bear noted that they would discuss with the School Board and place the matter on the next Building and Grounds Committee agenda.

6. Foster Falls Road – Supervisor McRoberts thanked the Sheriff’s Office for collecting the tires dumped in the Foster Falls Road area.

Chair Reeves also expressed his appreciation to the Sheriff’s Office. He noted that they hope to deploy cameras in the area to identify the individuals dumping the tires.

7. Noise Ordinance – Chair Reeves noted that he was contacted by Mr. Crigger in Crockett concerning the noise ordinance. He explained that Mr. Crigger had asked if the noise ordinance would prohibit individuals from target practicing. Chair Reeves explained that he does not believe that the Board intended for the ordinance to stop individuals target shooting during the daytime hours. He requested that the Personnel Committee review and discuss the noise ordinance and determine if amendment is needed.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Supervisor Horney made a motion to approve the consent calendar as presented for February 27, 2018, as follows:

1. PAYROLL – January 2018:

General County Fund	\$ 509,593.71
Police Activity Fund	56,498.50
Courthouse Security Fund	9,440.36
Water Department Fund	14,409.50
<u>Wythe County Wastewater Fund</u>	<u>18,528.94</u>
TOTAL	\$ 608,471.01

Check Numbers: 20000140-20000161

Voucher Numbers: 2120-2445

2. STATUS REPORTS:

- A. Animal Control – Arlan Dunford
- B. Building Inspection – Tim Spraker
- C. Engineering – Bill Vaughan
- D. Finance – Bruce Grant

3. PERSONNEL:

- A. Coake, Caleb – Hired, Full-time Computer Technician, Annual Salary \$22,400, Effective January 16, 2018
- B. Linkous, Jamie – Resigned, Full-time Water Operator/Maintenance, Effective February 15, 2018

Supervisor Lester seconded the motion.

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

RAPER RIDGE WATER STORAGE TANK LOAN RESOLUTIONS

The Board reviewed and discussed a memorandum from County Administrator Bear and supporting resolutions for adoption as required for closing of the Raper Ridge Water Storage Tank project Rural Development loan. The Resolutions are as follows:

**RESOLUTION OF GOVERNING BODY OF
THE WYTHE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

The governing body of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors, consisting of seven members, in a duly called meeting held on the 27th day of February at which a quorum was present **RESOLVED** as follows:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that, in order to facilitate obtaining financial assistance from the United States of America, United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, (the Government) for the construction of the Raper Ridge Water Storage Tank, the governing body does hereby adopt and abide by the covenants contained in the agreements, documents, and forms required by the Government to be executed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, or County Administrator be authorized to execute on behalf of the Authority, the above-referenced agreements and to execute such other documents including, but not limited to, debt instruments and security instruments as may be required in obtaining the said financial assistance.

This Resolution, along with a copy of the above-referenced documents, is hereby entered into the permanent minutes of the meeting of this Board of Supervisors.

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A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF WYTHE AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE INCURRENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A PORTION OF THE COST OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, ENLARGING, IMPROVING, AND/OR EXTENDING ITS WATER SYSTEM FACILITY TO SERVE AN AREA LAWFULLY WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION TO SERVE.

WHEREAS, it is necessary for Wythe County (herein after called the Association) to raise a portion of the cost of such undertaking by issuance of its bonds in the principal amount of \$1,250,000 pursuant to the provisions of the Virginia Public Finance Act; and

WHEREAS, the Association intends to obtain assistance from the United States Department of Agriculture, (herein called the Government) acting under the provisions of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1921 et seq.) in the planning, financing, and supervision of such undertaking and the purchasing of bonds lawfully issued, in the event that no other acceptable purchaser for such bonds is found by the Association:

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises the Association hereby **RESOLVES**:

1. To have prepared on its behalf and to adopt an ordinance or resolution for the issuance of its bonds containing such items and in such forms as are required by State statutes and as are agreeable and acceptable to the Government.
2. To refinance the unpaid balance, in whole or in part, of its bonds upon the request of the Government if at any time it shall appear to the Government that the Association is able to refinance its bonds by obtaining a loan for such purposes from responsible cooperative or private sources at reasonable rates and terms for loans for similar purposes and periods of time as required by section 333(c) of said Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1983(c)).
3. To provide for, execute, and comply with Form RD 400-4, "Assurance Agreement," and Form RD 400-1, "Equal Opportunity Agreement," including an "Equal Opportunity Clause," which is to be incorporated in, or attached as a rider to, each construction contract and subcontract involving in excess of \$10,000.
4. To indemnify the Government for any payments made or losses suffered by the Government on behalf of the Association. Such indemnification shall be payable from the same source of funds pledged to pay the bonds or any other legally permissible source.

5. That upon default in the payments of any principal and accrued interest on the bonds or in the performance of any covenant or agreement contained herein or in the instruments incident to making or insuring the loan, the Government at its option may (a) declare the entire principal amount then outstanding and accrued interest immediately due and payable, (b) for the account of the Association (payable from the source of funds pledged to pay the bonds or any other legally permissible source), incur and pay reasonable expenses for repair, maintenance, and operation of the facility and such other reasonable expenses as may be necessary to cure the cause of default, and/or (c) take possession of the facility, repair, maintain, and operate or rent it. Default under the provisions of this resolution or any instrument incident to the making or insuring of the loan may be construed by the Government to constitute default under any other instrument held by the Government and executed or assumed by the Association, and default under any such instrument may be construed by the Government to constitute default hereunder.
6. Not to sell, transfer, lease, or otherwise encumber the facility or any portion thereof, or interest therein, or permit others to do so, without the prior written consent of the Government.
7. Not to defease the bonds, or to borrow money, enter into any contract or agreement, or otherwise incur any liabilities for any purpose in connection with the facility (exclusive of normal maintenance) without the prior written consent of the Government if such undertaking would involve the source of funds pledged to pay the bonds.
8. To place the proceeds of the bonds on deposit in an account and in a manner approved by the Government. Funds may be deposited in institutions insured by the State or Federal Government or invested in readily marketable securities backed by the full faith and credit of the United States. Any income from these accounts will be considered as revenues of the system.
9. To comply with all applicable State and Federal laws and regulations and to continually operate and maintain the facility in good condition.
10. To provide for the receipt of adequate revenues to meet the requirements of debt service, operation and maintenance, and the establishment of adequate reserves. Revenue accumulated over and above that needed to pay operating and maintenance, debt service and reserves may only be retained or used to make prepayments on the loan. Revenue cannot be used to pay any expenses, which are not directly incurred for the facility financed by USDA. No free service or use of the facility will be permitted.

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11. To acquire and maintain such insurance and fidelity bond coverage as may be required by the Government.
12. To establish and maintain such books and records relating to the operation of the facility and its financial affairs and to provide for required audit thereof as required by the Government, to provide the Government a copy of each such audit without its request, and to forward to the Government such additional information and reports as it may from time to time require.
13. To provide the Government at all reasonable times access to all books and records relating to the facility and access to the property of the system so that the Government may ascertain that the Association is complying with the provisions hereof and of the instruments incident to the making or insuring of the loan.
14. That if the Government requires that a reserve account be established, disbursements from that account(s) may be used when necessary for payments due on the bond if sufficient funds are not otherwise available and prior approval of the Government is obtained. Also, with the prior written approval of the Government, funds may be withdrawn and used for such things as emergency maintenance, extensions to facilities and replacement of short-lived assets.
15. To provide adequate service to all persons within the service area who can feasibly and legally be served and to obtain USDA's concurrence prior to refusing new or adequate services to such persons. Upon failure to provide services, which are feasible and legal, such person shall have a direct right of action against the Association or public body.
16. To comply with the measures identified in the Government's environmental impact analysis for this facility for the purpose of avoiding or reducing the adverse environmental impacts of the facility's construction or operation.
17. To accept a grant in an amount not to exceed \$ under the terms offered by the Government; and of the Association are hereby authorized and empowered to take all action necessary or appropriate in the execution of all written instruments as may be required in regard to or as evidence of such grant; and to operate the facility under the terms offered in said grant agreement(s). The provisions hereof and the provisions of all instruments incident to the making or the insuring of the loan, unless otherwise specifically provided by the terms of such instrument, shall be binding upon the Association as long as the bonds are held or insured by the Government or assignee.

The provisions of sections 6 through 17 hereof may be provided for in more specific detail in the bond resolution or ordinance; to the extent that the provisions

contained in such bond resolution or ordinance should be found to be inconsistent with the provisions hereof, these provisions shall be construed as controlling between the Association and the Government or assignee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of Wythe County have duly adopted this resolution and caused it to be executed on this 27th day of February 2018.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts to adopt the Resolution of Governing Body and Loan Resolution 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

CROSSROADS REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL FACILITY AUTHORITY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Board reviewed and discussed Crossroads Regional Industrial Facility Authority Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended on June 30, 2017.

Supervisor Lester made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Vaught to accept the Crossroads Regional Industrial Facility Authority Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended on June 30, 2017.

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

CLOSED MEETING – CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

Supervisor Lester made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Vaught to enter into Closed Meeting under Section 2.2-3711-A.7 (Consultation with Legal Counsel – Discussion of Ongoing Litigation Matters – Lamberson, Keystone, and Collections) of the Code of Virginia.

The motion passed unanimously.

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Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts 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

RECESS

The Board recessed at 10:58 a.m. until 12 p.m.

RECONVENE

The Board reconvened at 12 p.m.

The Board of Supervisors held a joint meeting with the Wythe County School Board on Tuesday, February 27, 2018, at 12 p.m. The location of the meeting was the George Wythe High School Campus, #1 Maroon Way, Wytheville, Virginia.

WYTHE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

WYTHE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stephen R. Sage, Chair	Tonya M. Freeman
Chalmer L. Frye, Vice Chair	Ann H. Manley
Alan C. Wilder	Lee H. Johnson
Peggy A. Wagy	

WYTHE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STAFF PRESENT:

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

WYTHE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD STAFF PRESENT:

Donald W. Hodock, Superintendent of Schools
Nicki Blankenship, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
Rebecca James, Executive Director Curriculum/Instruction
Dante Lee, George Wythe High School Principal
Wesley Poole, Executive Director of Finance and Operations
Richard Skeens, Supervisor of Transportation

OTHERS PRESENT:

OWPR, Inc. representatives

GEORGE WYTHE HIGH SCHOOL

Board of Supervisors members met with School Board members and staff to tour George Wythe High School and discuss proposed renovation plans. Discussions also included estimated project costs, debt service, funding, and the anticipated need of an additional \$5.5 million.

OWPR, Inc representatives indicated that they plan to advertise the project in May with the bids returned in June. They noted that they should be able to provide a concrete project cost once the bids are received.

Dr. Poole recommended that they use any surplus funds or operational savings in their budget towards furniture and fixtures needed for the renovation project.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

The Board of Supervisors and School Board discussed the School Resource Officer Program, estimated costs to fund the Program, and funding options.

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Chair Reeves advised that he had referred discussion of School Resource Officer Program needs and funding to the County Personnel Committee. He requested that a School Board member join the Committee to participate in the discussions. Chair Reeves noted that he had asked Mr. Bear to contact the Wytheville Town Council and request that a Council member also attend the Personnel Committee meetings.

The School Board appointed Lee Johnson and Tonya Freeman to meet with the County Personnel Committee and Town of Wytheville representatives to discuss School Resource Officer Program needs and funding options.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Reeves adjourned the meeting at approximately 3 p.m.

Timothy A. Reeves, Sr., Chair