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The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 10, 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

Donald Martin, County Attorney's Office

Martha Collins, Administrative Assistant/Clerk

Colleen Cummings, Secretary

Curtis Crawford, Emergency Services Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT:

David Blessing

Lennon Counts

Dylan Crigger

Steven & Tracey Crigger

Cassy Davidson

Brooke Davis

Stacy Dixon

Juliana, Shannon & Jason Doby

Shayne Dwyer

Kendra Eastwood

Matt Fiebig

Charlie Foster

Lily Formato

Danny Gordon

Amber Gravley

Kenny Hall

Emilee Harding

Danny Helmondollar

Izzy Jones

David Kause

Landon Kime

Lorna King

Sharon King

Timothy King

Gus Kincer

Sebastian Lamrouex and family

Charlie, Whitley & Genesis Lester

Debbie Little

Jason Manley

John Matthews

Linda Meyer

Donovan O'Keefe

James Pokkidis

Megan Patrick

Millie Rothrock

Blane Sage and family

Wyatt Sage and family

Allison Spraker

Tammy Terry

Alicia Thomas

Logan Thomas

Franklin Via

Frances Watson

and approximately 50 others

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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

Pastor Danny Helmondollar, Max Meadows Pentecostal Holiness Church, provided the invocation and Supervisor Cook led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION OF SPORTS RESOLUTION – SEBASTIAN LAMROUEX

Supervisor Cook congratulated Sebastian Lamrouex on his outstanding achievement and presented him with the following resolution:

**WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2020-09
A RESOLUTION HONORING
SEBASTIAN LAMROUEX
OF THE GEORGE WYTHE HIGH SCHOOL
WRESTLING TEAM**

WHEREAS, senior Sebastian Lamrouex completed his 2019-2020 wrestling season with an overall record of 36-1; and,

WHEREAS, Sebastian advanced to the 2019-2020 Virginia High School League Group 1A State Wrestling Championship; and,

WHEREAS, Sebastian defeated the competition capturing the 2019-2020 State Championship title in the 126-pound weight class; and,

WHEREAS, this State Championship title earned Sebastian his fourth consecutive State title with a career record of 136 wins and 9 losses; and

WHEREAS, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors officially commends Sebastian Lamrouex for his outstanding dedication, athletic ability, and sportsmanship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors presents this resolution to Sebastian Lamrouex in recognition of his 2019-2020, 126-pound weight class individual Wrestling State Championship title; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors wishes Sebastian much success in his future endeavors.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be incorporated into the official minutes of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors.

Adopted this 10th day of March 2020.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to adopt Resolution 2020-09 honoring Sebastian Lamrouex. The vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATION OF SPORTS RESOLUTION – BLANE SAGE

Chair Vaught congratulated Blane Sage on his outstanding achievement and presented him with the following resolution:

**WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2020-10
A RESOLUTION HONORING
BLANE SAGE
OF THE RURAL RETREAT HIGH SCHOOL
WRESTLING TEAM**

WHEREAS, junior Blane Sage completed his 2019-2020 wrestling season with an overall record of 42-5; and,

WHEREAS, Blane was the 2019-2020 District, Region D and West Super Region Champion and advanced to the Virginia High School League Group 1A State Wrestling Championship on February 21 & 22, 2020, at the Salem Civic Center; and,

WHEREAS, Blane defeated the competition capturing the 2019-2020 State Championship title in the 152-pound weight class; and,

WHEREAS, this State Championship title earned Blane his second State title; and

WHEREAS, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors officially commends Blane Sage for his outstanding dedication, athletic ability, and sportsmanship.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors presents this resolution to Blane Sage in recognition of his 2019-2020, 152-pound weight class individual Wrestling State Championship title; and

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be incorporated into the official minutes of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors.

Adopted this 10th day of March 2020.

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to adopt Resolution 2020-10 honoring Blane Sage. The vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATION OF SPORTS RESOLUTION – WYATT SAGE

Chair Vaught congratulated Wyatt Sage on his outstanding achievement and presented him with the following resolution:

**WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2020-11
A RESOLUTION HONORING
WYATT SAGE
OF THE RURAL RETREAT HIGH SCHOOL
WRESTLING TEAM**

WHEREAS, junior Wyatt Sage completed his 2019-2020 wrestling season with an overall record of 43-0; and,

WHEREAS, Wyatt was the 2019-2020 District, Region D and West Super Region Champion and advanced to the Virginia High School League Group 1A State Wrestling Championship on February 21 & 22, 2020, at the Salem Civic Center; and,

WHEREAS, Wyatt defeated the competition capturing the 2019-2020 State Championship title in the 170-pound weight class; and,

WHEREAS, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors officially commends Wyatt Sage for his outstanding dedication, athletic ability, and sportsmanship.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors presents this resolution to Wyatt Sage in recognition of his 2019-2020, 170-pound weight class individual Wrestling State Championship title; and

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be incorporated into the official minutes of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors.

Adopted this 10th day of March 2020.

Vice Chair Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts, to adopt Resolution 2020-11 honoring Wyatt Sage. The vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATION OF SPORTS RESOLUTION – ELI FORTUNER

Chair Vaught summarized the following resolution honoring Eli Fortuner who couldn't be in attendance:

**WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2020-12
A RESOLUTION HONORING
ELI FORTUNER
OF THE RURAL RETREAT HIGH SCHOOL
WRESTLING TEAM**

WHEREAS, sophomore Eli Fortuner completed his 2019-2020 wrestling season with an overall record of 32-2; and,

WHEREAS, Eli was the 2019-2020 District, Region D and West Super Region Champion and advanced to the Virginia High School League Group 1A State Wrestling Championship on February 21 & 22, 2020, at the Salem Civic Center; and,

WHEREAS, Eli defeated the competition capturing the 2019-2020 State Championship title in the 195-pound weight class; and,

WHEREAS, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors officially commends Eli Fortuner for his outstanding dedication, athletic ability, and sportsmanship.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors presents this resolution to Eli Fortuner in recognition of his 2019-2020, 195-pound weight class individual Wrestling State Championship title; and

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be incorporated into the official minutes of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors.

Adopted this 10th day of March 2020.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to adopt Resolution 2020-12 honoring Eli Fortuner. The vote was unanimous.

CITIZENS' TIME

Chair Vaught read the rules and procedures as it pertains to Citizens' Time before people address the Board.

1. Stacy Terry Post – Ms. Megan Patrick appeared before the Board and stated “I am speaking as a Wythe County educator. For those of you who don’t know me, I am a Spanish teacher at Rural Retreat High School. I’m a faculty advisor of the Genders and Sexualities Alliance (“GSA”) there and it is my classroom door that contains the Espacio Seguro or safe space sticker that Mr. Terry posted about a few weeks ago. I would like to begin by addressing you directly, Mr. Terry. I’m not certain what your goals were that morning, but I can tell you what you achieved with your post. You caused children, many of whom already feel unloved, rejected by their community and sometimes by their families, to feel attacked by a member of their own County’s Board of Supervisors who called them the ‘collapse of humanity’. Maybe you really believed the false information that you posted that GSA was given meeting privileges not allowed to other clubs. Maybe you didn’t know that lots of people are both Christian and gay. Maybe you didn’t know that your job as a government official means representing all your constituents, not just those with whom you agree. Maybe you’re unaware that it was human beings, children, that you were writing about. That LGBTQ teens are at least five times more likely to attempt suicide than their straight cisgender peers. Had you taken a moment to do a quick Google search, you’d find that the presence of a GSA in a school reduces risks of bullying, harassment and even suicide. I’d suggest that before you post in the future on your Board of Supervisors Facebook page, you educate yourself. They say when you’re

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accustomed to privilege, equality feels like oppression. Perhaps this is why you feel that Christians are being persecuted in schools, but as a Christian who spent a sum total of 24 years thus far in Southwest Virginia's public schools, I can promise you that is not the case. Before I finish, I'd like to thank those who have supported us. I'd like to thank Mr. Rolland Cook, Board of Supervisors' member and our school principal for his unwavering support. Thank you to Supervisor Ryan Lawson for her posts stating her dedication to tolerance for all. Thank you to Dr. Jefferies, the Superintendent of Wythe County Public Schools, the School Board, Equality Virginia, the Wythe County Young Professionals and every single individual in this room who has expressed support to my students and myself. Those voices buoyed us on what could have been a really difficult day. They felt your hate, sir. But they also felt so much love in this community, and we know that love will win."

2. Stacy Terry Post – Ms. Izzy Jones appeared before the Board and stated "Mr. Terry, I first want to say thank you for making the post because without your post, I wouldn't have created my Wythe County GSA Instagram page. And with that being said, you also had hurt so many people and, if I could, I would like to read you a statement by one of my followers, and this is a student that attended years ago '*When I was in the Wythe County public school system, I was heavily bullied due to my identity as being gay. People refused to sit with me, stated that if they sat with me, they might catch AIDS. I had lockers swung at me hard enough to hit me. When I was on the bus, people nearby would call gay slurs. I had death threats written on my locker and food and drinks poured on my car. This didn't stop until I graduated and finally left that type of discrimination behind me. When I reported these acts, I was told by teachers to grow up. I had hardly anybody to turn to. I wish I had a safe place like this at my school. It sure would have helped make my life a lot easier. I was forced to go to a public facility to ensure these types of bullying that nobody on this earth deserves.*' May I ask how that statement makes you feel? You hurt so many children. I have been raised by a gay man my entire life. I've been discriminated against my entire life, and to hear that you don't want us around, really hurts. It really affects us. Thank you."
3. Stacy Terry Post – Ms. Juliana Doby appeared before the Board and stated "I would just like to address the point that you stated in your post about saying how we're hiding behind equality and tolerance and how it's bad. But I would like to point out how you cover your hate with a label of Christianity. You also stated '*Welcome to the collapse of humanity. We bend over backwards to support anti-biblical values in our school systems while we fight with every last dying breath to*

keep God out. First off, I'd like to say how is loving somebody the collapse of humanity? And secondly, how are we keeping God out of our schools? There's no one to say that you can't be gay and Christian."

4. Stacy Terry Post – Ms. Shannon Doby appeared before the Board and stated "I just want to say that a lot of these children, they're rejected. I mean they're rejected by their parents, they're rejected by the church, they're rejected by the community, simply for being born. They did not choose this. They were created this way. My daughter did not choose to be gay. We are Christians. We've been in church since the day she was born. She went to a Christian pre-school. We have value and we have morals but I feel like this post was made out of hate. I mean just simply for my daughter being born, and being who she is. And to say that she's not a Christian because she's gay? I don't agree with that. I just want you to know I don't agree with that and I do not agree with your post. Surely, if you had a child that was born gay, I pray to God that you would not hate your child. And that's all I have to say."
5. Stacy Terry Post – Mr. Landon Kime appeared before the Board and stated "I have been a member of Wythe County for 16 years now. I've been a proud member for two. I'm not here to comment on the morality, or lack thereof, of Mr. Terry's statements. I believe there are many today that will speak to that better than I can. I am not a member of the LGBTQ+ community. As such, I prefer to let them speak their truth and I will serve my best as an ally. What I can offer as an ally is a call to action for the other allies in my community. In Title 24.2 elections, Chapter 2, Federal, Commonwealth and Local Officers, Article 7 Removal of Public Officers from Office, Section 24.2 233, it states here that we can write a petition based off of a few different factors; one of these factors that I think would be applicable here would be misuse of office, particularly in using the Facebook page in question, and the importance that that stamp shares on his Facebook page. I would like to point out that you only need 10% of the number of people that voted in the election to get Mr. Terry in that seat there. We only need 10% in order to oust him. So, we have 7,875 persons voted in that last election; not all for Mr. Terry but all of those do count. We only need 10% of those on a written petition; that's 788 valid signatures to remove him from office. I wanted to let the Board members know as well as a call to my community. My name is Landon Kime. You can find me on Facebook and we can do this together. Thank you very much."
6. Stacy Terry Post – Mr. Donovan O'Keefe appeared before the Board and stated "Of course you all don't know me. I'm a new student here at Rural Retreat High

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School and I came from a predominantly mixed high school. We had different forms of ethnicities and different forms of orientations and I have to say, moving to a new school can be scary. Going to high school can be scary, in general, and the problem that I can see today is that when you go to high school, you feel like an outcast; you feel that you're just shoved into a corner. I want you to pay attention to this one notion I want to make. And that is the word 'safe space'. When I started high school, I definitely felt like I didn't belong, or that I was pushed into a corner. And since moving to Rural Retreat, I have found out that we actually have a GSA club who is there to represent a safe space, and not just based on your orientation but also based on your religion, which it clearly states that GSA is a Genders and Sexualities Alliance, which clearly says the word sexualities as in plural, and no discrimination there. And I also want to point out one moment from your post, Stacy Terry, that you said 'indoctrination'. You said that we are indoctrinating students into this club. Whereas indoctrination can be described as when a person tells a group that they must follow a set of beliefs unwillingly. We have not once convinced anybody to join our group or force them to join; that is solely based on their choice and we have never forced anybody to change their orientation due to this exact group that I am here representing today. And I also want to point out one big issue that's kind of bugged me for the past couple weeks since you have made that post; I get that we're all entitled to opinions and I didn't come here to slander anybody else's opinions or to bring them down but I do want to say that throughout history, we have many moments where people have risen up against the government in order to achieve their equality. We have seen this in the civil rights and we've even seen this in the parts of reformation. Now granted that may not be related to America but we can fight for religious equality, we can fight for ethnicities equality, but what is someone's skin color or someone's belief different from their orientation; its orientation is not a matter of choice, it is a matter of lifestyle; you are born this way. So in terms of opinions, I must say that if we're going to sit here and we're going to say *'oh well, this is my opinion; I have the right to say this'* well, you're absolutely right but I have to ask – just because it's an opinion doesn't make it right to say especially if you're representing an entire school board. I just want to thank the GSA for having me. I want to thank Ms. Megan Patrick. I want to thank everybody who has joined me here today in support and I thank you for your time and good evening."

7. Stacy Terry Post – Ms. Brooke Davis appeared before the Board and stated "I want to start out just by saying I've never been more proud to be a Wythe County native and resident. The amount of love and support that has been shown

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by the community in the past week and a half, two weeks, has been outstanding. So, on behalf of the LGBTQ+ community, I thank you to everyone who's shown their support. A little background information about me: I was the first, and to this day the youngest, transgender individual that attended Wythe County public schools. I was 13 and it was 2006. As you may imagine, I expected some pushback from my peers. You know I was prepared to get bullied; I was prepared for all of that. Surprisingly, my peers did not treat me as badly as the adults in our community, and some of which being people in positions of power. And so, when I read Mr. Terry's Facebook post, it took me back to being that 13-year-old child that just wanted to express themselves and was made to feel like they had to take on the entire adult world in order to do that. I subsequently transferred to Smyth County schools where I remained until the end of my scholastic career. All of that being said, Mr. Terry, it is completely inappropriate for you to not only post but promote this idea which I consider to be hate speech. It makes people that would otherwise not come forward or bully or behave badly towards people, it makes them feel like it's okay to do. And I want to be clear, it's not your words, specifically, that enraged me; it was your position as a member of the Board of Supervisors for Wythe County. And so, with that being said, I'd like to call for the removal or resignation of Mr. Terry from the Board of Supervisors for Wythe County as he has proven himself unfit to be in this position representing a community that is as broad and diverse as Wythe County I believe has proven itself to be. Thank you."

8. Stacy Terry Post – Ms. Amber Gravley appeared before the Board and stated "I saw this post just a couple hours after it was posted. And actually, was directly sent to me. And I was immediately angry because as others have said, he, Mr. Terry, used his platform, his large platform for Wythe County, to speak hate and to cause division, and that's not what he's here to do. Your job is to represent all of us, not just the people who voted for you and not just the people you like. I know that this is not a conversation but there are some things that have not been brought up. And as much as what everyone else has said is true, and those are all very good reasons for you to be removed or to resign. You also threaten to withhold funding from schools that didn't do what you want them to do. After you spoke to Mr. Cook and found out that you were wrong, and that the prayer club and any other religious clubs do get the same amount of time as the GSA, instead of issuing a retraction or an apology or putting at the top of your post that you were wrong, you just let it continue. You continued to sit back, not respond to anyone, and just let the fighting continue when you could have very

quickly cleared that up by admitting you were wrong. And I think that that was cowardly. Thank you.”

9. Stacy Terry Post – Mr. Logan Thomas (a/k/a Dreama Belle) appeared before the Board and stated “Let it be known that on the sign-in document, that is my stage name in which I am here today; my legal name is Logan Thomas. Good evening and thank you for having me. Let me preface letting you know that my name is Logan Thomas Dreama Belle and I am an alum of Fort Chiswell High School Class of 2015. Since then I have completed a Bachelor’s degree in theatre and I work fulltime as a drag queen across the State of Virginia and in New York City. I am a physical representation of the queer community of Wytheville. Recently, Mr. Terry’s disgusting Facebook post of invalidating safe spaces for LGBTQ youth really spoke to me and prompted me to attend today. As a queer person that had a troubled childhood, like many, I can only imagine how much goodness a safe space would have been for me to have when I was going through my childhood. I believe that these spaces are valid and all public schools, not only in Wythe County, and I hope that with our conversations today that you all will consider making them a part of all Wythe County public schools. The queer students that have attended these schools before me are valid. The many, many, many queer students to pass through this education system in the future are also valid and they deserve these spaces in every school in the County. Queer students are among some of the most marginalized and they are worthy of our support. They are more than worthy to have our support and to be properly voiced by leaders which clearly has not been done by Mr. Terry. Thank you all so much for your time. I appreciate it.”
10. Stacy Terry Post – Mr. James Pokkidis appeared before the Board and stated “I have lived in Wythe County since I was 15 and over the years, slowly but surely this area has grown, becoming more diverse and accepting of others with diverse backgrounds. That being said, on Wednesday, February 26, 2020, I was taken aback when reading that a member of the Board who shall not be named to protect his dignity, made it blatantly clear that he would be disregarding the separation of church and state in order to attack the youth of the LGBT community. This is a clear violation of Federal law regarding the establishment clause and free exercise clause of the 1st Amendment of the Constitution. This brings concern to me, not only as a member of this community but also as a member of southwest Virginia’s LGBT community. In the post he described the safe spaces for kids to share their unique experiences, only a handful of others can understand, as ‘anti-biblical’ while proclaiming that he is doing what is right

for Christians. As someone who grew up without a safe space or a LGBT meeting place, I feel as this would have been greatly beneficial to me and many others in finding our sense of community among peers who have had to struggle to be themselves. In the view of this board member, such spaces are in his words '*the collapse of humanity*'. Supporting the LGBT youth is far from humanity collapsing. In fact, it is the opposite. We're building a better tomorrow for these kids so they may not have to live through the struggles and horrors as many other LGBT members before me have had to live through. I must thank the author of this post, however, because without the bigotry and hate radiated from those vile words, I would not have felt more proud of the members of Wythe County who are standing up for others that may not have a voice for fear of persecution and being victims of hate crimes. Mr. Chairman, I urge you and the Board to censure this individual and send a message to all citizens in Wytheville that this type of hate and bigotry will not be tolerated. Lastly, I have a message for the LGBT youth that feel helpless – I am your voice, I am your fighter. I will be the one to defend you and light the way when times seem dark. If you ever feel alone, you are not, and the rights of the oppressed who feel helpless, will never go unnoticed in my eyes. You are valid. You are love. This is the hill I stand on and the hill I will die on."

11. Stacy Terry Post – Mrs. Frances Watson appeared before the Board and stated "I was only going to speak if nobody had mentioned two points that I wanted to make. I was looking, just the other day, through Facebook and came across this; it was just out of the blue, and I was so happy that it was there. It's HB696; this bill allows localities to prohibit discrimination in housing, employment, public accommodations, credit and education on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity. That means, basically, local governments can stand up and support their LGBTQ community members in making their county or city a safer place to live, work and play. I'm thinking after we saw all this, maybe we need to do that, and supervisors I hope will discuss that later. I thought of something else. Not only do the LGBTQ people commit suicide, but many of them are murdered. Transgender people are particularly in a high risk for being murdered. Also, let's bring up some money. Surprisingly, when a prospective industry is looking into our community to see if they want to build here, we have many good things to show them. And I wouldn't be surprised if some industry was checking us out right now. They cannot legally or won't follow discrimination laws. They will not settle into community where a supervisor, whether he's homophobic or not, posts such words as Mr. Terry did."

12. Stacy Terry Post – Ms. Alicia Thomas appeared before the Board and stated “Hi Mr. Terry. I would like to actually address you directly. My name is Alicia Thomas. I am a longtime citizen of Wythe County. I grew up here and went to schools here. Max Meadows Elementary, Fort Chiswell High School, and I returned here to work in education. So, this is very important to me as an educator. One thing that I have privilege of doing is actually going through the safe zone training; the same training that was posted on Ms. Patrick’s door, and I noticed in the recent Roanoke Times article that you mentioned something that actually you and I agree on, that you have promised to represent all citizens of this community. So, I’m keeping this short but I would just like to ask you, to challenge you, would you be willing to actually go through this training? Is this something that you would be willing to do? I’m not expecting to change your mind today but I think this would be a valuable training and I’d like to challenge you to do that. And if that’s something you’d be willing to do, I would be definitely here and able to pass on that information and you can do that online or in person. It’s very valuable training. I challenge you to do that.”

13. Stacy Terry Post – Ms. Sharon King appeared before the Board and stated “I have sat here and heard people bash Mr. Terry. Where in the world did they get stuff off-the-wall information about you, sir? I read the paper. From what I read, you are a very loving, compassionate person. I mean, you’re a Christian. How many people in here are Christians? Put God first and then everything else will be – nobody puts God first. Nobody puts God first. We need to put God first. You put God first. What you have done is right, and hearing this bashing here, the way they’ve growed up and everything. I growed up with polio when I was three years old. Did I go out here and commit suicide? No, I called on the good Lord to help take care of me. Now you don’t need to sit back there and holler at me. I know what I have been through and what they’ve been through, they brought on their self. And Mr. Terry, you haven’t done anything wrong but stand up for the people, let the citizens know what is going on in this community, and they tried to hide it? No, I appreciate everything you have done and I grew up in Rural Retreat High School. I had no bullying. Everybody was good to me. I didn’t have no safe place to go which they have now. I didn’t need it. I had my friends. I had God. Everybody needs to put God in everything. Governments took it out. Schools has took it out. That’s why we have all this mess here because God is gone. We need to put God back and we need to be serious about our religion and this is ... I could cry seeing what is Jesus thinking of everybody in here. Mr. Terry, Jesus is upon you. (heated exchange with the crowd) Okay, that’s all I’ve got to say. God bless everybody. I want to say I love everybody in here. I don’t hate nobody. I’m a Christian ... Thank you all.”

14. Stacy Terry Post – Ms. Allison Spraker appeared before the Board and stated “I did not want to follow that but I kind of did ‘cause that’s what I wanted to talk about. His post is what they said it was and it brought out some of the most terrifying, hateful, unkind in the least things I’ve ever seen from people in this area. I’ve grown up around a lot of kind, caring, accepting people and here they come crawling out of the woodwork to tell people they’re going to burn in hell when this was just about a club, or so the post said. It was some outrage about inequality that didn’t even exist. But you could have just called him, and your little edit in the middle of it said so. There was no difference, there was no discrimination, there was no real outrage. And if it was just about the Christian club and there was inequality, then awesome. We should always stand up for inequality but there wasn’t, which was the whole issue. If it was just about the Christian club, and just about the inequality there, why did the LGBTQ+ club even come up, when you could’ve compared it to any club? Any other club had the same rights as the LGBTQ+ club and as the prayer club and any of the other ones, but you mentioned them and called them the downfall of humanity? Collapse of humanity, and everybody came out to agree with it and to say terrible, hateful things. And while you spoke up and outrage about a club, you did nothing to quell that or to calm people or to prevent some things from happening, clearly. That’s it. I just want everyone to recognize the widespread effect of what’s happening in my county now because of some problem that didn’t exist.”
15. Stacy Terry Post – Ms. Emilee Harding appeared before the Board and stated “Mr. Terry, I stand before you today as a gay woman. Before I stated my sexuality, I was indiscernible from anyone you else you have yet met. Why? Because it’s true. I’m still just the same as any person in this room because we are all human. Gay, straight, transgender, cisgender, binary, non-binary, atheistic, Christian, black, white; these things are not to separate us. And it should not be used to separate us. They’re adjectives to describe us, the human race; they’re not to separate us. The fact that you have attempted to draw a line between two innocent groups of people is simply disgusting. You hold an important position of power, one that can alter the life of innocent human beings. There is no difference between a Christian and LGBTQIA ally or member. In fact, many are one and the same. You should be judged based on the things that you say, based on the things that you do, not based on who you believe in. You have spewed hatred and actual lies to hurt us and discredit us, but we are no longer the punching bag we were decades ago. Here we stand firm and proud against corrupt people in power like you, not because we’re scared but because we have the right to. Thomas Jefferson, a Virginia man of Christian faith, wrote the Declaration of Independence and it

explicitly stated 'we hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal'. In addition, within the same document, he stated that a 'governed people have the right to stand up against those in positions of power and shall not be afraid to do so'. We are afraid no longer. We are an innocent people. All of us. The entire human race. And if you are unable to see that, perhaps you are not capable of being in the position of power you are in. Until you realize there is no difference between LGBTQIA members and a Christian, you deserve no respect. Until you erase the line that you have drawn between two equal peoples, you deserve no respect. Until you realize that you volley with the lives of children, you deserve no respect. Until you learn to respect others for things they did not choose, and that were not brought upon them, you deserve no respect. Mr. Terry, I stand before you as a gay woman. No, I stand before you as a person. A person like you, like everyone else. This safety pin on my ear; is meant for safety and it's for anyone. It doesn't matter your gender or sexuality or religion; I don't care. Please come to me. It's meant for anyone who is not hateful. Thank you."

16. Stacy Terry Post – Ms. Kendra Eastwood appeared before the Board and stated "I have lived here for 50 years. I'm 50 years old. I am also a Christian, was raised a Christian, and I am also a lesbian. Mr. Terry happens to be like a brother to me. Mr. Terry would do anything for me. All I have to do is call and ask. Some of his post was taken out of context. He wanted equal rights for everybody. It doesn't matter if you're gay. He's not homophobic by any means and it was not hate-filled speech. He is a Christian. He has Christian values. I have Christian values. I wholeheartedly support his post. I grew up and went to George Wythe High School. I was not bullied. Back in that day we didn't need safe spaces because we knew how to take care of ourselves. We knew how to fight and be strong, and not be bullied. If you are truly lesbian, gay, bi, transgender, whatever you identify as, be strong, be who you are, come out, be proud, and don't be bullied. Now, as far as other clubs, it should be equal. You should have a civil rights club. You should have a Christian club, a prayer club, whatever you want to call it; a Buddhist club. A gay club, whatever. But I wholeheartedly support what he put in his post. We are moving away in our school system from Christian values and we need, I mean we're removing prayer plaques from schools, we're not letting them have prayer at the flagpoles. We need to get Christian values back in the schools. And just because you're a Christian does not mean you hate gay people. Like I say, I'm a Christian and I'm a lesbian. I am married to a woman. So I completely go against, you know, Christian values. But I'm the one who has to face God. He's the one that has to face God for his morals, values and beliefs, as everybody in here does. So, I'm here to support Mr. Terry and if he wants to attend that education class that you mentioned, he needs to attend that. But he does not

hate gay people. Like I say, he is like a brother to me and he will do anything for me. And he has known since we went to high school together that I'm a lesbian. So, for everybody to set up here and say he is homophobic and he does not like gay people, that is completely false and unfounded. You people don't know him personally and I think it's good to have different views on the Board of Supervisors and somebody got up here and said you know we all have our right to 1st Amendment speech. And we do. And so does he, whether he's a Board of Supervisors member or not. He has every right to free speech in his values, his morals and his beliefs. Just because he doesn't agree with yours and you don't agree with his, does not make him a bad person, and it does not make him hate you all. So, he loves everybody because he is a Christian. Thank you, Stacy."

17. Stacy Terry Post – Mr. David Blessing appeared before the Board and stated "I tell you one thing, things sure have changed, ain't they? In the way we were raised up. It really burdens my heart, it really does. I was raised up in a home five sisters, three boys. But anyways, when I was raised up with five girls and three boys there at home... things sure have changed. I wasn't a Christian at that time but I will tell you that my mother and daddy raised me to be a boy. They raised my sisters to be girls. When we picked up things that weren't appropriate, my daddy would say, *'son, you're a boy, you're not a girl.'* I was later in life when I got saved, didn't know a whole lot about the Bible, been brought to church all my life. Strayed away from church, got saved and started reading the Bible. Tried to do what God wanted me to do. And when I read the Bible, it says he created us male and female. Over there in Leviticus, I don't know what book y'all are reading, it says it's an abomination for a man to lay with man and a woman to lay with a woman. Over there in Romans it says a woman will leave her natural affection and be turned over to a reprobate mind. Over in Corinthians, it also speaks, you can read it yourself, and I don't know what Bible they're reading but me as a Christian man, I've got to stand before God, as this other lady said, she came up here and said she was raised up in a Christian home, she married a woman and she said she'll have to stand before the almighty God on that. And each one of us will have to stand on the almighty God on what we say or do. And the Bible tells me to repent of your sins for the Kingdom of God is at hand. Hell is a terrible place. We can sit and debate all you want to; hell is a terrible place. I own a farm out there on #11 if you don't think it's really a bad place, take and build you a brush fire up and see how close you can get to it. It also says that there will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Friends, hope you're my friends, but all I want to tell you is repent of your sins and follow the Lord, that's all I can tell you. You can shake your head all you want to; our church believes in a lifestyle that is pleasing to

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God. And I would have liked to have seen more church people here, I don't know where they're at. We've all got to stand before God. Please repent. Please repent. You know what the sin is, please repent. And I'm in support of you, Mr. Terry. We've got a right to speak up."

18. Stacy Terry Post – Ms. Lorna King appeared before the Board and stated "I am an educator here in Wythe County at Wythe County Public Schools but I will not be speaking as representative of the school, I am speaking on behalf of myself as a parent and I will speak to that. I will not stand here and reiterate a lot of what has been said tonight because I agree. I stand in solidarity with what people are saying. I just want to address one thing because it seems like the crux of all this is because of the notion that God has been taken out of schools. And I think that that is where a lot of this problem is coming up. I would just like to say that God is there in the school. I see it every day. I see it in the works of the teachers in the building, I see it in the students that are helping one another. I see it in the faces of the children that have learned the Golden Rule and do unto others as you would have done unto you. So, where there are Christians, there is God. So, I don't understand why we have to get so caught up in the differences of each other because we are people, we are all children of God if you are Christian and that is what you believe. But if you are not, you are entitled to your right to do and say as you please. Just to say how much God is in our schools, we have a moment of silence every morning. In that moment of silence, I often see children praying if they want to. They're allowed to bring their Bibles to school and read them any time that they want to. They have the opportunity to make clubs like Rural Retreat did for their students. They can pray before ballgames; they can have prayers at graduation. Seems like to me, Christianity is well represented in our schools by the deeds of the people in the schools. One last thing I'll touch on. I want to know where that discrimination is? Where is it that you feel hurt? Where is it that you feel Christianity is not represented in the school? Because there are plenty of clubs and opportunities was my point. I will say, as far as I know, there is only one LGBTQ club and there is a teacher who opened her classroom and I commend her on that. And I will tell you that I can say unequivocally, that it wouldn't matter what that student was going through, what their problem was, or what their sexuality was, I guarantee she would open her door for a safe space for anybody that wanted it because that's what educators do. We have to teach tolerance and we have to teach pillars of character and what it means to be a good citizen and then I have to go home to my own children and explain why a member of the board makes comments, whether or not they were taken out of

context or not, Mr. Terry, they hurt people and we haven't heard you say, they've heard everybody else say but not you."

19. Stacy Terry Post – Mr. Matt Fiebig appeared before the Board and stated "I'm not a member of the LGBT community but I'm an ally and advocate of them and every race, nationality, religion. I think equality is the spirit of America. I'd like to speak, not on that, but on the separation of church and state. The first amendment to the Constitution is some of the most fundamental freedoms of our nation including the freedom of speech, press, protest, assembly, and last but not least, religion. In fact, it's the very first one listed on the Bill of Rights. Religious liberty is a fundamental component of our society and separation of church and state is what made the founding of America so revolutionary for its time. Many colonists came to the new world seeking religious tolerance and the freedom to worship as they chose. By the time of the American Revolution, there were many denominations of churches competing with one another for parishioners, and the founders believed that the only way to prevent the new nation from being torn apart by religious factions was to sever ties between the state and churches. The first amendment was ratified back in 1791. Freedom of religion is outlined in the first amendment and I could split it into two parts. The establishment clause it's called, congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion and the free exercise clause, that continues or prohibiting the free exercise thereof. So, they cannot interfere with religion but they also cannot adopt a religion in a government space, they cannot represent one over the other. This guarantees that the government not have an official religion nor would it prevent anyone from practicing their own beliefs. You'll hear many people say the phrase the separation of church and state is not in the Bill of Rights or in the Constitution; it's not verbatim spoken separation of church and state, but it is established there in the First Amendment. Thomas Jefferson, who actually was not a Christian, he was a deist, they don't believe in the divinity of Christ. You can look that up on your own time, used the phrase in an 1802 letter to the Danbury Baptist Association. But the concept itself was derived from the First Amendment. In 1971, the Supreme Court, in the Lemon v. Kurtzman decision created a three-pronged criteria to ensure government policies or acts do not violate religious freedom. First, a policy cannot have a religious purpose. Second, it cannot end up favoring or promoting any set of religious beliefs. Third, it cannot overly involve the government with religion. That was the Supreme Court decision. So, these plaques that were taken down in the schools, they are not allowed. The public schools, public sector that is the government. We could say, let's allow Muslim plaques and we could put up the nine tenets of Satan, could

put up wiccan beliefs. I don't think anybody would want that. But really, none of them are supposed to be included. The freedom of religion can be one of the most important liberties that makes America, America. Thank you."

20. House Bill 421 – Mr. Gus Kincer appeared before the Board and stated "I spoke with y'all two weeks ago about House Bill 421. Just wanted to make you aware that it did pass. I would urge you to take another look at the papers that I gave you and pass that ordinance or put it on the agenda and talk about it at least. Thank you."
21. House Bill 421 – Ms. Linda Meyer appeared before the Board and stated "Just a word about HB421. It's not in the public's best interest perhaps an ordinance officially focusing on HB421 to counter the state law that's been enacted. That would be in the best interest of Wythe County residents to make us all safe. Please acknowledge 421 and look into it and we'll get back to you. Thank you so much."
22. Stacy Terry Post – Ms. Lily Formato appeared before the Board and stated "This is just a letter for Stacy Terry. I'm Lily Formato and I own the local art gallery in Wytheville, Virginia. *'Dear Stacy Terry, as a business owner and ally to the LGBTQ+ community, and as a woman in this community, I am very shocked over the comments you have made in your public Facebook post about the LGBTQ+ community and about Wythe County's public schools. If you don't know who I am, I'm Lily, I'm 19 years old and I was born and raised in Wytheville. And I own the local art gallery in Wytheville called the Local Artists and Sellers. I represent over 40 artists locally from the southwest Virginia area and many are a part of the LGBTQ+ community and hence, the arts community is deeply interconnected with the LGBTQ+ community. My business depends on tourists and outsiders coming into Wytheville. And while Wytheville is going through our renaissance, your comments are threatening the progress we have made. The world is changing and progressing faster than you think. Wytheville is kind of behind on the times already, but we're making progress. Every business is working very hard to become economically prosperous and progressive. Mr. Terry, your words not only affected our schools but affecting our livelihoods. No one's going to want to move to Wytheville or come to our Town where our Board of Supervisors is preaching about having prayer plaques in our schools and threatening to withhold funding to our government entities for their own religious beliefs. Wytheville may be the only town in the world called 'Wytheville' but there are plenty of towns like it who are full of hard-working Americans trying to become*

successful just like me and just like everyone in this room. Mr. Terry, you are supposed to bring the community together, not tear us apart and make Wytheville a part of the bigger world. A world of opportunity, growth and positive change. But instead you have beaten us down and made us small. Your words have the possibility to deter people from coming off the interstates, staying in our hotels and shopping at our local businesses. I'm a straight female and I was a part of my school's Gay Straight Alliance. I went to Scott Memorial Middle School and I saw the turmoil that many kids faced every day that were gender conflicted and conflicted with their sexuality. Moving into high school, I became friends with people in every different belief system and every different sexuality and now my closest friends, who I consider family, are gay. You stand in the way of our progression. You create a false equivalency between non-secular public schools and the GSA. In Wytheville today, all individuals should have the freedom to be who they are no matter their gender, their belief system, or their sexuality. Thank you."

23. Stacy Terry Post – Mr. Timothy King appeared before the Board and stated "You know I'm a minister at Kimberlin Christian Union Church. I was raised in a Christian home. Mr. Terry, I support you. I hear a lot about victimization and all that here, but know what God's word says and it won't be compromised because one day we're all going to stand before God and give an account. I know what his word says, we're to go by that and stand on that. I stand on it wholly, I was raised in a home where race didn't matter. We were taught to love a Christian love. Christ Jesus died on a cross for every single one of us. You read about in the Bible, about what he went through for each and every one of us, no matter what. But then I know what God's word says about sin and did Christ say, the things he said the most. Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. He told us to repent of our sin. The Bible calls out sin and it's very clear. As for me, I'm going to serve the Lord, for me and my house. And I wanted to pledge my support to you."

24. Stacy Terry Post – Mr. Kenneth Hall appeared before the Board and stated "I am a pastor at Thy Word is Truth Tabernacle in Crockett and a 1976 of Rural Retreat High School. I'm sure by looking up there on the monitor, I arrived a little late and I'm sure you all said the pledge of allegiance to the flag. One phrase in that pledge says 'One nation under God'. If we was truly one nation under God, $\frac{3}{4}$ of this room wouldn't even be speaking right now. What the Bible calls an abomination, the Bible says Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever and he said *'I am the Lord, I change not'*. If I can say something to Mr. Terry. I know I talked with you Sunday for just a few moments. Brother, you don't need

no online training from these people here. What they need is to pick up the Bible and set down and read the scripture and see what they are promoting. Mr. Blessing and I know Brother Tim back there, thank God I went to Rural Retreat High School in a day and hour that I didn't have to put up with this. I'm so proud that I have three children who was homeschooled that they didn't have to see this on a daily basis. God bless."

25. Stacy Terry Post – Ms. Debbie Little appeared before the Board and stated "I did not come to speak this evening. I came as a 56-year old heterosexual woman with two heterosexual kids with no dog in the race, but as one who loves children and I got my gorgeous rainbow things because apparently it triggers... Just to say we are all God's children and I love every child in here no matter what you are. And if you need a mom hug, I'll be out there after. God loves you and God bless you, Mr. Terry. And from the bottom of my heart, I urge you to go with the young lady that spoke, that's an educator, to that training. Because as someone who works in mental health, by golly you don't know the hurt that you put on these kids. Any kid, whether you out the stigma or hatred, being a kid is tough. Just love one another."
26. Stacy Terry Post – Mr. Dylan Crigger appeared before the Board and stated "I also was not planning on speaking today. I had the pleasure of going to high school at Rural Retreat and having Ms. Patrick as an English teacher. I can speak on behalf of her that she would open her door for anybody, Christian, non-Christian, LGBT, it doesn't matter. She supports all of her students. Stacy Terry, I have not had the pleasure of getting to know you. Whether your intentions were to create division or to create unity, or intentions to create equality or not, there's obviously division. We've seen it today, even in this room. I just ask, on behalf of the community and on behalf of a lot of the people on both sides, that you make some kind of public reprimand I guess, in order to correct some of the misunderstandings that have happened. Whether it was your intentions or not, to create division, it's happened and I think since it's a butterfly effect that's started with you. I think it needs to be your job, as the one that's on the board, to address that. I can defend Ms. Patrick, I can defend you, and anybody else in this room can defend Ms. Patrick or defend you. But ultimately you have to stand up for yourself, too. I believe that as a man, as a citizen, and as a Christian. Thank you."
27. Stacy Terry Post – Mr. Franklin Via appeared before the Board and stated "I am a bi-sexual Catholic. I'm not just a normal Christian. I am a Catholic. I'm not saying

that's any different but I was scared to come out. I came to her first. And it hurts to the bottom of my soul that someone who hasn't hurt anybody gets attacked. It hurts. You hurt a whole lot of people. You don't know what you've done to us. If you want to fix it, please do. I don't know where you stand on that. Please fix what you've done. That would help everybody."

28. Stacy Terry Post – Mr. Danny Gordon appeared before the Board and stated "Good evening ladies and gentlemen. I think sometimes we forget that people are imperfect, including Mr. Terry, myself and all of us in this room. Sometimes we make mistakes and we should be willing to correct those and move forward. But I think the biggest thing we're missing tonight, take away all the name-calling and identification, whether I'm this or that. It doesn't matter, we're all Wythe Countians. We all live here, go to school here. And we need to learn to get along and accept each other. When I went to school, segregation was on the agenda, when I was in eighth grade. We never had a problem. The kids got along fine. It was the adults you had problems with. Now what's being taught at home is being carried over to the schools is something that we have to correct in our administration and people that work in the school system. To me, this is an optimum time to form a group of people representing both sides and find some common ground. It's obvious some people here believe in their identity and what they are and that's fine; that's their right, not just by the Constitution but the God in heaven. You are your own person and what you choose to be. It's not my place to call you a name or judge you. A lot of people are judging Mr. Terry because he made a mistake. Maybe a conversation with his colleague Mr. Cook should have solved some of that. But nonetheless, that's water over the damn as they say. I would encourage you all to do, if you have the authority to do it, is get a group together and sort out some of these issues and get it cleared out. Our kids cannot learn in school when they are worrying about whether the guy sitting beside them is gay or not or got purple hair. That doesn't matter. They threatened to kick me out of school because I had long hair, that's how long ago that I had hair. Take the bull by the horns. Wythe County has always been a leader. It's time to get the people to get together and find some resolution and common ground. It doesn't do any good to go out of here mad at each other. Find a way to get along and make this a better community and make the school system more of a learning environment. I plead with you to do such and take this as a learning situation and make Wythe County better for it. Thank you."
29. Stacy Terry Post – Ms. Kassi Davidson appeared before the Board and stated "I'm a student at Rural Retreat High School where the club is at. I'm not straight. For a

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long time I was very afraid to come out, even though I have a very supportive household, because I was afraid of not only being judged by the other children, but also by being judged by the teachers. Since I have come out last year, there have been teachers in our school that have targeted me because I was dating a girl. They have treated me unfairly and they have said that I was 'not special', those were direct words from one of the teachers at our school. And they have tried to basically get me in trouble for things others couples wouldn't get in trouble for at our school. I have been so scared to be myself in school. And having a club and teacher that is supportive has helped more than anything. For a long time when I did come out, there was notes put in my locker that I was 'worthless' and that I should kill myself and I was 'disgusting'. And for a while, I believed those things. I believed that maybe something was wrong with me. When I joined GSA and talked to the teacher who runs it, it made me feel like I didn't need to be upset with myself. It made me realize that I was supported and loved and worthy. Until recently, because of Mr. Terry's post, I hadn't felt scared and now I do again because that has brought a lot of the negativity back that wasn't there before. A lot of people feel like because someone else said it, it's ok to tell kids that are gay that it's not ok because Christianity says it's not. That is really scary because I am strong, and I've heard it for a long time and I don't get as upset as a lot of kids do. But some kids they become suicidal and depressed because people tell them that Christianity doesn't want them to be gay. That's not fair. Especially not in school growing up when it's already hard enough. Thank you."

Chair Vaught closed Citizens' Time and said he appreciates everyone that spoke and shared their personal experiences. However, in accordance with the Code of Virginia, neither he nor the Board as a whole, has the authority to remove or censure another board member.

THE BOARD RECESSED FOR 10 MINUTES

PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

Vice Chair Lawson made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on March 10, 2020, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30106144-30106261 as follows:

**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT
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CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
30106144	03/04/2020	BUSINESS CARD	\$ 7,397.88
30106145	03/04/2020	CENTURYLINK	48.40
30106146	03/04/2020	CENTURYLINK	60.76
30106147	03/04/2020	CENTURYLINK	3,398.05
30106148	03/04/2020	CENTURYLINK	4,771.61
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 03/04/2020			\$15,676.70

30106149	03/10/2020	AKER, TERESA B	\$ 171.96
30106150	03/10/2020	ANDERSON, REVA W	135.00
30106151	03/10/2020	APPALACHIAN POWER	1,221.66
30106152	03/10/2020	ASSOC OF DISTRICT COURT J	60.00
30106153	03/10/2020	ATKINSON, BARBARA R	135.00
30106154	03/10/2020	ATMOS ENERGY	40.09
30106155	03/10/2020	BKT UNIFORMS	978.64
30106156	03/10/2020	BLUE RIDGE ANALYTICAL, LL	1,470.00
30106157	03/10/2020	BLUE RIDGE AUTO PARTS INC	5.99
30106158	03/10/2020	BMS DIRECT INC	4,170.00
30106159	03/10/2020	BOWERS, ASHLEY	135.00
30106160	03/10/2020	BRENNTAG MID-SOUTH INC	1,752.79
30106161	03/10/2020	BRIDGERS, JOANN	135.00
30106162	03/10/2020	BUSINESS INFORMATION SYST	48.50
30106163	03/10/2020	CASSESS, MARY B	165.00
30106164	03/10/2020	CASSELL, MARY N	48.72
30106165	03/10/2020	CATRON, G W	65.28
30106166	03/10/2020	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	195.44
30106167	03/10/2020	CITIZENS TELEPHONE COOP	720.00
30106168	03/10/2020	CLINE, DEBRA B	135.00
30106169	03/10/2020	CLIPPARD, EURAL D	135.00
30106170	03/10/2020	COEN, JAMES	188.20
30106171	03/10/2020	COLT W. SIMMONS CONSTRUCT	30,020.00
30106172	03/10/2020	COPENHAVER, JANET F	195.16
30106173	03/10/2020	COUNTS, LENNON E	171.73
30106174	03/10/2020	CRAIG'S FIREARM SUPPLY	120.50
30106175	03/10/2020	CREATIVE GLASS INC	1,776.51
30106176	03/10/2020	CW WARTHEN	1,159.96
30106177	03/10/2020	DALY COMPUTERS	2,450.00
30106178	03/10/2020	DISHON, PATRICIA TICKLE	188.20
30106179	03/10/2020	DISTRICT THREE	3,890.00

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30106180	03/10/2020	DIVERSIFIED INTEGRATION I	1,235.00
30106181	03/10/2020	DRAGONFLY CONSULTING, LLC	3,000.00
30106182	03/10/2020	DUNAGAN, KEITH	426.61
30106183	03/10/2020	EAST COAST EMERGENCY VEHI	17,717.62
30106184	03/10/2020	EDMONDS, BETTY F	135.00
30106185	03/10/2020	EVERGREEN ACTIVITY CENTER	110.00
30106186	03/10/2020	FASTENAL	45.12
30106187	03/10/2020	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES #5	968.88
30106188	03/10/2020	FN WHOLESALE LIGHTING & S	355.52
30106189	03/10/2020	FOLEY COMPANY	110.00
30106190	03/10/2020	GALLS	635.40
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30106192	03/10/2020	GRANT, BRUCE M	4,343.59
30106193	03/10/2020	HALL, PATTY U	135.00
30106194	03/10/2020	HARRIS, KAREN G	165.00
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30106201	03/10/2020	JONES, SANDRA V	135.00
30106202	03/10/2020	KING-MOORE INC	1,368.25
30106203	03/10/2020	MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVI	259.00
30106204	03/10/2020	LESTER, LINDA F	31.32
30106205	03/10/2020	LEXISNEXIS	212.00
30106206	03/10/2020	LEXISNEXIS	1,448.00
30106207	03/10/2020	LINDSEY, PATSY D	165.00
30106208	03/10/2020	LOWE'S	1,209.12
30106209	03/10/2020	MANLEY, HOWARD	135.00
30106210	03/10/2020	MANSFIELD OIL CO	7,468.88
30106211	03/10/2020	MATTHEWS, JOHN R	135.00
30106212	03/10/2020	MILLER, JERRY G	165.00
30106213	03/10/2020	MONTGOMERY, TERRY	135.00
30106214	03/10/2020	MUSSER, JEREMIAH	279.60
30106215	03/10/2020	QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC	643.85
30106216	03/10/2020	NEW RIVER REGIONAL WATER	18,799.20
30106217	03/10/2020	OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDIC	20.00
30106218	03/10/2020	OWEN G DUNN CO	1,700.00

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30106219	03/10/2020	OWEN, ALVADA L	135.00
30106220	03/10/2020	PAPER CLIP	1,212.05
30106221	03/10/2020	PARTNERSHIP SCREENING INT	43.20
30106222	03/10/2020	PEED & BORTZ LLC	3,000.00
30106223	03/10/2020	PIONEER COLLISION CENTER	7,525.72
30106224	03/10/2020	POSTAGE BY PHONE RESERVE	200.00
30106225	03/10/2020	R&R ENTERPRISES INC	135.00
30106226	03/10/2020	RICHERT, DAVID W	135.00
30106227	03/10/2020	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	2,282.00
30106228	03/10/2020	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	2,514.00
30106229	03/10/2020	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	11,572.00
30106230	03/10/2020	SAWYERS, MARTHA A	188.20
30106231	03/10/2020	SEGRA	31.72
30106232	03/10/2020	SMYTHERS-STITT, ANNA E	191.68
30106233	03/10/2020	SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA EMS CO	875.00
30106234	03/10/2020	SPENCER, BRIDGET S	135.00
30106235	03/10/2020	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	75.58
30106236	03/10/2020	STRICKLAND, CAITLEN	135.00
30106237	03/10/2020	SUNTRUST	36,881.92
30106238	03/10/2020	TERRY, CHRIS J	83.02
30106239	03/10/2020	TESLA ELECTRIC SERV	756.32
30106240	03/10/2020	TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNA	50.00
30106241	03/10/2020	UNIFIRST CORP	159.78
30106242	03/10/2020	UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA	530.00
30106243	03/10/2020	USA BLUE BOOK	2,053.73
30106244	03/10/2020	V&M RECYCLING	75,302.89
30106245	03/10/2020	VACORP	36,417.50
30106246	03/10/2020	VIARS, DAVID G	135.00
30106247	03/10/2020	VIRGINIA COUNCIL OF JUVEN	50.00
30106248	03/10/2020	VISUAL IMPACT PROMOTIONS	1,195.00
30106249	03/10/2020	VITA	142.19
30106250	03/10/2020	VITA	271.72
30106251	03/10/2020	VRPS	200.00
30106252	03/10/2020	VUPS	58.80
30106253	03/10/2020	WALTER F STEPHENS JR INC	16.50
30106254	03/10/2020	WATER ENVIRONMENT FEDERAT	185.00
30106255	03/10/2020	WILLIAMS, MARY ANN	135.00
30106256	03/10/2020	WYTHE CO HEALTH DEPT	818.00
30106257	03/10/2020	WYTHE CO WATER & WASTEWAT	235.95

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. Planning Commission – District No. 3 – Vice Chair Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to appoint Chris King of Crockett's Cove to the Planning Commission for the East Wytheville District.

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. School Board Liaison – Chair Vaught stated that Supervisor Terry requested to be replaced as School Board Liaison and, therefore, Supervisor Smith is being appointed. Since this is a Chair-appointed position, no motion or vote is required.

BELT FILTER PRESS REPAIRS – BID AWARD RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Bear explained that over the past few years, the belt filter press has required ongoing maintenance and is at the point now where a complete renovation is required. The work was put out for bid and two bids were received. Mr. Crisp recommends awarding the contract to Irvin Construction in the amount of \$29,500 for the removal/replacement of bearings, and a unit cost of \$2,800 for each shaft repaired. Separate from that is the cost of materials for \$17,850. Mr. Crisp requests the total amount of \$107,850 be amended and appropriated out of the wastewater reserve fund.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to amend and appropriate \$107,850 to 4402-461200.

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

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts, to award the contract to Irvin Construction in the amount of \$90,000.

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

JOINT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FINANCIAL STATEMENT FY19

Mr. Bear explained that Mr. Corbin Stone presented this information at their meeting two weeks ago and it's included in today's board package. Mr. Bear recommends acceptance of the audit for FY19.

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to accept the FY19 financial statement for the JIDA 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

March 10, 2020

ABSTRACT OF VOTES – 2020 DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

Mr. Lennon Counts, Wythe County Registrar, provided a summary of the March 3, 2020 Democratic Presidential Primary. Going forward, he also plans to come and present an overview after every election. Mr. Counts reported that the recent primary resulted in total voters of 1,393 which is up about 400 voters since the 2016 primary. He was fortunate to have 32 officers working in the 11 polling places and said they did a tremendous job. County staff were great as well, especially Levi Coffey from B&G who did an exemplary job. Todd Catron also was helpful.

Elections for the two towns will be in May and will also provide them with good experience prior to the November election. Mr. Counts also stated that they have implemented new security measures.

Mr. Counts reported that the Legislature is moving the Republican Primary to the third Tuesday of June which will conflict with Chautauqua, so they may have to consider moving their polling place from there. He has also received some feedback about low turnout at the schools for polling, so they may think about closing some of those polling places in the future.

With early voting this November, the Registrar's budget may have to increase accordingly. Mr. Counts has learned from surrounding localities, comparable in size to Wythe, that they have experienced significant increases in early voting turnout. But he will address this in two weeks during his budget presentation.

Vice Chair Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to accept as presented the Abstract of Votes for the 2020 Democratic Presidential Primary of March 3, 2020.

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

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Mr. Curtis Crawford, the Emergency Services Coordinator, provided an update on the Coronavirus and what Wythe County is doing to prepare. He reported that Virginia has

six confirmed/presumptive cases, all of which are in northern Virginia. He has communicated with the hospital, County Administration, and the schools. The schools have distributed a good letter educating people on the risks and how to prepare. Mr. Crawford reports that the County has put information on social media and will be putting out a press release as well. The State is not yet under a State of Emergency, although 18 other states are, but Mr. Crawford said that we are prepared should it come to that. The main thing to remember is we can prevent this with good hygiene and avoiding people with flu-like symptoms. It may also be wise to avoid events drawing large crowds. People are encouraged to stay informed to "reliable" media such as the CDC and the Department of Health. Mr. Crawford said that he'd be happy to provide the Board briefings as he receives updates, but he wants everyone to know that Wythe County is prepared.

Supervisor Smith asked how the hospital will handle a possible influx of people in their Emergency Department and segregating people who potentially have Coronavirus.

Mr. Crawford replied that there are resources through the Southwest Preparedness System for makeshift field hospitals or whatever else we may need. In addition, he said they have multiple tents and ways to heat those, etc. and that the Health Department and VDEM are also available to assist us.

Unrelated, Supervisor McRoberts asked Mr. Crawford for an update about the ambulance for Lead Mines (blown motor).

Mr. Crawford responded that he will make a personal visit tomorrow morning to get an update.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Sheriff's State Forfeiture Funds – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to create a separate fund code for the Sheriff's State Forfeiture Funds and to move all activity for FY20 into this fund upon creation. This fund will separate the state forfeitures from the Police Activity Fund to comply with state regulations.

Mr. Bear explained that we have Federal Asset Forfeiture Funds for the Commonwealth's Attorney as well as the Sheriff's Office, but only a State Asset Forfeiture Fund for the Commonwealth Attorney but not for the Sheriff's Office.

They had incorporated that fund within their PAF, but now need to establish a separate fund to be in compliance.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:	Brian W. Vaught	Ryan M. Lawson
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2. Building Inspection Department - GPS Unit – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to amend & appropriate \$3,315 into budget line 3401-470015 (Building Inspection – Furniture & Fixtures) for the purchase of an upgraded GPS unit for the Building Inspection Department.

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. Max Meadows Fire Department Truck – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to amend & appropriate \$62,789 to 9000-470238 (Capital Projects – Fire Truck) to provide full funding for the payment of the new Max Meadows Fire Department truck.

Mr. Bear explained that they had budgeted money two years ago for fire equipment and trucks, but they later took some of that money out to purchase air packs for the fire departments. Since that time, the fire departments received their Rural Development grant money and have reimbursed the County back. These funds, in the amount of \$62,789, will put enough money back in the account to cover the cost of the new truck.

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	

Mr. Bear informed everyone that Mr. Spraker resigned as the County Building Official and has accepted a position with the Town of Wytheville. The County is currently looking for a replacement but, in the interim, a part-time Building Official will be filling in. Mr. Bear advised that funds will be transferred from the full-time salary into part-time salary for this position.

SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

1. APEX Center Heaters – Supervisor Smith raised concern about the heaters at the ends of the building, and when the doors are opened, much of that heat will be lost. He also noted that one heater is still not repaired.
2. APEX – Meals/Lodging Tax – Supervisor Smith said citizens have asked if the 2019 meals and lodging taxes related to events at the APEX can be split so they can better assess the increase.
3. Urban Archery for Progress Park – Supervisor Smith mentioned that he would like to keep this topic on the forefront.
4. Grouse Ridge Road – Supervisor Smith reiterated the need to at least put gravel down in the worst areas, as he's been told work will not begin for another four more weeks.

Mr. Bear added that they are both pushing for ANYTHING that can be done to fill the craters ASAP.

5. Barren Springs Community Center Building – Supervisor McRoberts asked what is being done about the community center.

Mr. Bear said he met with the owner of the property who was interested in helping with that project. He will follow-up with him and see where he stands.

Supervisor McRoberts would like to put money in the budget to build the community center but time is being wasted and he'd really like to get this done. He said the people there need this.

6. Cripple Creek Road Trash – Supervisor Horney received complaint(s) about trash on Cripple Creek Road (unsure what section).
7. Recycling Center – Tires – Supervisor Horney asked about the Recycling Centers only taking four tires. If a citizen has to replace all six tires on their Dooley, what are they supposed to do? He feels if a vehicle has six tires, the center should take all six.
8. Trash Pick-Up – Chair Vaught mentioned that with the lack of available trustees, trash is becoming a problem throughout the County. He said the trustees have done a good job and we really need to have them back.

Mr. Bear added that this time of year seems worse with the short grass making trash more visible.

9. Mount Rogers Planning District Commission – Chair Vaught said that at their meeting the other night, he met a woman who works in the Water Quality Division at the Department of Health, and she indicated that they can come in and do a water rate study for free. He would like Mr. Bear to reach out to her.

CLOSED MEETING

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to enter into Closed Meeting under Section 2.2-3711-A.1, Discussion of Personnel Matters (Personnel Review) of the Code of Virginia.

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 Vice Chair Lawson, to adopt the following Resolution certifying the business conducted in closed meeting as follows:

**RESOLUTION
CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

WHEREAS, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and,

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Wythe County Board of Supervisors that such meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the Wythe County Board of Supervisors.

The roll call vote 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

RECESS

The Board recessed until Monday, March 23, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. for a budget work session.

RECONVENE

The Board reconvened on Monday, March 23, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian W. Vaught, Chair

James D. "Jamie" Smith

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

Stacy A. Terry

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ryan M. Lawson

Rolland R. Cook

STAFF PRESENT:

Stephen D. Bear, County Administrator

BUDGET WORK SESSION

The Board met with County departments and outside agencies for presentation of Fiscal Year 21 Budget funding requests.

RECESS

The Board recessed until Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. for a budget work session.

RECONVENE

The Board reconvened on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian W. Vaught, Chair
Rolland R. Cook
B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ryan M. Lawson

STAFF PRESENT:

Stephen D. Bear, County Administrator

BUDGET WORK SESSION

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ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Vaught adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:35 p.m.

Brian W. Vaught, Chair