

February 11, 2020

The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 11, 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
 Curtis Crawford,

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mark Bloomfield
 Marc Brade
 Keith Dunagan
 Mike Forrest
 Charlie Foster

Mike Fronimos
 Gus Kincer
 David Manley
 Chris Mattson
 Linda Meyer

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Vaught determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Bishop Chris Mattson, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, provided the invocation and Supervisor Cook led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS' TIME

Chair Vaught inquired if anyone present wished to address the Board. With no one wishing to address the Board, Chair Vaught closed Citizens' Time.

PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on February 11, 2020, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30105853-30106054 as follows:

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**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT
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CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
30105853	01/30/2020	WYTHE CO RESCUE SQUAD	\$ 17,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 01/30/2020			\$17,000.00
30105854	02/05/2020	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$ 2,232.31
30105855	02/05/2020	BUSINESS CARD	4,164.76
30105856	02/05/2020	CENTURYLINK	4,753.46
30105857	02/05/2020	VERIZON WIRELESS	40.01
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 02/05/2020			\$11,190.54
30105858	02/11/2020	AKER, TIMOTHY W	\$ 30.00
30105859	02/11/2020	AKERS, TIM	30.00
30105860	02/11/2020	ATMOS ENERGY	137.08
30105861	02/11/2020	AXON ENTERPRISE INC	7,503.00
30105862	02/11/2020	BARREN SPRINGS VOL FIRE D	14,464.91
30105863	02/11/2020	BEAR, STEPHEN	330.15
30105864	02/11/2020	BEASLEY, DREAMA G	30.00
30105865	02/11/2020	BILLINGS, WAYNE A	30.00
30105866	02/11/2020	BLESSING, DAVID	30.00
30105867	02/11/2020	BLEVINS, LOCKIE D	30.00
30105868	02/11/2020	BLUE RIDGE AUTO PARTS INC	59.80
30105869	02/11/2020	BRENNTAG MID-SOUTH INC	2,380.72
30105870	02/11/2020	BREWER, JACLYN M	30.00
30105871	02/11/2020	BURTON, BRANDY N	30.00
30105872	02/11/2020	CARDNO INC	718.18
30105873	02/11/2020	CARROLL COUNTY PSA	3,388.97
30105874	02/11/2020	CARTER MACHINERY CO INC	2,164.90
30105875	02/11/2020	CAVALIER SUPPLY CO	938.30
30105876	02/11/2020	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	393.47
30105877	02/11/2020	CHARLES PORTER EXCAVATING	1,000.00
30105878	02/11/2020	CHRISLEY, MICHAEL L	30.00
30105879	02/11/2020	CITIZENS TELEPHONE COOP	720.00
30105880	02/11/2020	CLEARWATER INC	982.36
30105881	02/11/2020	COLLINS AUTO REPAIR INC	123.30
30105882	02/11/2020	COLT W. SIMMONS CONSTRUCT	271,462.50

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30105883	02/11/2020	COMM OF REV ASSOC OF VA	300.00
30105884	02/11/2020	COUNTY OF WYTHE	1,416.67
30105885	02/11/2020	CREATIVE GLASS INC	445.71
30105886	02/11/2020	CROCKETT, BLAKE	30.00
30105887	02/11/2020	DEPT OF MOTOR VEHICLES	2,575.00
30105888	02/11/2020	DISTRICT THREE	12,404.00
30105889	02/11/2020	DUNN, APRIL K	30.00
30105890	02/11/2020	EEIS-ELEVATOR EQUIP INSPE	375.00
30105891	02/11/2020	FENDER, ANDY F	30.00
30105892	02/11/2020	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES #5	904.00
30105893	02/11/2020	FIDELITY POWER SYSTEMS	475.00
30105894	02/11/2020	FN WHOLESALE LIGHTING & S	132.26
30105895	02/11/2020	FOOD COUNTRY	11.36
30105896	02/11/2020	FORT CHISWELL HIGH SCHOOL	570.00
30105897	02/11/2020	GRANT, BRUCE M	4,343.59
30105898	02/11/2020	GRAVLEY, AARON T	30.00
30105899	02/11/2020	GRUBB, STEVEN L	30.00
30105900	02/11/2020	HALL, JAMES A.	30.00
30105901	02/11/2020	HUFF FORD	584.35
30105902	02/11/2020	HURT & PROFFITT INC	5,651.04
30105903	02/11/2020	IRVIN CONSTRUCTION SERVIC	23,910.00
30105904	02/11/2020	IRVIN, ALISON C.	30.00
30105905	02/11/2020	JACKSON, MELANIE F	30.00
30105906	02/11/2020	JASON'S AUTO SERVICE	20.00
30105907	02/11/2020	JOINT IDA OF WYTHE COUNTY	60,467.50
30105908	02/11/2020	JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE AUTH	38,876.24
30105909	02/11/2020	KC AUTOMOTIVE	44.00
30105910	02/11/2020	KINCER, KELLY	75.00
30105911	02/11/2020	KOLIS, THOMAS S	30.00
30105912	02/11/2020	LAMBERT, KAREN H	30.00
30105913	02/11/2020	MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVI	21,836.11
30105914	02/11/2020	LAYNE, JOYCE	30.00
30105915	02/11/2020	LEAD MINES RESCUE SQUAD	3,666.52
30105916	02/11/2020	LEXISNEXIS	212.00
30105917	02/11/2020	LINEHART, ELIZABETH J	134.10
30105918	02/11/2020	LOVERN, LORA R	30.00
30105919	02/11/2020	LOWE'S	31.91
30105920	02/11/2020	LOWE'S	1,554.71
30105921	02/11/2020	MANSFIELD OIL CO	6,513.17

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30105922	02/11/2020	MATNEY, ELIZABETH B	30.00
30105923	02/11/2020	MEREDITH'S GARAGE	179.00
30105924	02/11/2020	MEREDITH, DAVID M	76.38
30105925	02/11/2020	MILO C COCKERHAM INC	698.10
30105926	02/11/2020	MINERD, DAVID S	18.86
30105927	02/11/2020	NATIONAL POOLS	710.50
30105928	02/11/2020	MAILFINANCE INC	474.00
30105929	02/11/2020	NEW RIVER REGIONAL WATER	17,237.33
30105930	02/11/2020	NICHOLS, JOHN	30.00
30105931	02/11/2020	NICOLA, PATRICK	50.00
30105932	02/11/2020	NOREN-MATZ, REBECCA L.	30.00
30105933	02/11/2020	OFFICE DEPOT	58.56
30105934	02/11/2020	OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDIC	20.00
30105935	02/11/2020	ACAR LEASING LTD	20.00
30105936	02/11/2020	ACAR LEASING LTD	286.11
30105937	02/11/2020	ARI FLEET LT	46.74
30105938	02/11/2020	BERTHOLOMEY BRIAN L & SHE	54.00
30105939	02/11/2020	BERTHOLOMEY BRIAN L & SHE	110.70
30105940	02/11/2020	BRENNER AMY KINCER	1,726.38
30105941	02/11/2020	CARICO SETH DALTON	348.84
30105942	02/11/2020	CIT FINANCIAL LLC	278.78
30105943	02/11/2020	COMBS TRAVIS GLENN	20.00
30105944	02/11/2020	COMBS TRAVIS GLENN	60.00
30105945	02/11/2020	MERCHANTS AUTOMOTIVE GROU	308.46
30105946	02/11/2020	MILLER MATTHEW I & SARA E	131.30
30105947	02/11/2020	MILLER MATTHEW I & SARA E	7.42
30105948	02/11/2020	NILT INC AS TRUSTEE FOR N	90.22
30105949	02/11/2020	NILT INC. TRUSTEE FOR NISS	20.00
30105950	02/11/2020	SPENCER RUSSELL L	524.45
30105951	02/11/2020	VAUGHN LORETTA ANN	40.00
30105952	02/11/2020	ALEXANDER DONNA SUE	20.00
30105953	02/11/2020	ALLISON PAUL RALPH	20.00
30105954	02/11/2020	BAILEY LINDA VENCILL	20.00
30105955	02/11/2020	BEAMER STACY PHILLIPPI	20.00
30105956	02/11/2020	BELCHER ALISHA FAYE	20.00
30105957	02/11/2020	BLAIR MELISSA 1	457.92
30105958	02/11/2020	BUCKOUT ETHEL A	696.06
30105959	02/11/2020	BURKETT JENNIFER JUNE	20.00
30105960	02/11/2020	BUSICK JAMES CROCKETT	1,519.61

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30105961	02/11/2020	CAUDILL RICHARD LEE	169.56
30105962	02/11/2020	CDC EQUIPMENT LEASING	315.98
30105963	02/11/2020	CHARLES D JORDAN DBA JORD	20.00
30105964	02/11/2020	CHOP DAVID E	564.30
30105965	02/11/2020	CRABTREE ROSANNA J	386.93
30105966	02/11/2020	CREGGER MARVIN DONALD	20.00
30105967	02/11/2020	CRIPPLE CREEK BUILDERS II	255.48
30105968	02/11/2020	CROCKETT iii JAMES EDGAR	50.00
30105969	02/11/2020	CROMER DANNY R	20.00
30105970	02/11/2020	CROUSE JUDITH G	124.20
30105971	02/11/2020	DALY & BARKER HOSPITALITY	6,394.62
30105972	02/11/2020	DOMZALSKI ROBERT	30.00
30105973	02/11/2020	FERREL MICHELE CORSON	20.00
30105974	02/11/2020	FOGLESONG JEFFERY ALLAN	470.88
30105975	02/11/2020	GRUBBS JIM G	481.68
30105976	02/11/2020	HERRON MARTY GENE	101.00
30105977	02/11/2020	HOOPER BRENDA HANKLEY	7.12
30105978	02/11/2020	HORNEY KAY CHAPMAN	10.00
30105979	02/11/2020	JOHNSTON DAVID EDWARD	20.00
30105980	02/11/2020	KING DALE E	99.90
30105981	02/11/2020	KING KEVIN & KELLY	388.80
30105982	02/11/2020	KING TIMOTHY DALE	20.00
30105983	02/11/2020	MARSHALL GUY S	20.00
30105984	02/11/2020	METZGER DONNA FAIRBANK	650.70
30105985	02/11/2020	MOORE GARY CLARENCE	20.00
30105986	02/11/2020	MOSES ANGELA L	63.18
30105987	02/11/2020	MOSS CAROLE JANICE	20.00
30105988	02/11/2020	MURDOCH PATRICIA E	10.00
30105989	02/11/2020	MUSICK ADAM RANDALL	27.58
30105990	02/11/2020	POOLE JR KENNETH TROY	20.00
30105991	02/11/2020	RAINES TERRY R & ANGELA	423.90
30105992	02/11/2020	ROBERTS MICHAEL LEE	10.00
30105993	02/11/2020	ROGER KING FARM	10.00
30105994	02/11/2020	ROGG ANNE WYNNE	20.00
30105995	02/11/2020	RORRER EMMA J	20.00
30105996	02/11/2020	ROSE RHONDA KAYE	20.00
30105997	02/11/2020	SHUMATE BRADLEY T	261.90
30105998	02/11/2020	STEVENS HELEN W	336.42
30105999	02/11/2020	TATE BETH W	100.00

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30106000	02/11/2020	TAXING AUTHORITY CONSULTI	576.47
30106001	02/11/2020	THOMAS SANDRA	157.68
30106002	02/11/2020	THOMPSON EDWARD ANDREW	20.00
30106003	02/11/2020	TOKYO JP SEAFOOD & STEAKH	489.24
30106004	02/11/2020	WILLIAMS BRADLEY OLIN	103.63
30106005	02/11/2020	WILLIS THOMAS A	275.40
30106006	02/11/2020	WILSON TERRY JEAN	462.46
30106007	02/11/2020	WRIGHT JR. WILLIAM F	10.00
30106008	02/11/2020	WYNN WILLIAM THOMAS	10.00
30106009	02/11/2020	ZENOBI VINCENT	92.34
30106010	02/11/2020	PAPER CLIP	462.04
30106011	02/11/2020	PERRY, DESMOND J	30.00
30106012	02/11/2020	PISANI, BRIAN S	30.00
30106013	02/11/2020	PRINTELECT	1,786.13
30106014	02/11/2020	PROTECT YOUTH SPORTS	510.40
30106015	02/11/2020	R&R ENTERPRISES INC	60.00
30106016	02/11/2020	RASNAKE, TRACY	75.00
30106017	02/11/2020	RHODES, WILLIAM E.	30.00
30106018	02/11/2020	RICE, STELLA M	30.00
30106019	02/11/2020	ROACH, THOMAS	75.00
30106020	02/11/2020	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	2,282.00
30106021	02/11/2020	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	2,514.00
30106022	02/11/2020	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	11,572.00
30106023	02/11/2020	SHARITZ, DANIEL B	30.00
30106024	02/11/2020	SHAVERDI, SAFID	30.00
30106025	02/11/2020	SHENDEL	73.37
30106026	02/11/2020	SLEMP, GARY L	30.00
30106027	02/11/2020	SOUTHWESTERN VA GAS SERVI	269.74
30106028	02/11/2020	STILTNER, SHASTA	163.29
30106029	02/11/2020	STROUPE, HOMER A	30.00
30106030	02/11/2020	SUNTRUST	36,881.92
30106031	02/11/2020	SURE-FLO INC	2,367.38
30106032	02/11/2020	SUTHERS, TAMARA P	30.00
30106033	02/11/2020	T&J TRANSMISSIONS	1,200.00
30106034	02/11/2020	THOMPSON TIRE	1,359.42
30106035	02/11/2020	THOMPSON, CHRISTINE S	30.00
30106036	02/11/2020	TOWN WYTHEVILLE	11,450.00
30106037	02/11/2020	TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNA	50.00
30106038	02/11/2020	TREASURER OF WYTHE COUNTY	56.23

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30106039	02/11/2020	TRI COUNTY GLASS INC	269.24
30106040	02/11/2020	TWO WAY RADIO	19.00
30106041	02/11/2020	UNIFIRST CORP	77.03
30106042	02/11/2020	US POSTAL SERVICE	110.00
30106043	02/11/2020	USA BLUE BOOK	338.80
30106044	02/11/2020	V&M RECYCLING	76,131.93
30106045	02/11/2020	VAUGHT, KATHY	351.48
30106046	02/11/2020	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYST	307.51
30106047	02/11/2020	VIRGINIA LAWYERS WEEKLY	179.50
30106048	02/11/2020	VITA	132.53
30106049	02/11/2020	VUPS	60.90
30106050	02/11/2020	WYTHE CO WATER & WASTEWAT	353.89
30106051	02/11/2020	WYTHE SHEET METAL INC	50.00
30106052	02/11/2020	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	921.69
30106053	02/11/2020	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	1,062.16
30106054	02/11/2020	XEROX	72.32
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 02/11/2020			\$689,553.85

TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 02/11/2020 **\$717,744.39**

Supervisor Cook inquired about the legitimacy of payment to Fort Chiswell High School in the amount of \$570.00.

Mr. Bear explained the school charges for an employee on site for their football games.

Supervisor McRoberts amended his motion to approve invoices as presented except for invoice #30105896 to Fort Chiswell High School for \$570.00.

Vice Chair Lawson asked if other high schools charge for this?

Mr. Bear does not believe so but vaguely recalls custodial service on site for basketball games. But this charge relates to football.

Supervisor Terry seconded the amended 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

Supervisor Cook doesn't believe this charge is for the custodian; rather, it is for the Athletic Director for the entire time at his hourly rate.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board was presented with the January 28, 2020 minutes for approval.

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to approve the January 28, 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.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Stacy A. Terry
	James D. "Jamie" Smith	

NAYS: None

APPOINTMENTS

1. Appalachian Regional Exposition Center Authority – Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to appoint Jeremy Farley to the APEX Authority effective immediately.

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.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Stacy A. Terry
	James D. "Jamie" Smith	

NAYS: None

2. Appalachian Regional Exposition Center Authority – Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts, to appoint Barry Arnold to the APEX Authority, effective March 1st.

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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.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Stacy A. Terry
	James D. "Jamie" Smith	

NAYS: None

3. Recreation Commission – Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to appoint Wayne Joseph Samones to the Recreation Commission.

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.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Stacy A. Terry
	James D. "Jamie" Smith	

NAYS: None

Vice Chair Lawson indicated that she is still working on an appointment for the Planning Commission and hopes to have someone by the next meeting.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

Mr. Bear stated this information was included in the last meeting agenda for consideration, and if no one has any concerns, he recommends approval.

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to approve the Capital Improvements Plan 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.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Stacy A. Terry
	James D. "Jamie" Smith	

NAYS: None

Chair Vaught added that the Capital Improvements Plan is a living document that can be revised as needed.

VITALITY FARMS, LLC – AFID PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT

Mr. Bear explained this is Vitality Farm’s Performance Agreement which is required in order for them to receive State money, and he recommends Board approval.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to approve the AFID Performance Agreement for Vitality Farms, LLC.

Supervisor Terry asked if there was a conflict as Ms. Moore is his wife’s employer.

County Attorney Farthing responded that since she does not work for Vitality Farms, there is no conflict.

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

REASSESSMENT CONTRACT – WAMPLER EANES

Mr. Bear explained that last year the Board reviewed the property reassessment. Mount Rogers PDC did a procurement for all counties in the area and brought in firms that he and the Commissioner later interviewed. Mr. Bear said that Wampler Eanes was selected by several localities. He, Ms. Barker and Ms. Vaught met with Wampler Eanes and they recommend approval of this contract agreement for property reassessment. This process would likely start later this year, effective January 1, 2021.

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to approve the reassessment agreement with Wampler Eanes.

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
James D. "Jamie" Smith

Stacy A. Terry

NAYS: None

Chair Vaught added that he hopes Wampler Eanes does a better job updating photos than the previous companies did.

Mr. Bear said he is also working with the Commissioner of Revenue's office as they would like to upgrade their appraisal software. They have met with several companies and although this will be a large expenditure, it is a necessary expense. Mr. Bear said the upgraded software would be compatible with the reassessment firms as well as with Tyler/Munis. He also stated the current system could very well be 20 years old.

FINANCIAL & CAPITAL PLANNING REVIEW – DAVENPORT & COMPANY

Mr. Bear explained that Davenport & Company has worked with several localities in the area doing financial and capital planning reviews. Where they can help Wythe County is in assessing where the County is financially, reviewing current debt service, evaluating options to refinance or consolidate debt, etc. They understand the financial difficulties with the Water fund and may be able to help spread out our water debt. Mr. Bear said they will assist with future projects and possibly help us locate funding for those projects. Overall, he said this will provide us with a bookmark of where we are with capital improvements and where we want to go.

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to approve hiring Davenport & Company to conduct financial and capital planning review.

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

BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST

Mr. Bear stated that at the last meeting, the Board agreed to fund the Sheriff's IT position out of the General Fund. This amendment request is a budget transfer from the

position that was in 31021 (PAF funded) to 31028 (Sheriff IT) which will be funded by the General Fund.

Supervisor Cook voiced concern that the wording of the memo indicates funds are coming out of PAF and going to the Sheriff's IT.

Mr. Bear indicated he understood the confusion from the wording, but funds are not being moved.

Supervisor Terry asked for clarification on leftover funds in PAF due to the current vacancy, and whether the Sheriff can spend that money as he desires.

Mr. Bear replied that any funds in the PAF are available for the Sheriff to use at his discretion.

Supervisor Cook made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to approve the budget amendment for the Sheriff's IT position, and to amend and appropriate the salary and payroll-related costs as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Brian W. Vaught

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Mr. Bear provided members with a copy of the Emergency Services agreement, which he summarized, and said the Town of Wytheville adopted this agreement last night. The agreement merges Wythe County Rescue Squad ("WCRS") with Wytheville Fire Department. Mr. Bear also summarized the financial aspects of the merger.

Supervisor Cook would like the opportunity to review all the numbers associated with this merger before he casts his vote.

Effective March 1st, the Town would acquire all assets and accounts receivables of WCRS as well as all their debt. Wythe County would make annual payments to the Town of \$125k for the first three years, \$100k in years four and five, and negotiate the amount for years six and seven.

In response to Supervisor McRoberts, Mr. Bear stated that the County paid approximately \$72-73k last year, combined, to the Town Fire Department and WCRS.

Mr. Mark Bloomfield, Wytheville Town Council and EMS Committee, explained the Town is extending a hand to help all County citizens. He said this is a significantly large undertaking and, although they have cost estimates, they can't know exact figures at this time. The Town is hiring a consultant to help with the new Fire & EMS station, whose estimated cost is around \$5MM. Mr. Bloomfield said the Town is investing a lot for the citizens but they don't want to be faced with budgetary issues. They are perfectly fine with a "break-even" on this endeavor. He said they are trying to help the County with the financial difficulties currently facing WCRS. He added that the Town is already experiencing calls for EMS and the added costs should not be put on the Town residents only.

Chair Vaught would like to have seen a joint meeting with the Town of Wytheville before this agreement came before them for a vote.

Mr. Bloomfield said they are way beyond that now as they've hired staff and are spending significant amounts getting everyone trained. They are ready to go and are already answering some co-calls. He added that it's all about the citizens and they're trying hard to be good neighbors and partners.

Mr. Bear said the primary concern from many is what happens in year six and seven. The Town would like to see actual numbers at that time.

Supervisor Cook asked why seven years, and not five?

Mr. Bloomfield responded that if the Town loses money on this arrangement, you can't expect them not to come back and ask for more money. He emphasized that they're only talking about the EMS side, not losing money on the fire side.

Mr. Bear believes that with the management the Town currently has, they should be able to have better collection rates.

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Mr. Bloomfield is concerned that with a significant increase in call volume, if this agreement does not go through soon, the Town will have to go and secure ambulances. He believes the agreement is being done at minimal risk to the County and with much more risk to the Town.

Mr. Bear added that the County could be faced with similar situations in the future involving Rural Retreat and Lead Mines which are volunteer-based.

Mr. Bear said there are options; the Board could revise the agreement back to five years. If the Town decides in year six the model is not working for them, and they don't want to cover out in the County, then the Board can determine whether to expand Rural Retreat and/or Lead Mines to cover those areas or to create a new agency.

Mr. Bloomfield feels confident this is going to be a successful merger but his most important responsibility is the health, welfare and safety of the citizens.

Marc Brade, Wytheville Fire Chief, said they have already hired a few WCRS employees. Because the Town wants to add EMS, they are currently staffing WCRS, meaning WCRS is able to staff one medic unit with their employees on their payroll. Chief Brade said the second medic unit is being staffed by Town employees and they're doing that so no citizen feels any negative effects from this merger.

Chief Brade said that over a year ago, the Max Meadows Fire Chief said he was about 18 months away from needing career staff. The Chief added that Wythe County has a crumbling Fire and EMS system right now and that the Town is picking up the brunt of that. He said they're going to Max Meadows for lift assist, and going to other locations to back people up, like they're supposed to do. He advised his elected officials at the 5-year mark to sit down and talk about it, especially if the Town is picking up 55-60% of the call volume in Wythe County. That is why at year six and seven, both parties should sit down and talk, review the numbers and re-evaluate the agreement.

Mr. Bear said staff recommendation is that the County enter into this agreement with the Town of Wytheville for EMS services. There's been some give and take and it's difficult for either side to be entirely happy. He said the Town is taking care of most of the issues the County was most concerned about. He'd like us to be locked in financially for years six and seven but he understands where the Town is coming from. He feels strongly that they proceed with an agreement ASAP and dissolve WCRS in order to provide better service to all our citizens. March 1st is a good goal to get this up and running. Mr. Bear is uncertain whether WCRS can make their next payroll.

Vice Chair Lawson recommends approval of this agreement. She has studied it and has worked on this for quite some time now, and has had many conversations with the Town. She believes that with the change of Board members, a lot of these discussions may have been lost in the transition. But she has been involved in every detail of this arrangement. If this Board is not happy with years six and seven, she is fine with a five-year agreement, but she said it doesn't really change much. She hopes they all can come to an agreement in the best interest of our citizens.

Supervisor Horney asked about the 30-day termination clause (breach of contract).

Chief Brade said the clause is a State regulation for both parties.

Supervisor Smith asked if there was a breach of contract, would the vehicles come back to the County?

Mr. Farthing responded that it would have to be negotiated as the vehicles will be titled to the Town. In the case of a breach, damages would also be considered, but that is something that could be tied up in the court system for years to come.

Mr. Bear said that if a breach were to occur, the County might have to consider a third-party entity to provide services. As for vehicles, there are two ambulances, and one antique ambulance that the Town may have for historical/museum use only. There is also a Ford Expedition that the County may want to keep for use by 911 Dispatch and related tower work. The County will keep the van as Lead Mines Rescue Squad has a need for it.

Supervisor Horney inquired about another emergency response in the County should this agreement be breached. His concern is that if the Town isn't getting paid for all the calls they're answering out in the County, they may just stop answering those calls. What then? Can we not designate another emergency response?

Mr. Farthing said in the case of a breach of contract, everything is off the table and you can basically do whatever is necessary.

Chief Brade added that in year five, they should have all the numbers they need to either continue with the same agreement or recommend changes.

Mr. Farthing commented that if the Town makes more money than anticipated, they may end up lowering the annual fee; unlikely, but still a possibility.

Mr. Bloomfield said they would be happy to provide numbers on an annual basis.

Vice Chair Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to approve the Emergency Services Agreement with the Town of Wytheville, minus the Ford Expedition.

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

RESOLUTION 2020-02 EMERGENCY RESPONSE AGENCY DESIGNATION

Mr. Bear explained this resolution establishes Wytheville Fire & Rescue emergency response designation and he recommends approval.

Vice Chair Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to adopt Resolution 2020-02.

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

APEX AUTHORITY REQUEST

Mr. Bear stated that at the February 4th APEX Authority meeting, the Authority requested that the County become their fiscal agent for human resources and payroll. They currently have their payroll service contracted through an accounting firm, which they pay for on a monthly basis. Mr. Bear explained that the County provides this service for both the NRRWA as well as VIAA. He said we process their payroll, they sign up under our insurance, and we invoice them for those charges. Nothing would come out of County funds for this service, and the APEX staff would not become County employees. The County would merely be processing their payroll. He added that most of the APEX

event staff are contracted, but if they were to hire any part-time employees, the County would process their payroll. APEX employees would also be under the County human resource policy. They asked this to be effective March 1st or soon thereafter. Mr. Bear stated that the Authority is aware that they would be paying 5% for VRS.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to approve the APEX Authority's request for the County to provide payroll and human resource services to their employees.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Bear explained that the indemnity and performance agreements before the Board relate to Seven Sisters Brewery. He further explained that the Tobacco Commission provided the County a loan of \$15k, which the County provides to the company (Seven Sisters). The Performance Agreement (Loan) requires the company to pay that money back. The other Performance Agreement (Grant) is for \$15k, money the County received to pass along to the company. The agreement has specific requirements the company has to meet (job and capital investment) and if they fail to do so, then repayment of the grant is required. The Town's Indemnity Agreement agrees to hold the County harmless should the company breach either of the performance agreements. Mr. Bear stated that the company is already up and running and said that Mr. Manley does not see any issues in the future.

1. Indemnity Agreement – Supervisor Cook made a motion, as recommended by the Economic Development Committee, to adopt the Indemnity Agreement with the Town of Wytheville relating to Seven Sisters Brewery.

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.

Ryan M. Lawson
James D. "Jamie" Smith

Stacy A. Terry

NAYS: None

2. Performance Agreement – Loan – Supervisor Cook made a motion, as recommended by the Economic Development Committee, to adopt the Performance Agreement for the Loan relating to Seven Sisters Brewery.

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.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Stacy A. Terry
	James D. "Jamie" Smith	

NAYS: None

3. Performance Agreement – Grant – Supervisor Cook made a motion, as recommended by the Economic Development Committee, to adopt the Performance Agreement for the Grant relating to Seven Sisters Brewery.

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.
	Ryan M. Lawson	Stacy A. Terry
	James D. "Jamie" Smith	

NAYS: None

SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

1. Cove Area Dump Site – Supervisor Terry asked about the possibility of providing a trash dump site in this area, per the request of Ms. Green.

Mr. Bear commented that about 14-15 years ago, the County looked at the possibility of putting a convenient center out there, but due to complaints

received about the location, the subject was ultimately dropped. The best option then was to use either the center on Route 52 or the one on Kents Lane.

2. Solar Panels – Supervisor McRoberts received a call about windmills and he referred that person to Mr. Bear.

Mr. Bear explained that a few months ago, there was a request near Jackson Ferry substation relating to zoning for solar farms. Apparently, that company is proceeding with development there. The caller expressed concern about the future of solar panels in Wythe County and their taking up prime agricultural land. Mr. Bear explained to the caller what he knows thus far and that there are no zoning regulations to prevent this type of business.

3. Training in Richmond – Vice Chair Lawson thanked Mrs. Collins for setting up the recent training in Richmond and organizing the logistics. She said the training was excellent.
4. Broadband and Water – Supervisor Smith would like to keep focus on the need for broadband and water in his district.
5. Public Information Meeting – Supervisor Smith announced that there is a Public Information Meeting scheduled for February 17th at 7:00 p.m. at the Ft. Chiswell Methodist Church for support of a library in the Fort Chiswell area. The Board of Supervisors has been invited to attend.

Mr. Bear added that several years ago, Rural Retreat tried the same thing. They formed a group to expand library services to the western end of the County and were successful. In the Planning Commission's capital improvements public input sessions a year or so ago, he said many people in the eastern end of the County expressed interest in having a library.

6. Flat Woods Road – Supervisor Smith had spoken with Mr. Bear about Flat Woods Road, about a mile or two above the Shot Tower. Mr. Bear will look into this issue.
7. Park & Ride Fort Chiswell – Supervisor Smith said this area is in need of proper lighting which would also help with security. Trash is an issue there as well.

Mr. Bear has been unsuccessful getting at least get minimal improvements there but will follow-up with Mr. Fowler (VDOT) to see if he can help. The Sheriff's Office should be able to assist with trash clean-up.

Chair Vaught relayed a recent incident of vandalism at the Park & Ride, to further support the need for improvements.

8. Hager Springs and Carterville Heights – Supervisor Smith asked Mr. Bear to follow-up on the status of improvements (potholes) to both these roads.
9. Urban Archery for Progress Park – Supervisor Smith spoke with Game & Inland Fisheries who referred him to Mr. Bassinger. Mr. Bassinger indicated to Supervisor Smith that since it is County property, it is up to the Board if they want to open it up to hunting. Mr. Bassinger encourages this and said the population of deer is multiplying quickly.

Mr. Bear suggested consulting with JIDA to speak with all the industries at Progress Park to get input from them of any concerns. If they move forward with this, leases would have to be updated to allow for hunting, currently prohibited.

Chair Vaught said if the County does a lottery, it would be great to set it up so that preference is given to veteran's and the disabled.

Supervisor Smith said that DGIF have people on staff that would come to help us set up boundaries and zones.

10. Key Strategic Partners Meeting - Chair Vaught attended this meeting with Dean Sprinkle, Jennifer Atwell and David Manley. They were discussing tourism and economic development and the subject of the 21 Yard Sale came up. They discussed the possibility of having a Route 11 Yard Sale and partnering with Smyth and Pulaski counties. Shane Terry felt this might be something that could grow into a regional event. The Chairman asked if Mr. Stowers could get involved.
11. Road Behind Green Boxes – Supervisor McRoberts said if something is not done soon to that road (up behind the firehouse), that the area will have to be blocked off as there won't be any road left. There is significant mud washing down to the blacktop, and the pipe under the road is also full of mud.

SUBORDINATION OF RIGHTS AGREEMENT

Mr. Bear presented the Board with this agreement between East Tennessee Natural Gas ("ETNG") who is granting their subordination of rights to Wythe County and to the Virginia Department of Transportation for Grouse Ridge Road. It has been signed by

ETNG and Mr. Bear requests the Board authorize him to sign as grantee to accept the agreement.

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry to authorize the County Administrator to sign the Subordination of Rights Agreement.

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

CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Bear asked if the Board would like to move to closed session to discuss Project Panel with Mr. Manley, although there is no new information at this time. The Board declined.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Vaught adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:39 p.m.

Brian W. Vaught, Chair