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The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 14, 2020. The location of the meeting was in the Boardroom of the County Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian W. Vaught, Chair
 Ryan M. Lawson, Vice Chair
 Rolland R. Cook
 B.G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.

Coy L. McRoberts
 James D. "Jamie" Smith
 Stacy A. Terry

STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kim Ayers
 Peyton Brewer
 Marc Brade
 Paul Cassell
 Jim & Dee Ennis
 Jeremy Farley
 Mike Forrest
 Terry & Wilma Hester
 Gus Kincer
 Jenna Lewis

David Manley
 Linda Meyer
 Charles Miller
 Chuck Parnell
 Cathy Pattison
 Bryon Ross
 Kristina Smith
 Beth Taylor
 Mary Thomas
 Dean Walters

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Jeremy Farley, Restoration Church, provided the invocation and Supervisor Cook led the Pledge of Allegiance.

RULES OF PROCEDURE

Mr. Bear summarized changes to the Rules of Procedure based on comments received from the Board. Regular Board of Supervisors' meetings will now begin at 6:00 p.m. and Supervisors' Reports will be included at every meeting.

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to adopt the Rules of Procedure as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Coy L. McRoberts
	Rolland R. Cook	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Stacy A. Terry
	James D. "Jamie" Smith	

NAYS: None

2020 MEETING CALENDAR

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to adopt the 2020 Meeting Calendar as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Coy L. McRoberts
	Rolland R. Cook	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Stacy A. Terry
	James D. "Jamie" Smith	

NAYS: None

CITIZENS' TIME

Chair Vaught inquired if anyone present wished to address the Board.

1. Meetings and Public Hearings – Ms. Linda Meyer appeared before the Board and stated "With our 2A meeting that we had in November, there were a lot of people out there that wanted to know why we're having the meeting at 9 o'clock on a Tuesday morning because most of them couldn't participate. So, I'm really really glad you did it because I also have a list of almost 60 people that were outside that day that were interested in having the second meeting in the evening again

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instead of 9 o'clock in the morning. So, I'm really really pleased that you guys did that because hopefully more people such as these will come out at that point in time. Also, in addition to that, we were talking about public hearings and the general consensus was that we, the general public, is interested in having public hearings, citizens time a half hour before hand for questions and answers by a knowledgeable representative concerning the public hearing and that would make everything a little bit more transparent and people would get a little bit more information. So, I don't think you need these petitions anymore but it's certainly appreciated. Thank you."

2. Wythe County Rescue Squad – Mr. Charles Miller appeared before the Board and stated "My name is Charles Miller. I'm the Chairman of the Board of Directors at Wythe County Rescue Squad. I believe I know about all you guys. The reason for me coming to this meeting tonight is we have a substantial amount of money tied up in a rescue unit, rescue 54. And what I mean by it being tied up is it's being held as collateral. It's roughly \$51,000 and it's our savings. So, my Board wanted me to come request to see if we could have that money released back to us considering that it's a County-owned truck registered to the County. With that additional money, if we do get it back, will help us out greatly. I don't know if you guys need more information on this but I also have another Board member with me, Mr. Paul Cassell, who can probably give better details on everything like that. But like I said we just came here to request that money be released."
3. Business License – Mr. David Jones appeared before the Board and stated "My name is David Jones. I live here in Wytheville; 1235 West Main Street, Wytheville. I was in here last year some time, mentioning a problem we have within Wythe County, Pulaski County, several of the surrounding counties. I plan on making a 150 mile radius from this town to try to stop the problem we have. I'm a business owner. My brother's a business owner. I know a lot of business owners. County jurisdiction does not have anything to regulate the major flow of tax evasion that's happening. You've got families that are, I can go open up a business in the County just for instance, go draw welfare, food stamps, Medicaid, the whole nine, get every type of government assistance and be a leech while running a lucrative business. The County jurisdiction has the loophole. Town jurisdiction, that's not possible. I run my business in Town limits, and if I don't renew my license, they send a paper to make me renew. Basically, I mean, there's just nothing in the County. I've researched, I've found a lot of people just running businesses without doing anything right. The County of Pulaski said they had the same problem; Marion has a major problem; Wytheville has a major problem. Pulaski County is waiting on y'all to see what y'all are going to do. The Town of

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Wytheville already implemented the business sticker. There needs to be something done. I could present it to the House Delegate, send it over to the Legislator, Senate, Governor, but I don't have faith in our Governor. So, I think that would be a waste of my time. So, I'm going to continue going to each town and county board meeting, hoping that y'all will do something because it's not a fair playing field. I pay a lot of money to go out here and do business. County jurisdiction, what do you pay? Absolutely nothing. You don't have to because I called down here and I checked and see who is paying to play. Very few are; very few. And I pointed this out over and over and over, and I'm going to continue pointing this out, and Marion told me they don't care about it. They don't mind that people evade taxes and draw food stamps at the same time, but that was just one of the board members, not all of them. Most of the people on that board does care, but just one doesn't, and it's just sad to see this continue to go on, and y'all do have the power to do something about it and I just hope that the towns and communities will come together and I'm not just saying this town and just this county, I'm reaching out to everyone and doing your leg work to get these towns and counties to fix this problem but I can't do it if you don't do anything here. I was supposed to be in Rural Retreat tonight to mention that but I wanted to start with the county because that's going to be more important for my journey, it's time for the town and the county to fix the problem. That's it."

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

PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

Supervisor Smith made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on January 14, 2020, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30105588-30105753 as follows:

EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS January 14, 2020

CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
30105588	01/07/2020	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$ 1,702.35
30105589	01/07/2020	BUSINESS CARD	4,891.09
30105590	01/07/2020	CENTURYLINK	48.73
30105591	01/07/2020	CENTURYLINK	120.64
30105592	01/07/2020	CENTURYLINK	154.12
30105593	01/07/2020	CENTURYLINK	238.58

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30105594	01/07/2020	CENTURYLINK	366.49
30105595	01/07/2020	CENTURYLINK	4,772.90
30105596	01/07/2020	CENTURYLINK	6,796.10
30105597	01/07/2020	CENTURYLINK	225.00
30105598	01/07/2020	SUNTRUST	36,881.92

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 01/07/2020 **\$56,197.92**

30105599	01/14/2020	AGNEW, BONNIE B	\$ 30.00
30105600	01/14/2020	AMERICAN MINE RESEARCH IN	7,890.00
30105601	01/14/2020	APEX SOFTWARE	150.00
30105602	01/14/2020	APPALACHIAN REGIONAL EXPO	50,000.00
30105603	01/14/2020	APPALACHIAN REGIONAL EXPO	76,909.00
30105604	01/14/2020	APPALACHIAN POWER	2,304.26
30105605	01/14/2020	ARC3 GASES	111.73
30105606	01/14/2020	ATMOS ENERGY	24.34
30105607	01/14/2020	AUSTIN, MARTIN	80.00
30105608	01/14/2020	BAILEY, KRISTY A.	30.00
30105609	01/14/2020	BEAUBOUEF, BRIAN C.	30.00
30105610	01/14/2020	BLUE RIDGE ANALYTICAL, LL	1,235.00
30105611	01/14/2020	BLUE RIDGE AUTO PARTS INC	12.99
30105612	01/14/2020	BOB HUFF	487.01
30105613	01/14/2020	BOONE, RONALD C	23.20
30105614	01/14/2020	BROWN EXTERMINATING CO	500.00
30105615	01/14/2020	BURNHAM, TIMOTHY L.	30.00
30105616	01/14/2020	BUSINESS INFORMATION SYST	36.50
30105617	01/14/2020	CALDWELL, SARA E.	30.00
30105618	01/14/2020	CARROTHERS, STEVEN C. & B	3,900.39
30105619	01/14/2020	CARTER MACHINERY CO INC	96,462.07
30105620	01/14/2020	CARZ R US LLC	225.48
30105621	01/14/2020	CENTURYLINK	62.90
30105622	01/14/2020	CENTURYLINK	137.81
30105623	01/14/2020	CENTURYLINK	312.61
30105624	01/14/2020	CITIZENS TELEPHONE COOP	720.00
30105625	01/14/2020	CLEMONS, LARRY R	100.00
30105626	01/14/2020	PAUL WIDENER	21,150.00
30105627	01/14/2020	COUNTY OF WYTHE	1,416.67
30105628	01/14/2020	CROWGEY, ERIC W	27.84
30105629	01/14/2020	DALLING, MICHAEL S.	30.00
30105630	01/14/2020	DIRECT DODGE	65.07

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30105631	01/14/2020	DISTRICT THREE	3,890.00
30105632	01/14/2020	DOWDY, MARSHALL	134.22
30105633	01/14/2020	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES #5	3,479.14
30105634	01/14/2020	GRANT, BRUCE M	4,343.59
30105635	01/14/2020	GRUBB, LANCE K.	30.00
30105636	01/14/2020	GUIDOZ, AMY L	.63
30105637	01/14/2020	HALE, JOE	118.32
30105638	01/14/2020	HARPO'S HARDWARE & BLDG S	19.99
30105639	01/14/2020	HARRIS, THOMAS K.	30.00
30105640	01/14/2020	HATCHEL, CALI J.	30.00
30105641	01/14/2020	HEIDI D. LYALL	87.00
30105642	01/14/2020	HORNEY, B GENE JR	93.96
30105643	01/14/2020	HUFF FORD	20.00
30105644	01/14/2020	HURT & PROFFITT INC	6,041.00
30105645	01/14/2020	JACKSON, MELANIE F	56.10
30105646	01/14/2020	JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE AUTH	42,221.40
30105647	01/14/2020	KC AUTOMOTIVE	27.00
30105648	01/14/2020	KEITH, CATHERINE L.	30.00
30105649	01/14/2020	KIDD, SUSAN G.	30.00
30105650	01/14/2020	KING, KAREN M.	30.00
30105651	01/14/2020	KING-MOORE INC	929.50
30105652	01/14/2020	KIWANIS CLUB OF WYTHEVILLE	540.00
30105653	01/14/2020	LAMBERT, BRIANNA H.	30.00
30105654	01/14/2020	LANTAGNE LEGAL PRINTING	244.22
30105655	01/14/2020	LEXISNEXIS	212.00
30105656	01/14/2020	LEXISNEXIS	724.00
30105657	01/14/2020	LIENHART, JEFFERY S	146.16
30105658	01/14/2020	LOWE'S	2,255.66
30105659	01/14/2020	MANSFIELD OIL CO	6,034.24
30105660	01/14/2020	MATNEY, DOUGLAS	30.00
30105661	01/14/2020	MCMILLAN, KATHY	16.41
30105662	01/14/2020	MCROBERTS, COY L	111.36
30105663	01/14/2020	MIDKIFF, DAVID P	104.40
30105664	01/14/2020	MONAHAN, LYNN B.	30.00
30105665	01/14/2020	MUNCY, CYNTHIA G.	30.00
30105666	01/14/2020	NATIONAL RECREATION & PAR	175.00
30105667	01/14/2020	MAILROOM FINANCE, INC	601.10
30105668	01/14/2020	NEW RIVER REGIONAL WATER	18,697.19
30105669	01/14/2020	BLESSING RICKY TIMOTHY	30.00

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30105670	01/14/2020	CARROTHERS STEVEN C &	1,395.03
30105671	01/14/2020	CARROTHERS STEVEN C &	2,978.76
30105672	01/14/2020	CROCKETT JAMES EDGAR III	2,214.00
30105673	01/14/2020	HARTMAN TARA D	810.00
30105674	01/14/2020	PIONEER VILLAGE CAMPGROUN	2,091.96
30105675	01/14/2020	SNOW SUE D	1,127.89
30105676	01/14/2020	BASHAM VICKIE REYNOLDS	20.00
30105677	01/14/2020	BELL WILLIAM S & MARLA L	1,090.80
30105678	01/14/2020	BIRDLAND CONSTRUCTION LLC	1,776.60
30105679	01/14/2020	BLACK LICK ENTERPRISES LL	617.76
30105680	01/14/2020	BRUCE SAMUEL G	834.84
30105681	01/14/2020	CASSELL DENNIS EDGAR	575.53
30105682	01/14/2020	FURCHES EVERGREENS INC	1,162.27
30105683	01/14/2020	HALSEY TRAVIS W	743.04
30105684	01/14/2020	KING N STANLEY JR	2,982.61
30105685	01/14/2020	LUDWIG CHRISTINE M	808.38
30105686	01/14/2020	MATNEY DOUGLAS E	542.70
30105687	01/14/2020	MUNCY EMMETT J	838.62
30105688	01/14/2020	R & R ENTERPRISES INC	1,469.34
30105689	01/14/2020	SPRAKER-PARKS KRISTINIA V	1,120.50
30105690	01/14/2020	STUART BRANDON H	454.14
30105691	01/14/2020	SULLIVAN KEVIN J	522.19
30105692	01/14/2020	WEST END PRECAST	2,368.98
30105693	01/14/2020	OWEN G DUNN CO	57.51
30105694	01/14/2020	OWEN, DEBRA S.	30.00
30105695	01/14/2020	PAPER CLIP	22.50
30105696	01/14/2020	PICKLE, JAMES R.	30.00
30105697	01/14/2020	PIONEER COLLISION CENTER	728.70
30105698	01/14/2020	PITNEY BOWES	274.65
30105699	01/14/2020	R&R ENTERPRISES INC	60.00
30105700	01/14/2020	REDIKER, BRANDY I.	30.00
30105701	01/14/2020	REEVES, TIMOTHY A SR	26.10
30105702	01/14/2020	RGM ERECTORS INC	315.00
30105703	01/14/2020	RIGGINS, MEGAN & ELIJAH C	4.40
30105704	01/14/2020	RIGNEY, ROBERT E.	30.00
30105705	01/14/2020	ROBINSON FARMER COX ASSOC	53,820.00
30105706	01/14/2020	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	2,282.00
30105707	01/14/2020	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	2,514.00
30105708	01/14/2020	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	11,572.00

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30105709	01/14/2020	RURAL RETREAT AUTO PARTS	13.98
30105710	01/14/2020	SEGRA	31.25
30105711	01/14/2020	SHEFFEY, DAVID W.	30.00
30105712	01/14/2020	SHINAULT, BRAD W	30.00
30105713	01/14/2020	SHINAULT, PRESTON C.	30.00
30105714	01/14/2020	SNOW, SUE D.	1,185.05
30105715	01/14/2020	SOUTHWESTERN VA GAS SERVI	1,943.77
30105716	01/14/2020	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	2,553.48
30105717	01/14/2020	STEPHENSEN, WILLIAM A.	30.00
30105718	01/14/2020	STORMS, PHILIP G.	30.00
30105719	01/14/2020	STOWERS, FRED H.	30.00
30105720	01/14/2020	STREET, HAROLD P III	135.72
30105721	01/14/2020	SURE-FLO INC	1,070.00
30105722	01/14/2020	SUREFIRE LLC	389.95
30105723	01/14/2020	TAYLOR, BRENDA S.	30.00
30105724	01/14/2020	TERRY, CHRIS J	74.77
30105725	01/14/2020	THOMPSON TIRE	188.74
30105726	01/14/2020	THREE RIVERS MEDIA CORP	330.00
30105727	01/14/2020	TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY	86.54
30105728	01/14/2020	TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNA	50.10
30105729	01/14/2020	TREASURER OF WYTHE COUNTY	55.47
30105730	01/14/2020	TUCK, W DOUG	313.68
30105731	01/14/2020	TWO WAY RADIO	57.00
30105732	01/14/2020	US CELLULAR	708.60
30105733	01/14/2020	V&M RECYCLING	68,490.00
30105734	01/14/2020	VAUGHT, BRIAN W	90.48
30105735	01/14/2020	VINEYARD, DONNA M.	30.00
30105736	01/14/2020	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYST	104.78
30105737	01/14/2020	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYSTEMS	1,026.86
30105738	01/14/2020	VIRGINIA RESOURCES AUTHOR	2,619.74
30105739	01/14/2020	VIRGINIA SHERIFFS' ASSOC	534.00
30105740	01/14/2020	VITA	142.19
30105741	01/14/2020	VITA	165.87
30105742	01/14/2020	WALK, ROBERT H	92.80
30105743	01/14/2020	WARD, KEVIN	20.00
30105744	01/14/2020	WHALEN, SUSAN	100.00
30105745	01/14/2020	WHITE, JOE W	30.00
30105746	01/14/2020	WILSON, DOUGLAS E	44.08
30105747	01/14/2020	WRIGHT, CODY B.	30.00

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30105748	01/14/2020	WRIGHT, JANICE	100.00
30105749	01/14/2020	WRIGHT, RASSIE RAY JR.	100.00
30105750	01/14/2020	WYTHE CO WATER & WASTEWAT	322.80
30105751	01/14/2020	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	288.55
30105752	01/14/2020	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	975.76
30105753	01/14/2020	XEROX	132.67
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 01/14/2020			\$541,359.94

TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 01/14/2020 **\$597,557.86**

Vice Chair Lawson seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Coy L. McRoberts
	Rolland R. Cook	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Stacy A. Terry
	James D. "Jamie" Smith	

NAYS: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board was presented with the December 27, 2019 and January 7, 2020 minutes for approval.

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to approve the December 27, 2019 and January 7, 2020 minutes as presented.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Coy L. McRoberts
	Rolland R. Cook	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	James D. "Jamie" Smith	Stacy A. Terry
NAYS:	None	

ABSTAIN: Ryan M. Lawson

PROPOSED WATER RATE INCREASE

Mr. Bear explained that there was a public hearing on the proposed rate increase on December 10th with no action taken. He suggested postponing the discussion until the new Water Committee can further examine, and new Board members can be brought up

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to speed. Mr. Bear stressed that water rates need to be looked at and adjusted, especially in light of the ongoing deficit and areas that have long been in need of water.

Vice Chair Lawson agrees with Mr. Bear and feels it's important for the new Board to discuss and consider what the new Water Committee recommends.

Supervisor McRoberts commented that he has a lot of people in his area that need water but he said the County cannot borrow any more money. He doesn't know what to tell them other than he's sorry, but that seems so insufficient. He hopes the Water Committee will have ideas on how to pay for it.

Supervisor Smith also mentioned there are a lot of people in his district in need of water. He'd like to know how best to reduce the deficit and put the County in a better position to apply for grants.

Chair Vaught agrees that we have to at least break even and we can't continue taking money out of the General Fund; it's not fair to people in the towns who don't benefit from County water. His only issue is with the mandatory hook-up rate (non-user fee) but stated the Federal government requires we have a mandatory connection ordinance. However, the government does not specify how much we have to charge. The Chair would like to see the Water Committee provide multiple recommendations along with supporting figures allowing the Board to make an informed decision.

ENTERPRISE ZONE EXTENSION

Mr. Bear explained that the Enterprise Zone is for areas designated by Housing & Community Development where we're trying to promote business (Industrial Park, Exit 77 Development area, etc.). The Enterprise Zone allows for job creation grants and real property grants for improvements in those areas. Mr. Bear stated that the good news is that we can renew for another five years which helps Mr. Manley (JIDA) with recruitment efforts of economic development.

APEX BARN PROJECT - CHANGE ORDER NO. 1

Mr. Bear explained that one of the line items in the utility barn contract was a rock clause that allowed for an estimated amount of rock discovered during excavation. Unfortunately, the rock we discovered exceeded the estimated amount in the contract (10 cubic yards versus 18 cubic yards).

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County Engineer, Johnny Kincer, provided the Board with a presentation to better illustrate the area where substantial rock was found. Mr. Kincer presented other alternatives to the problem but this was the most reasonable and cost-effective solution.

Mr. Bear added that the extra cost for the work (\$4,000) falls within the contingency, and the rock will actually be used elsewhere keeping them from having to purchase additional rock. The change order is recommended as a cheaper alternative.

Supervisor Smith asked about the contingency money and was this built into the \$732k.

Mr. Bear responded that \$732k was the contract amount but a contingency is held for any unforeseen change orders.

Supervisor Terry asked if the \$4,000 increase is a cost to the taxpayer.

Mr. Bear replied that the County has already borrowed \$1MM for the barn, and there's \$200k from the Tobacco Commission so there's \$1.2MM. The drawdown for the barn is \$732k but when budgets are prepared, Mr. Bear said they usually put back 10% as a contingency. He does not anticipate many more change orders associated with the barn (simple metal structure) unless they find more rock when putting in drain lines. Mr. Bear confirmed this money is coming out of the \$1MM that's already been borrowed.

Vice Chair Lawson stated that this is still an additional \$4,000 being spent.

Mr. Bear explained that Mr. Kincer prepared a list of the capital improvements to be addressed at the APEX for the Building & Grounds Committee to review and recommend which items should be drawn down out of the \$1MM.

Vice Chair Lawson asked what happens if this motion does not pass.

Mr. Bear responded that they would have to go back to the contractor.

Supervisor Smith asked when the APEX Center was constructed, was any core drilling done to know to determine what was there? Also, he asked who is the project manager.

Mr. Bear stated that Baker Construction was the first contractor to come in to do the main grading of the site and some core drilling was done. There was rock on the western corner of the building site. Mr. Bear also said that Mr. Kincer, the County Engineer, is on site daily but that project responsibility falls back on Mr. Bear.

Supervisor Smith feels the same as the Vice Chair in that he doesn't wish to see any more money spent than what's already been approved. He is pleased to know that there is, at least, a contingency.

Mr. Bear said that when you do rock excavation, there is no way to know exactly how much rock you're going to find. He doesn't like spending any more money either but some change orders, like this, are unavoidable.

Supervisor Terry said the APEX is a project that was forced on the citizens and he feels should've been brought to them before it was even built. He promised the people that he would not support this. Enough money has been spent and he refuses to spend any more unless it's debt service already committed.

Chair Vaught asked if a smaller barn had been constructed (as originally presented), could it have been moved to avoid this.

Mr. Bear responded that a smaller structure would have allowed you the option to move to another area, but you could hit rock in that other site too.

Mr. Kincer commented that with a smaller barn, you may not have hit rock. He believes the rock clause was added to the contract because rock sticking out of the ground was visible. He believes the present placement was a good decision as it allows for longer/larger vehicles to get in and around the structure. He said, in this part of the world, rock is to be expected in construction.

Chair Vaught asked if Mr. Kincer is able to work with the contractor to value engineer and save \$4,000 elsewhere?

Mr. Kincer said that it's a fairly simple structure (i.e. not a lot of room to cut corners) but he would certainly try and work with the contractor to reduce costs such as rain-water harvesting.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to approve Change Order No. 1 for the APEX barn project.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: Brian W. Vaught James D. "Jamie" Smith
 Rolland R. Cook Stacy A. Terry
 Ryan M. Lawson

The motion failed.

APPOINTMENTS 2020

1. Alcohol Safety Action Program (ASAP) – Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to reappoint Keith Dunagan and to appoint Chair Vaught.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Appalachian Regional Exposition Center Authority – Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts, to appoint Charlie Lester.

The motion failed with two ayes and five nays.

Vice Chair Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to appoint Betsy Gillman.

The motion passed with six ayes and one nay.

3. Budget Committee – Chair Vaught reappointed himself and appointed Supervisor Smith and Supervisor Terry to the Budget Committee for 2020.
4. Building and Grounds Committee – Chair Vaught reappointed Supervisor McRoberts and appointed Supervisor Cook and himself to the Building and Grounds Committee for 2020.
5. Building Code Appeals Board (BOCA) – Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to reappoint all Building Code Appeals Board members, with the exception of Albert Newberry who resigned, and to appoint Donnie Repass.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. Chief Local Elected Official Board – NR/MR Workforce Investment Board – Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to appoint Chair Vaught to the Chief Local Elected Official Board.

The motion passed unanimously.

7. Crossroads Regional Industrial Facility Authority – Chair Vaught made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to reappoint Stephen Bear.

The motion passed unanimously.

8. Crossroads Regional Industrial Facility Authority - Alternate – Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to appoint Chair Vaught as Alternate.

The motion passed unanimously.

9. District III Governmental Cooperative - Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to appoint Chair Vaught to District III Governmental Cooperative.

The motion passed unanimously.

10. District III Governmental Cooperative Alternate - Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to appoint Supervisor Cook to serve as District III Governmental Cooperative Alternate.

The motion passed unanimously.

11. Economic Development Committee – Chair Vaught appointed Supervisor Terry, Supervisor Smith and Supervisor Cook to the Economic Development Committee for 2020.

12. Fire and Rescue Committee – Chair Vaught reappointed Vice Chair Lawson and Supervisor McRoberts and appointed Supervisor Terry to the Fire and Rescue Committee for 2020.

13. Insurance Committee – Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to reappoint all Insurance Committee members.

The motion passed unanimously.

14. Joint Industrial Development Authority – Vice Chair Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to reappoint David Carpenter to the Joint Industrial Development Authority.

The motion passed unanimously.

15. Juvenile Detention Committee – Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to appoint Vice Chair Lawson to the Juvenile Detention Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

16. Joint Public Service Authority - Wythe & Bland Counties – Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to appoint Supervisor Terry to the Joint Public Service Authority – Wythe & Bland Counties.

The motion passed unanimously.

17. Lead Mines Rescue Squad Board of Directors – Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to reappoint Teresa Mabe and Donald Viars and to appoint Jeff Wright to the Lead Mines Rescue Squad Board of Directors.

The motion passed unanimously.

18. Liaison - Clerk of the Circuit Court – Chair Vaught appointed Supervisor Terry to serve as Clerk of the Circuit Court Liaison for 2020.

19. Liaison – Commissioner of the Revenue – Chair Vaught appointed Vice Chair Lawson to serve as Commissioner of the Revenue Liaison for 2020.

20. Liaison – Commonwealth Attorney – Chair Vaught reappointed himself to serve as Commonwealth Attorney Liaison for 2020.

21. Liaison – Commissioner of the Revenue – Chair Vaught appointed Vice Chair Lawson to serve as Commissioner of the Revenue Liaison for 2020.

22. Liaison – Planning Commission – Chair Vaught appointed Vice Chair Lawson to serve as Planning Commission Liaison for 2020.
23. Liaison – Recreation Commission – Chair Vaught appointed Supervisor Smith to serve as Recreation Commission Liaison for 2020.
24. Liaison – School Board – Chair Vaught appointed Supervisor Terry to serve as School Board Liaison for 2020.
25. Liaison – Sheriff – Chair Vaught appointed Supervisor Smith to serve as Sheriff Liaison for 2020.
26. Liaison – Treasurer – Chair Vaught appointed Supervisor McRoberts to serve as Treasurer Liaison for 2020.
27. Mount Rogers Community Services Board – Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to appoint Supervisor Smith to the Mount Rogers Community Services Board.

The motion passed unanimously.

28. Mount Rogers Planning District Commission – Vice Chair Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to reappoint Chair Vaught to the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission.
The motion passed unanimously.
29. Mount Rogers Planning District Commission Transportation Technical Committee – Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to reappoint Johnny Kincer to the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission Transportation Technical Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

30. Mountain Community Action Program – Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to appoint Supervisor Cook to the Mountain Community Action Program.

The motion passed unanimously.

31. New River Community Corrections Board - Vice Chair Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to reappoint Chair Vaught to the New River Community Corrections Board.

The motion passed unanimously.

32. New River Highlands Resource Conservation and Development Council – Chair Vaught made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to reappoint Chris King to the New River Highlands Resource Conservation and Development Council and to reappoint John Huffard to serve as Alternate.

The motion passed unanimously.

33. New River Regional Water Authority – Vice Chair Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to appoint Supervisor Terry to the New River Regional Water Authority.

The motion passed unanimously.

34. New River Valley Criminal Justice Services Board - Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to reappoint Keith Dunagan and appoint Chair Vaught to the New River Valley Criminal Justice Services Board.

The motion passed unanimously.

35. New River Valley Regional Jail Authority – Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to appoint Chair Vaught to the New River Valley Regional Jail Authority.

The motion passed unanimously.

36. New River Valley Regional Jail Authority – Alternate – Chair Vaught made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry to reappoint Stephen Bear to serve as Alternate to the New river Valley Regional Jail Authority.

The motion passed unanimously.

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37. Personnel Committee – Chair Vaught reappointed Vice Chair Lawson and appointed Supervisor Smith and Supervisor Cook to the Personnel Committee for 2020.

38. Planning Commission – District 2 West Wytheville - Supervisor Cook made a motion, seconded by Chair Vaught, to appoint Gary Beamer to the Planning Commission for District 2.

The motion passed unanimously.

39. Planning Commission – District 4 Fort Chiswell - Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to appoint Robert Epperson to the Planning Commission for District 4.

The motion passed unanimously.

40. Planning Commission – District 6 Speedwell - Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Chair Vaught, to reappoint David Midkiff to the Planning Commission for District 6.

The motion passed unanimously.

41. Planning Commission – At-Large - Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Chair Vaught, to reappoint Doug Wilson to the Planning Commission.

The motion passed unanimously.

42. Recreation Commission – Supervisor Terry does not have anyone to recommend at this time.

43. Set-Off Debt Collection – Mr. Bear recommends appointing Kathy Vaught, Steve Lester and Terry Montgomery but advises holding off on this appointment until all members can be confirmed.

44. Social Services Board – Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to appoint Chair Vaught to the Social Services Board.

The motion passed unanimously.

45. Southwest Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council – Chair Vaught made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to reappoint Cody Jackson to the Southwest Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council.

The motion passed unanimously.

46. Town/County Committee – Rural Retreat – Chair Vaught reappointed himself and Supervisor Horney to the Rural Retreat Town/County Committee for 2020.
47. Town/County Committee – Wytheville – Chair Vaught reappointed Vice Chair Lawson and appointed Supervisor Cook to the Wytheville Town/County Committee for 2020.
48. Water and Wastewater Committee – Chair Vaught reappointed Supervisor Horney and Supervisor McRoberts and appointed Supervisor Cook to the Water and Wastewater Committee for 2020.
49. Wythe Grayson Regional Library Board – Chair Vaught made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to appoint Supervisor Terry to the Wythe Grayson Regional Library Board for 2020.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bear, after brief discussion, confirmed that Building & Grounds Committee will meet next Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. followed by Water/Wastewater Committee at 9:30 a.m., and Budget Committee will meet next Thursday at 4:00 p.m.

Regarding the APEX Authority, Supervisor Horney recommends either reappointing Buddy Johnstone or appointing Billy Bowers.

Vice Chair Lawson asked if appointing Mr. Bowers would pose a conflict.

Mr. Bear replied that it's not a direct conflict but, since Mr. Bowers is Building & Grounds Supervisor, it's probably best not to appoint him to the APEX Authority.

Mr. Farthing agreed.

PARKING ORDINANCE UPDATE

County Attorney Scot Farthing said after researching the parking ordinance, he sent a memo to the Board of Supervisors confirming they can pass a parking ordinance and assess fines. He recalls an issue with trucks/tractor trailers parked on Gator Lane as well as areas near the APEX Center. Mr. Farthing stated that in order to enforce an ordinance, the County would need to designate the no-parking areas and post signs indicating fines to be imposed. He recommends sending this to a committee first (Building & Grounds) to review the draft ordinance.

Supervisor Smith added that although the side of the road (Gator Lane) was recently fixed, because of the trucks/trailers parking there, it has been destroyed again.

Chair Vaught said that in spite of the Sheriff's office issuing hundreds of tickets over the years, the \$30 fine has not been effective in correcting the situation. He added that either the County or VDOT will have to fix the pavement again, and if VDOT fixes it, that money will come out of their budget for Wythe County. Chair Vaught said that the Town has strengthened their parking ordinance with a heftier fine.

HAMILTON KNOB TOWER SITE

County Attorney Scot Farthing spoke with a representative from East Tennessee Natural Gas. He explained that the tower site needs to be upgraded to improve communications for emergency response. Mr. Farthing reported that the owners have agreed to give the property site to the County. They are making minor changes to the draft deed Mr. Farthing forwarded to them. After the owner executes the deed, Mr. Farthing asked that the County Administrator be authorized to sign/accept pertinent documents.

Vice Chair Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to authorize Mr. Bear to sign related documents deeding the site to the County.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Coy L. McRoberts
	Rolland R. Cook	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Stacy A. Terry
	James D. "Jamie" Smith	
NAYS:	None	

REGIONAL PREPAREDNESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Bear explained that Mr. Crawford has been working to establish this new committee and Mr. Bear recommends appointing Mr. Crawford and Mrs. Lang to this committee.

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to appoint Darlene Lang and Curtis Crawford to the Regional Preparedness Advisory Committee.

Chair Vaught added that this is for interoperability coordinator's office and he hopes they continue to address our local operability problem. Supervisor Smith agrees.

The motion passed with six ayes and one nay.

CLOSED MEETING

Supervisor Cook made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to enter into Closed Meeting under Section 2.2-3711-A.5 (Prospective Business or Industry) and Section 2.2-3711-A.7 (Consultation with Legal Counsel) of the Code of Virginia. Mr. Bear added that consultation with legal counsel is for review of performance agreement.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Upon returning to open meeting, Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, 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 was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Coy L. McRoberts
	Rolland R. Cook	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Stacy A. Terry
	James D. "Jamie" Smith	

NAYS: None

TOBACCO REGION REVITALIZATION COMMISSION

Vice Chair Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to approve the two performance agreements with the Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission contingent upon agreement with the Town of Wytheville and authorize the County Administrator to sign.

The motion passed unanimously.

SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

1. Grouse Ridge Road Update – Supervisor Smith asked if there was any update.

Mr. Bear spoke with VDOT who communicated with the Attorney General's office. Apparently, the information has gone back to the natural gas company who is currently working with their legal counsel. Mr. Bear has asked Andy Fowler if VDOT can at least begin construction on part of the road, but Mr. Fowler said his hands are tied and they can't do anything. Mr. Bear has requested a meeting with the District Administrator but, unfortunately, that won't be for a few weeks due to the District Administrator's schedule.

2. Orion Drive – Supervisor Smith commented that the road is in very bad shape especially after the recent rainfall.

Mr. Bear responded that we applied for revenue sharing on this road and we should have an answer by July as to whether or not it qualifies. Although the property has changed hands, the current owner sent Mr. Bear a letter expressing willingness to work with County regarding the right-of-way. But Mr. Bear explained this is dependent upon revenue sharing.

3. Major Grahams Road – Supervisor Smith asked if the next phase of Major Grahams will be starting now or in the Spring?

Mr. Bear is not sure but indicated that VDOT should be at the next board meeting; he will, however, reach out to them for an update.

4. Gunton Park & Peppers Ferry – Supervisor Smith asked if we could please get water to the residents of Gunton Park and Peppers Ferry.

5. 2020 Census – Vice Chair Lawson asked if everyone received Census flyers or was she the only one.

Mr. Bear responded that she was the only one since she asked for it. Any feedback or recommendations would be appreciated.

Vice Chair Lawson explained that the Planning Commission has been working with the Census Bureau. For every person not counted in the Census, approximately \$2,000 per year is lost in funding to the locality. The Vice Chair said we need to stress this to all the people so they understand just how important the 2020 Census is. Blake Stowers, PIO, assisted in preparing and distributing these flyers.

6. Technology Support – Supervisor Terry asked if there's anything we can do to help the Commonwealth Attorney's office and Sheriff's office with tech support. He indicated that both offices have a dire need.

7. Economic Development Campaign – Chair Vaught would like the County to consider an economic development campaign, possible slogan "Made Wythe Pride". Wythe County has a lot to be proud of, very talented crafts people, machinists, and different types of laborers of which we are very proud. Mr. Manley offered his assistant to help with logos for the campaign. Chair Vaught

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said the Town of Wytheville was very successful in their "*Wytheville – There's Only One*" campaign. He is not sure of the cost but would like to see us talk about moving this forward.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Vaught adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:08 p.m.

Brian W. Vaught, Chair