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The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 12, 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 (*via phone*)

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

Martha Collins, Administrative Assistant/Clerk

Curtis Crawford, Emergency Services Coordinator

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Roy Cox

Andy Fowler (*via phone*)

Paul Mathews

Linda Meyer

Rita Price

Mary Raymond

Edgar Testerman

Clayton Wright

approximately 8 other citizens

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ELECTRONIC MEETING POLICY**

Chair Vaught announced that Vice Chair Lawson is unable to attend in person and has requested participation by phone in accordance with our Electronic Meeting Policy. There is a quorum present and arrangements have been made for the Vice Chair to participate remotely. Approval is automatic unless someone wishes to move to disapprove this electronic participation.

Hearing no motions, Chair Vaught stated that Vice Chair Lawson is approved to participate.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

County Administrator Stephen Bear provided the invocation and Chair Vaught led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CITIZENS' TIME**

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

1. Pope Road – Mr. Roy Cox appeared before the Board and stated “I’m here just to check on my road being blacktopped. It’s promised to start this Spring and I just want to see if we’re going to keep that promise. We’ve been awaiting since the 90’s to get that thing done and right now, Brian, there’s places you can’t even pass without getting in the ditch and washboard, dust and everything so you know what it is; you’re over there. So, anything you guys can do to push that, deeply appreciated. Thank you very much.”
2. Pope Road – Mr. Paul Mathews appeared before the Board and stated “My name is Paul Mathews and I live on Pope Road. I was concerned about Appalachian Power is wanting to run an underground cable about 100 yards at the edge of the road from my power pole down. I’m wondering what the holdup is on that. They were supposed to get approval from the State to run the pipe about 30” underground. I’d like to know what the latest on that is. Also, that first grade going up Pope Road from Powder Mill, the ditches are only about that deep on each side of the road; it’s no shoulder. A lot of places up that grade, two vehicles especially two cars and now if a big truck you can’t pass. You aint got no shoulder and it’s very easy if you get over too far you aint got nothing. So, I don’t know why they couldn’t go ahead and put good size rock in them ditch lines and build them up and you still have drainage that’s required to do it. But it would sure help to get them ditches filled in to where people would have something to get onto if they had to pass or got in a close place. And another thing, what’s the latest on the low water bridge? Y’all have anything on that?”

Mr. Bear responded that there has been no new information on that. Mr. Fowler from VDOT will be joining the meeting by phone later on and we can ask him then. Mr. Bear added that it is a design project requiring additional funding. Construction would only begin if and when VDOT gets approval for funding of that bridge.

3. COVID-19 Restrictions – Ms. Linda Meyer appeared before the Board and stated “Good evening. This week, or last week, I sent you correspondence (I sent it to

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Mr. Bear and I sent it to Cheese), I was wondering if you had all gotten it concerning your sworn duties and your obligations and our unalienable rights. Have you gotten that and have you looked at it? You did; okay, well that's good. In addition to that, I also sent you a copy of a resolution that's going to be presented this evening to the Town of Front Royal about opening up their town. It's here in black and white, all the information, all the whereases and whys and what-nots and so on and so forth, and it's about time that Wythe County also. They are certainly much much closer to the areas that are having big problems; we are not. If Front Royal can get a handle on this and do it for the benefit of the citizens, we can to. People should be able to travel; they should be able to go in public. Our kids need to be out, they need to be playing their baseball. All Americans, all of us here in Wythe County, we're responsible. But we also have our constitutional liberties and they should be protected by you guys. Individuals have their personal responsibility and they're willing to take smart precautions. Right now everybody is being hypnotized by words. The words are actually being weaponized against the public; free people. We're talking always about social distancing, testing positive and viruses. As you all know, we are all full of viruses all the time, and we've lived through this and we have lived through a lot. I realize you feel there's an obligation to follow the Governor. However, you have also an obligation to the citizens of Wythe County. We need to get back to work and get back to business as usual. I'm asking you to also take this resolution, turn it into a Wythe County resolution and irregardless of what the Governor says, open Wythe County Friday, tomorrow, any time in the future. We need to do this for our own economy and to get us up and going."

4. Speedwell Issues and Reassessment – Ms. Linda Meyer continued "In addition to that, I also had been, last time I was here I spoke about the degradation to 21 and properties all over Speedwell and I had asked for documentation about, from the County, from the State, what they were doing for flood mitigation and so on and so forth. Nothing has come so far. I've been not aware of anything. I was wondering if you people had heard anything and what you are going to do for the people of Speedwell in the future for the problem of the flooding. Any information"

Mr. Bear responded that the engineer has submitted information to all the interested parties (DEQ, DMME) for their review. To date, the County has not received any comments. Mr. Bear said that staff continue to meet with residents impacted by the flood and are putting them in touch with the appropriate agencies for assistance.

Ms. Meyer asked "But there is no paper trail so far from the state agencies? Can we bug you guys to do that?"

Mr. Bear reiterated that the information has been submitted and, as yet, no comments have been received.

Ms. Meyer added that "We need to do it again and we need to stay on it, weekly for that matter, because all of a sudden we'll be very close to being forgotten and nothing will happen until we have the next disaster. So we need to help the people out in Speedwell and so on. And are we going to do a reassessment this year?"

Mr. Bear responded that the Board has already approved the contract for the upcoming year's reassessment.

Ms. Meyer replied "I'm hoping the people that are reassessing realize what's cooking in Speedwell as far as the horrible feedlot situation which right now is okay because the wind's blowing. But as soon as it's not, it won't be. And then again we have most of Speedwell proper in a flood plain. These people that are doing the reassessment should be notified about that because it would certainly bring down anybody's assessment. Thank you."

5. Library Layoffs – Ms. Mary Raymond appeared before the Board and stated "Good evening. I hope you're all doing well, considering. I don't know if you are aware of the things that have been happening within the Wythe-Grayson Regional Library ("WGRL") system. And what specifically Mary Thomas has done in the years that she was hired to be the director. As of May 11<sup>th</sup>, eleven part-time employees were let go on the premise of the COVID virus to help them get unemployment. However, in the letter that was sent to them, it did not guarantee them their jobs, it did not give them any reassurance whatsoever that they were going to be able to come back. It just encouraged them to reapply which would cause some of the employees which have been there for at least a decade or more, to lose the seniority that they have had, the sick time that they have had, and then require them to start again at the bottom, if they were rehired. So, we have brought forth to hopefully your attention, I'm not sure if you've gotten it at this point but there was a petition that has gone around to get the employees their jobs back. We got 767 people to sign our petition and we're hoping that you, as the Board of Supervisors, would understand that this is a real issue for the

Wythe County patrons and Grayson County because not only is the patrons that regularly go to the library are going to be affected but people who are outside of the area that they can get into the library that the bookmobile services because they have also let go of the bookmobile driver. And so now those people that are shut in and cannot get to the library, are now not going to have access to those services from the library because there is now not going to be a bookmobile, and it's really important that we continue letting these people receive services from the library because they are so important, educational, and informational; it's just important that we serve these populations, especially because Wythe County and Grayson County are paying for these services. And Mary Thomas has presented the Board of Trustees ("BOT") time and time again an unbalanced budget. She keeps showing up every time with excuses and excuses as to why she hasn't had a balanced budget. Since the time she was hired up until April of 2019 she still hadn't had a balanced budget. Then at the next meeting in May, they said oh again it is not balanced. So she has had a continuing problem of not being able to account for money that should have been allocated to different things but all of a sudden there are surpluses and not enough money for things like paying the employees that are now fired. You can call it a layoff, you can call it whatever it is; they were told to turn in their keys, they were told to turn in their passwords, they were fired. The patrons of the library have made relationships with these people and care about these people and some people go into the library and they can say '*What is the next book I read?*' And because they have these relationships with these part-time employees, the employee knows what the next book they should read is. And now we're going to have to train all new employees in the library system, doesn't seem cost-effective to me. And there was a meeting in 2019 about the Affordable Care Act and what exactly a part-time employee is, defined as because if they work 30 hours, they have to be provided health care. So the question is, is this another reason that they decided to fire these employees because they didn't want to provide health care? There are many many instances of her coming back without answers as to why these things have happened, and there needs to be some accountability. They have not done an evaluation of Mary Thomas since her probation period has been over. It really needs to be looked at, at this point, whether she is in the best interest of our library system because it's not just the directors or the employees; it's the entire areas library and we need it. Thank you."

Mr. Bear explained that WGRL is a regional operation overseen by a regional board of appointees from Wythe and Grayson counties. That board oversees the actions of the executive director and of the policies and procedures of the library

system. The library director and employees are not employees of either Wythe County Administration or the Wythe County Board of Supervisors. They are employees of Wythe-Grayson Regional Library board.

Supervisor Terry stated that the next meeting of the WGRL board is either May 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>.

Chair Vaught acknowledged that many of the people who attended tonight are there to voice concern about the layoffs but he advised them that they need to go to the BOT. Wythe County is simply a funding agency of WGRL. While this is the Chairman's third year on the Board of Supervisors, this is the first time that issues have been brought to the attention of this Board.

Ms. Raymond commented that "The reason it hasn't been brought to your attention, is because the way to BOT keeps allowing her excuses and then continues to accept the budget as is, even though it isn't balanced, would be why you haven't heard about this before. Because it just keeps going and it hasn't been addressed and the only reason I am addressing it to you is because we do get funding from Wythe County."

Chair Vaught responded that this Board will follow-up with the library BOT. Ms. Raymond understands that she and others would need to raise their concerns to the BOT and she intends to do that at their next meeting.

The following concerns were submitted by citizens and read aloud by Mrs. Collins:

6. Library Layoffs – Ms. Lisa King Dolloff submitted the following: "Greetings, and thank you for the opportunity to submit a comment. I'm a lifetime resident of Wythe County who loves our library and the staff that maintains it. Over the years I've probably been a pain to all of them, but you would never know it by the way they interact with me. So many times I've been there and needed help, and I've never left without being grateful for their assistance. This is why I'm so concerned about the recent action that removed a large number of the staff. These valued people and the community have deep, long lasting relationships that would be irreparably damaged if this questionable action stands. It would have a negative impact for a long time, not to mention the distrust it would create as a result. I was told every member of the board was asked and all approved of it. Is this true or not? If it is true, do you think it best serves the needs of your constituents?"

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Personally, I don't think so, and I'll be doing everything possible to make sure it fails, as will so many others in the community.

I sincerely hope the B.O.S. agrees, and ends what appears to be a less than ethical, if not shady attempt to purge specific people for whatever reason. We're all better than this, so please prove it."

7. Library Layoffs – Ms. Holly Norris submitted the following: "I am writing to ask you to take action to help the library staff that has worked hard to keep the Town/County well served. These people deserve better treatment. I have made friends with some of the staff and they all are good people who work hard to serve the reading public. I think you should hire fulltime people like Natalie Ratcliff instead of just letting them go with no real benefits. Natalie and her coworkers go out of there way to make our library special for all. Don't throw out the baby with the bath water!"
8. Library Layoffs – Ms. Jen Otey submitted the following: "Hello there, my name is Jen Otey. I am writing to you to comment about the permanent layoffs of 11 employees that worked for the Wythe Grayson Regional libraries. I find it very disturbing that these folks were let go, after all of the work that they do for our community. They do so much for us. I guess I just don't understand how it is so easy to eliminate them, especially the ones that have been there for more than two decades. They definitely don't do this job for the money. They do it because they love the library and they believe in it, and they love our community and the people in it.

It is my understanding that, in April, the Board of Supervisors passed the budget that will end at the end of the fiscal year on June 30th. It is also my understanding that part of that budget was payroll. How do you eliminate employees when there's payroll to pay? Also, how do you eliminate employees that will be needed when things return to some semblance of normalcy? People in our community will need them more than ever to help them navigate the use of the computer terminals at the libraries for finding jobs, resources, and any number of things that they are going to need help with. With a skeleton crew for a staff, how do you plan to serve the communities that these libraries serve?

This is an atrocity, a travesty, and it is only going to hurt our community. Many adults and children go to the library to engage in activities, provided. I see these activities and programs as outreach to the people in our community and a safe

place for kids of all ages to meet. These programs are helping with keeping kids away from dangers such as drugs and alcohol, particularly for middle and high school. Everyone in the area knows that drug and alcohol abuse is taking a huge toll on our youth. Why would the libraries want to take away healthy opportunities from our kids, because they are short staffed?

I was told, and this may or may not be true, that this decision was solely made by one or possibly two people. Those people are not on your Board of Trustees and made this decision without consulting all of them. How is it that the majority of the Board of Trustees knew nothing about this happening? One would think that if there's a Board of Trustees, part of what they deal with is the human resources aspect of employment at the library. I do not think it is fair or okay for one or two people to have that much power. I feel strongly that they should have consulted the Board of Trustees prior to making these decisions.

I appreciate your time, so I will finish what I have to say briefly. It is my hope, and the hope of many people in our community, that these people will be reinstated to their jobs. That they will also be reinstated without losing the sick leave pay and other benefits and pay scale that they have earned, over the time that they have worked at the library. It is my hope that these people will be put on furlough rather than a permanent layoff. That way, when we all begin to return to what will be the new norm, we will have these people there to help us navigate what's next. We need them. We need people that want to serve our community. Right now they need us to help them return to their jobs, when it's time. Please do the right thing and encourage the Library Board of Trustees to do the same. Thank you for your time."

9. Library Concerns – Mr. Nate Montgomery submitted the following: "I've wish to speak with you today regarding numerous issues within the Wythe-Grayson Regional Library System. The most recent and problematic of these issues, the termination of 11 part-time employees, is just one of many symptoms indicating a deeper problem. I am here to elucidate that problem and ask the Wythe County Board of Supervisors to do everything in their power to correct it, for the good of the entire community.

Since firing 11 people is the most blatant of these issues, I will begin there.

It is my understanding that the director of the library system was permitted to terminate these employees, who make up nearly half the entire workforce of the



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library system, without a formal vote or resolution by the WGRL Board of Trustees. One glaringly apparent problem is right there in the name-- Trustees. This group of people have been entrusted with running the library system in a manner that best benefits the tax-paying public, whom they serve. This move cuts services to the taxpayers without our consent: Cutting library staff in half means offerings like programs, clubs, workshops, and assistance will be drastically slashed. Will our taxes be reduced accordingly?

As the economy reopens, many of the millions of people who suddenly find themselves unemployed will turn to their home libraries for assistance with navigating job searches, applications, and government benefit programs, as they have always done. Will remaining WGRL staff be able to take the time to adequately meet the needs of these patrons?

Terminating the bookmobile driver means that the most vulnerable members of our community, those who are shut in due to age, mobility issues, or other reasons, will no longer have access to library services. Will these people receive a corresponding tax break?

Was an operational plan put in place to address these and other issues before the decision was made to fire half the workforce?

As you can see, this short-sighted decision will be detrimental to the entire community, especially its most vulnerable citizens.

With these questions in mind, I respectfully request that the 11 terminated employees be reinstated immediately, even if it is on a furloughed basis for the next few weeks, with all the leave and other benefits they've accrued during their time of service fully restored to them. This request is supported by more than 700 signatures on a petition regarding this matter, available for you to review at your leisure.

The library director issued a press release in an attempt to explain this decision. Her comments state the obvious regarding the economic impact of COVID, but say little of substance:

She states that WGRL has been closed to the public since March, without mentioning that Wythe County Public Library staff were all tasked with various jobs during that time, including being pressured into "volunteering" to come in

and paint the library and move furniture and books while WCPL was undergoing renovation. During this time, they were not always provided with adequate PPE and worked at risk to themselves and their families. She states that "it is not financially sustainable to keep employees on the payroll," yet according to WCBOS minutes, dated April 14th, 2020, the library was appropriated \$81,113.75 towards the library's payroll; these funds were intended to secure jobs through June 30, 2020.

She mentions loss of tourism revenue in reference to local government shortfalls, yet as stated in the minutes of your January 28th, 2020 board meeting, the Fiscal Year 2019 audit report shows that the county's primary growing revenue source is general property taxes, and that meals and lodging taxes, aka tourism dollars, had remained flat.

Additionally, the April 22nd, 2020 Public Information and Grants Status Report indicated that Wythe County had not suffered "nearly as bad a blow to lodging occupancy as others in Virginia."

There is no evidence that the director pursued less extreme avenues to shore up the library's finances before firing half the workforce. As you can see, these factors call the director's statement into question at nearly every point, raising serious concerns about her judgement, fiscal responsibility, and overall grasp of both the county's revenue and the library's budget.

I speak for many tax-paying citizens of this county, whom you all represent, when I say that this is unacceptable. One person, who by design is answerable to a board, should not be able to make a decision that can cause such harm to ripple through two entire counties. This is the latest piece in an overall pattern of behavior and decision-making on the part of library management that raises serious red flags for anyone who's paying attention. There is an as yet unresolved tax issue with Virginia Retirement System (VRS) affecting employees, of which the library board is aware, dating back at least a decade. There is the 50/50 funding agreement between Wythe and Grayson Counties that at some point Wythe was paying 55% and Grayson 45%. There is the notation of the library having an excess of the acceptable 10% of local funds at the end of the last two fiscal years. There is a disturbing lack of transparency between director and staff, management and staff, and the library and the taxpayers whom it serves. This pattern of behavior, poor judgement, and erroneous decision-making leads me

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to respectfully request that the BOS investigate these matters as soon as possible.

I, along with other concerned citizens, believe that personnel reviews of the director and branch managers should be part of this process. Thank you for your time.”

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

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Chair Vaught read that pursuant to Section 58.1-3007 of the Code of Virginia and amendments thereto, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing. The purpose of the public hearing is to give the citizens of Wythe County an opportunity to comment on the proposed tax levy for Calendar Year 2020.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2020, in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia, at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter practical. Due to the public health threat posed by the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, current guidance by the Governor of Virginia and the Virginia Department of Health on social distancing and public gatherings, the meeting will occur via electronic means or, if by physical attendance, the in person gathering size shall be limited to ten (10) individuals, including board members and staff. The meeting will be streamed live via Internet and any Wythe County citizen wishing to speak can call 276-223-4504 prior to the meeting and provide their telephone number, and they will be called and allowed to provide comments via phone to the meeting in accordance with the Board of Supervisors Rules of Procedure. Any Wythe County citizen can also provide written comments prior to the meeting that will be entered into the official minutes of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors and summarized by the Chair or designee at the Board Meeting.

The proposed tax levy for Calendar Year 2020 is as follows:



Rolland R. Cook  
Ryan M. Lawson  
James D. "Jamie" Smith

B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.  
Stacy A. Terry

NAYS: None

**PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES**

Supervisor Horney made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on May 12, 2020, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30106636-30106752 as follows:

**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT  
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<b>CHECK #</b>	<b>ISSUE DATE</b>	<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
30106636	05/12/2020	AHART, JESSICA A	\$ 54.21
30106637	05/12/2020	ALLEN, DOUGLAS	53.76
30106638	05/12/2020	AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSO	350.00
30106639	05/12/2020	APPALACHIAN POWER	2,077.86
30106640	05/12/2020	APPLIED INDUSTRIAL TECH	2,030.92
30106641	05/12/2020	ATMOS ENERGY	43.57
30106642	05/12/2020	AYERS & SONS SEPTIC LLC	375.00
30106643	05/12/2020	AYERS, CARL	30.00
30106644	05/12/2020	BARREN SPRINGS VOL FIRE D	11,861.83
30106645	05/12/2020	BEAMER, TERRY	30.00
30106646	05/12/2020	BILLINGS, BARBARA	28.00
30106647	05/12/2020	BKT UNIFORMS	546.88
30106648	05/12/2020	BLAIR, TERRI M	30.00
30106649	05/12/2020	BLUE RIDGE ANALYTICAL, LL	1,105.00
30106650	05/12/2020	BLUE RIDGE AUTO PARTS INC	45.99
30106651	05/12/2020	BLUE RIDGE AUTO PARTS INC	73.96
30106652	05/12/2020	BOB HUFF	1,013.70
30106653	05/12/2020	BOB HUFF COLLISION CENTER	3,417.66
30106654	05/12/2020	BRENNTAG MID-SOUTH INC	1,850.29
30106655	05/12/2020	BW WILSON PAPER CO	685.76
30106656	05/12/2020	CALI, KELLY	30.00
30106657	05/12/2020	CAMCOLE ENTERPRISE INC	1,500.00
30106658	05/12/2020	CARILION HEALTHCARE CORP	90.00

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30106659	05/12/2020	CARTER MACHINERY CO INC	1,496.90
30106660	05/12/2020	CARTER, JOSHUA	311.15
30106661	05/12/2020	CAVALIER SUPPLY CO	1,279.25
30106662	05/12/2020	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	234.56
30106663	05/12/2020	CENTURYLINK	48.26
30106664	05/12/2020	CENTURYLINK	105.52
30106665	05/12/2020	CENTURYLINK	119.01
30106666	05/12/2020	CENTURYLINK	120.17
30106667	05/12/2020	CENTURYLINK	298.95
30106668	05/12/2020	CENTURYLINK	3,398.05
30106669	05/12/2020	CITIZENS TELEPHONE COOP	720.00
30106670	05/12/2020	COLT W. SIMMONS CONSTRUCT	27,787.50
30106671	05/12/2020	COM TEC	5,440.00
30106672	05/12/2020	PAUL WIDENER	13,005.34
30106673	05/12/2020	COMPTON, WENDY M	74.76
30106674	05/12/2020	CORE&MAIN LP	504.26
30106675	05/12/2020	COULTER'S FLORIST INC	50.00
30106676	05/12/2020	DALY COMPUTERS	208.00
30106677	05/12/2020	DEPT OF MOTOR VEHICLES	3,500.00
30106678	05/12/2020	DIRECT DODGE	58.54
30106679	05/12/2020	DIVERSIFIED INTEGRATION I	1,282.50
30106680	05/12/2020	ENTERPRISE FM TRUST	6,196.62
30106681	05/12/2020	F&R ELECTRIC INC	12,485.00
30106682	05/12/2020	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES #5	5,413.20
30106683	05/12/2020	FIDELITY POWER SYSTEMS	1,004.23
30106684	05/12/2020	FIRE RESCUE AND TACTICAL	1,200.36
30106685	05/12/2020	FOOD COUNTRY	4.38
30106686	05/12/2020	GALLS	19.75
30106687	05/12/2020	GRANT, BRUCE M	4,343.59
30106688	05/12/2020	HARDY, AMBER B	29.66
30106689	05/12/2020	HARPO'S HARDWARE & BLDG S	24.98
30106690	05/12/2020	HARRINGTON, LARRY C	30.00
30106691	05/12/2020	HORNEY, B. GENE JR	156.60
30106692	05/12/2020	INSTRUMENT CALIBRATION	103.25
30106693	05/12/2020	IVANHOE FIRE DEPT	11,861.83
30106694	05/12/2020	JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE AUTH	50,069.92
30106695	05/12/2020	JONES, ZAC	95.00
30106696	05/12/2020	KINCER, BECKY	30.00
30106697	05/12/2020	KING-MOORE INC	1,261.00

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30106698	05/12/2020	KUSTOM SIGNALS	385.00
30106699	05/12/2020	LANTAGNE LEGAL PRINTING	228.75
30106700	05/12/2020	LEA AID ACQUISITION	1,510.00
30106701	05/12/2020	LEAD MINES RESCUE SQUAD	5,183.77
30106702	05/12/2020	LEXISNEXIS	217.00
30106703	05/12/2020	LEXISNEXIS	724.00
30106704	05/12/2020	LOWE'S	1,201.81
30106705	05/12/2020	MANSFIELD OIL CO	3,695.96
30106706	05/12/2020	MCROBERTS, COY L	185.60
30106707	05/12/2020	MEREDITH'S GARAGE	86.00
30106708	05/12/2020	MEREDITH, DUSTIN RYAN	1,600.00
30106709	05/12/2020	MOUNT ROGERS COMMUNITY SE	41,087.25
30106710	05/12/2020	QUADIENET FINANCE USA, INC	972.30
30106711	05/12/2020	NEW RIVER REGIONAL WATER	18,260.99
30106712	05/12/2020	R&C TOWING & REPAIR CO	126.65
30106713	05/12/2020	R&R ENTERPRISES INC	60.00
30106714	05/12/2020	R.E. MICHEL COMPANY, LLC	3,219.58
30106715	05/12/2020	RADIO COMMUNICATIONS OF V	124.50
30106716	05/12/2020	RAMBO'S BACKHOE SERVICE L	1,000.00
30106717	05/12/2020	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	2,282.00
30106718	05/12/2020	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	2,514.00
30106719	05/12/2020	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	11,572.00
30106720	05/12/2020	RURAL RETREAT AUTO PARTS	13.15
30106721	05/12/2020	RURAL RETREAT FIRE DEPT	11,861.83
30106722	05/12/2020	SALEM STONE	511.43
30106723	05/12/2020	SMITH, JAMIE	48.14
30106724	05/12/2020	SOUTHERN POLICE EQUIPMENT	106.74
30106725	05/12/2020	SOUTHWESTERN EQUIPMENT	203.49
30106726	05/12/2020	SPEEDWELL FIRE DEPT	11,861.83
30106727	05/12/2020	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	1,395.60
30106728	05/12/2020	SUBURBAN PROPANE-1241	1,500.36
30106729	05/12/2020	SUNTRUST	36,881.92
30106730	05/12/2020	SVAM	1,000.00
30106731	05/12/2020	SYDNOR HYDRO INC	7,350.00
30106732	05/12/2020	THOMPSON TIRE	1,390.46
30106733	05/12/2020	THREE RIVERS MEDIA CORP	660.00
30106734	05/12/2020	TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNA	57.50
30106735	05/12/2020	TWO WAY RADIO	1,552.00
30106736	05/12/2020	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC	55,051.25

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30106737	05/12/2020	US CELLULAR	1,014.35
30106738	05/12/2020	USA BLUE BOOK	2,888.11
30106739	05/12/2020	UTILITRONICS CORP	155.57
30106740	05/12/2020	V&M RECYCLING	60,445.28
30106741	05/12/2020	VAUGHT, BRIAN W	237.80
30106742	05/12/2020	VERIZON WIRELESS	40.01
30106743	05/12/2020	VIRGINIA LAWYERS WEEKLY	184.50
30106744	05/12/2020	VIRGINIA RESOURCES AUTHOR	3,418.77
30106745	05/12/2020	VITA	142.19
30106746	05/12/2020	VITA	289.46
30106747	05/12/2020	VUPS	109.20
30106748	05/12/2020	WIDENER, BOBBY	28.00
30106749	05/12/2020	WOLFE, LISA	88.20
30106750	05/12/2020	WYTHE CO WATER & WASTEWAT	242.82
30106751	05/12/2020	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	504.96
30106752	05/12/2020	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	517.35
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES 05/12/2020</b>			<b>\$479,685.91</b>

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 05/12/2020** **\$479,685.91**

Supervisor Cook seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board was presented with the April 28, 2020, minutes for approval with one amendment to the Treasurer's Report. Mrs. Guynn wanted to make sure that reference extending the due date to May 15<sup>th</sup> is to prevent DMV Stops from being placed on unpaid personal property taxes.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to approve the April 28, 2020, minutes as amended.

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

**COURTHOUSE SECURITY FEE ORDINANCE – PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

Mr. Bear explained in this year's legislation, General Assembly authorized increasing the courthouse security fee from \$10 to \$20. Collection of this fee is used for courthouse security, paying for bailiffs that work at entrances to courthouse. Last amended in 2007 to increase it to \$10. He recommends setting a public hearing to approve this amendment to the ordinance as detailed below:

**AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO ORDINANCE NO. 2002-2  
COURTHOUSE SECURITY FEE ORDINANCE OF  
WYTHE COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

A public hearing was held on the    day of   , 2020 at    p.m. in the Board Room of the Wythe County Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia to consider amending Ordinance No. 2002-2 entitled, "Courthouse Security Fee Ordinance of Wythe County, Virginia".

**DELETE:**

Section 2.1 The fee shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) and shall be assessed as part of the cost against each defendant who is assessed court costs for each violation of a criminal statute or traffic ordinance.

**ADD:**

Section 2.1 The fee shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) and shall be assessed as part of the cost against each defendant who is assessed court costs for each violation of a criminal statute or traffic ordinance.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to set a public hearing on June 9, 2020 to consider amending Ordinance No. 2002-2 as discussed.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

May 12, 2020

**COVID-19 UPDATE – EMERGENCY SERVICES COORINATOR**

Mr. Curtis Crawford, Emergency Services Coordinator, provided the Board with a timeline of the events in Wythe County to date. We are currently at 15 cases with five active cases. The Health Department will no longer be conducting tests separately in each county; rather, tests will be done at the Department of Health (setting up logistics tomorrow). More information will be available next week.

Mr. Crawford recommends we continue to follow guidelines of our elected officials (social distancing, hand washing, etc.). Even if we open up this Friday, he said we need to be diligent about reducing everyone's exposure to the virus to keep our numbers down. Some of our neighbors have seen quite a spike in numbers.

Mr. Bear added that a letter has been drafted to the Governor from the Board of Supervisors. This letter basically supports a regional approach since our area is not experiencing near the same numbers as the rest of the state.

Chair Vaught asked Mr. Crawford about testing in Wythe County compared to that of Carroll and Galax.

Mr. Crawford said initially, the Department of Health went through and tested each county individually back in late April (of our 52 tests, no positive cases). Thereafter, it was more on a case-by-case basis resulting in more testing in Carroll/Galax. He said now every county will have the same opportunity at their Department of Health. We have had testing at WCCH and at the Urgent Care, as well as Smyth County Hospital and New River Valley.

Mr. Crawford reported that they still have a good amount of masks, gloves, and two 5-gallon containers of hand sanitizer. He added that they are taking on extra responsibility by supplying the college and a few other entities in the county. We'll be ordering more supplies shortly but our supply is good now for our first-responders and front-line workers.

Chair Vaught asked about reimbursement for the COVID-19 supplies.

Mr. Crawford replied that he is submitting his second request now. He will have a better idea of how much money is expected (and when) after their meeting with FEMA.

Mr. Bear added that our submissions have also included the school expenditures which have been sizeable.

## HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL

Mr. Bear announced that the Insurance Committee met and reviewed The Local Choice renewal options for plan year 2020-2021. The Committee recommends that Wythe County continue with The Local Choice Healthcare and offer the Key Advantage 1000, Key Advantage 500 and High Deductible Health Care plans. We are very pleased to report there is no increase in premiums this year.

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to approve the Health Insurance Renewal with The Local Choice Healthcare as presented for plan year 2020-2021.

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

## VDOT ROAD CONCERNS

Mr. Andy Fowler, VDOT Resident Engineer, joined the meeting telephonically. Copies of the updated Six Year Plan were distributed to the Board.

1. Scowanda Spring Road – Chair Vaught has received a complaint about this road. Mr. Fowler stated that he raised the issue to area headquarters who said they would go and review the route. He hasn't heard anything yet, but he will seek an update.
2. Lake Mount Airy Road – Chair Vaught asked what the timeline is for this road. Mr. Fowler responded that work started last fall and they're now getting back on the road to finish it. He expects the work to be complete by mid-summer.
3. Grouse Ridge Road – Supervisor Smith asked for an update. Mr. Fowler said they finally got the green light to begin work and have leveled the road with base stone. They have milled the route and the surface is much improved. They'll be doing ditch work and installing culvert pipes at each driveway, as well as any cross pipes. He indicated the project should be complete by late summer or early fall.

4. Major Graham Road – Supervisor Smith asked for an update on Major Graham Road, coming in from fish hatchery side going back toward mansion. Mr. Fowler explained that they were allotted \$500k for high-volume unpaved route grant and there's an additional \$170k through the six-year plan, totaling \$670k. They anticipate the project coming in around \$540k to complete the entire route (paving 1.2 miles). Leftover funds will allow for more road in the six-year plan.

However, Mr. Fowler was advised by Pam Heath of a delay involving the necessary permit for a disposal site on JC Weaver's property, about ½ mile from Major Graham Mansion. Because the mansion is a historical site, the Historical Society needs to sign off on the process and they have 30 days to complete their review. As soon as they give approval, Mr. Fowler said they're ready to start the work.

5. Millers Creek Road – Supervisor Smith asked about repairs from the flood waters. Mr. Fowler responded that his crews have been out there every day since the flood, and they're continuing their work and making good progress.
6. Connors Valley Road – Supervisor Smith asked the status of building up the road from Bland County. Mr. Fowler said the road was raised 700' through Jason Kelly's farm and that was the only place on Connors Valley Road that didn't get wiped out by the flood, so it's held up quite well. While there are three more sections that need to be raised, those sections would involve dredging the creek as well as moving the creek channel away from the road in one area. Mr. Fowler met with the environmental folks to work on a plan and permit process to move the creek channel and to dredge deeper and wider. It could take up to three months to get through this permitting process.
7. Hagers Spring Road – Supervisor Smith inquired about the repaving. Mr. Fowler didn't have an immediate answer but will check the paving schedule and email the information to Supervisor Smith.
8. Fort Chiswell Road – Supervisor Smith requested that large potholes be filled between the two entrances of Whispering Pines.
9. Pine Glade Road – Chair Vaught asked if the large potholes on Pine Glade could be filled.
10. Shady River Drive @ Ivanhoe Rd – Supervisor McRoberts has several citizens on this road who are not happy that their request to alter the speed limit was

rejected. He asked if there's any other recourse. Mr. Fowler will try to schedule a telephone conference with the Bristol traffic engineer to see what they can do. But based on the review that was conducted and the speed zone study, the area apparently did not warrant a change in speed limit.

11. Lanter Road – Supervisor Horney received complaints of potholes. Mr. Fowler made note of that.
12. Pope Road Bridge – Supervisor Horney asked if there is any new information about the bridge. Mr. Fowler said, unfortunately, there is no funding for the bridge as it's competing with Smart Scale projects all across the state.
13. Route 21 in Speedwell – Supervisor Horney asked about the bridge cleaning on Route 21 south of Speedwell. Mr. Fowler responded that he passed that request on to the Bridge Division. Based on their data (and photos) of the bridge over the past 12 years, the channel has not changed, functions adequately, and does not require any change. Supervisor Horney said his constituents would disagree, so he will try and get pictures and forward them to Mr. Fowler.
14. Crockett's Cove – Vice Chair Lawson said that Crockett's Cove has experienced an increase in the deer population. VDOT mows on the sides of the road twice in the summer, and residents would like to request an additional mowing to help make the deer more visible to drivers (can't see them in the tall grass). Mr. Fowler said he would certainly look into that.
15. Rudisill Road & Old Bank Road – Mr. Bear asked if any improvements can be made to the culverts at the intersection of Rudisill and Old Bank Roads to help the flow of water? Mr. Fowler communicated last week with Dennis Umberger about this and said he'd follow-up with him to look at it more closely and see what can be done.

## **SIX-YEAR PLAN**

1. Pope Road - Mr. Fowler reported that Donny Cook will be out on Pope Road in the next two weeks, and will soon start work on ditching, draining and culvert pipe installation. He expects the work to be completed by late summer or early fall.

2. Major Graham Road – Mr. Fowler explained they have \$500k for high-volume unpaved funding, plus an additional \$170k for Major Graham Road. The cost to finish the project should be \$540k.
3. Mount Airy & Glade Roads – Mr. Fowler reported that work should be finished on Mount Airy Road in mid-summer. He also said that Glade Road will be done in conjunction with Mount Airy since they are in close proximity to each other.
4. Gullion Fork Road – Mr. Fowler stated the project should start this fall but the surface treatment will likely roll over to spring of 2021.

Mr. Fowler reported that available money for roads being added to the Six-Year Plan is \$752,325 and another \$47,678 left over from other jobs, for a total of \$800,003. Add the \$130k left over from Major Graham for a grand total of \$930,003 to add roads to the plan. Mr. Fowler stated that it costs around \$220k for each mile added, and that they build the roads with rural rustic concept (in-house labor, material and equipment).

Mr. Fowler referenced the list of roads the Board is requesting be added to the Six-Year Plan (Crawfish, Doe Run, Conners Valley, Orion, Muskrat, Sheffey Town, Riverview and Gap of Ridge). He stated that both Orion Drive and Muskrat Road are revenue-sharing projects and, therefore, are outside of the Six-Year Plan. He also said that Conners Valley would not qualify for the Six-Year Plan until they finish raising the remaining sections and address drainage issues. Mr. Fowler will check into Doe Run, Crawfish and Riverview to see if they qualify for Rural Rustic (Crawfish appears pretty long). Sheffey Town Road (2.1 miles) and Gap of Ridge Road (1.4 miles) both qualify.

Chair Vaught asked about safety concerns on Gap of Ridge Road and if there's money to install guardrails. Mr. Fowler explained that there is a County Safety Fund (\$132,294) that could possibly be used for that purpose provided there's enough shoulder.

Mr. Bear asked Mr. Fowler to provide an updated list with cost estimates etc. for the Board to review at their May 26 meeting, at which point they can set a public hearing for June 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **GROUSE RIDGE ROAD RESOLUTION**

Mr. Bear said this resolution is required by VDOT for rural additions being added to the secondary system of State highways.

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts, to approve Resolution 2020-19 Grouse Ridge Road Rural Addition.

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

### **BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT**

1. Animal Control Transfer Request – Service Weapons – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to transfer \$1,522 from Capital Projects (9000-470030) to Animal Control - Police Supplies (3501-461260) and to amend & appropriate the same. This is for the purchase of service weapons this fiscal year and will eliminate the need for funds next fiscal year.

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

2. Finance – Health Insurance – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to amend & appropriate \$4,107 to Finance – Health Insurance (1204-421100). This is for health insurance for an employee not previously covered, but whose qualifying event allows them coverage now.

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

3. Sheriff's Office Transfer Request - Electronic Summons Maintenance – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to transfer \$20,276 from the Electronic Summons Fund to PAF and to amend & appropriate the same to Maintenance Agreements (31021-44040). These funds are for the Electronic Summons Maintenance Agreement fees.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

ABSTAIN:	Brian W. Vaught	Ryan M. Lawson
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4. Sheriff's Office Transfer Request – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to transfer \$4,500 from the State Asset Forfeiture Fund to the PAF and to amend & appropriate the same to Police Supplies (31021-461260).

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

ABSTAIN:	Brian W. Vaught	Ryan M. Lawson
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5. Sheriff's Office Transfer Request - Desktop Computers – Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to transfer \$16,260 from the Electronic Summons Fund to the PAF and to amend & appropriate the same to Furniture & Fixtures (31021-470015). These funds are for the purchase of new desktop computers for patrol.

The roll call vote 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

6. Barren Springs Fire Department – Generator Grant – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to amend & appropriate \$4,000 to 32021-457270 for the Barren Springs Fire Department generator grant.

Mr. Bear explained that BSFD applied to Rural Development and received a 1/3 matching grant. The fire department needs to come up with \$16k to cover the cost of the generator for their facility, as well as an electronic sign. They asked the County to share in the cost of the generator. While the Committee supports installation of the generator, they recommend money for signage come out of fire department funds.

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

7. Fire Departments – Aid to Localities (ATL) Funds – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to amend & appropriate the following funds from 11003-325015 for ATL Funds:

\$1,317 to 32021-457275 – Barren Springs Fire Dept  
\$1,862 to 32022-457255 – Ivanhoe Fire Dept  
\$1,088 to 32024-457235 – Rural Retreat Fire Dept  
\$1,862 to 32023-457265 – Max Meadows Fire Dept

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

8. Sheriff Vehicle – Mr. Bear explained this item came up after the Budget Committee met. The Sheriff's Office requested approval of a pre-paid lease for a new vehicle. The advantage is they can get the vehicle now rather than wait a few months for delivery if procured through State contract.

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to approve a prepaid lease in the amount of \$33,109.50 for a Dodge Durango.

The roll call vote 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

## **SUPERVISORS' REPORTS**

1. Broadband – Blacklick Road Area – Supervisor Terry received two calls regarding continued issues with internet.

Mr. Bear said he hasn't been able to set up a meeting with the broadband people but the School Superintendent did meet with them and have offered their assistance. This is now a joint effort between us and the school system in extending/improving broadband capabilities.

2. Library Layoffs Petition – Supervisor Terry has the library petition with 767 signatures supporting the reinstatement of terminated employees. He will also present that petition to the Board of Trustees at their next meeting. He would like people to know that if there are financial issues involved, he will hold Ms. Thomas

and any others accountable. He will report their findings back to the Board of Supervisors and general public.

3. Speedwell Flood Issue – Supervisor Horney asked if we can we have engineers double check the creek problem in Speedwell.

Mr. Edgar Testerman explained that he spoke to a gentleman from Bristol who supposedly had an engineer come up and speak with them. Mr. Testerman said he was the only one that was called and that no engineer ever showed up. He does have a video of the creek and flooding which took out the fence on his property. He said it was two feet deep and it pulled the fence up. There are trees growing up under the bridge. Mr. Edward Crigger has nearly 1,500 square feet of his front yard washed out. Mr. Testerman said if you ride down 21, you will see the debris that's still there that they can't move. The State said they've evaluated it for the past 12 years? Mr. Testerman has lived there for 33 years and said there has never been a piece of machinery or a person there to work on the bridge, and he lives in perfect view of it.

Mr. Bear asked the County IT people to work with Mr. Testerman to get a copy of his video.

Mr. Testerman said the State told him they paid \$3M for the drainage pond. He said the engineer had no idea that's a brand new bridge on Saint Peter's Road.

Ms. Price also commented about water in her yard.

4. Barren Springs Land – Supervisor McRoberts asked if there's been any movement on the land purchase.

Supervisor Smith said he's left several messages for Mr. Bottomley but has not heard back from him. Mr. Bear said that he will call Mr. Bottomley tomorrow.

5. High School Graduations – Supervisor Cook reported the following graduations:

Rural Retreat High School	June 18 <sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
George Wythe High School	June 19 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
Fort Chiswell High School	June 20 <sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

These are scheduled to be “drive through” ceremonies but he’s uncertain of the details and how it will work. Schools would like to know how many BOS will attend.

Supervisor Cook added that WCTC is conducting a virtual ceremony for their graduates but would like to add them in at each high school ceremony.

6. Reed Creek Mill – Supervisor Smith said that residents are still asking about getting water.
7. Shady River Road – Supervisor Smith received a complaint about water leak near blow-off valve, apparently leaking a gallon a minute and has been for ten years (near Mr. Sparks’ property).

#### **CLOSED MEETING**

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to enter into Closed Meeting under Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711-A.5, Discussion of a Prospective Industry (Project Murphy, Project Panel, Project Scale) and Section 2.2-3711-A.1, Discussion of Personnel Matters (Building Inspector, Accounting Technician Vacancy, Personnel).

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

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

Upon returning to open meeting, Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, 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

**BUDGET WORK SESSION**

Mr. Bear recommended the Board recess the budget work session until Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. The Board was in agreement.

### **FORMER PUBLIC SERVANTS**

Chair Vaught commented on the recent loss of four public servants: Vice Mayor Jackie King, and former Board of Supervisors Martha Umberger, Charles Dix and Bucky Sharitz. The Chairman asked that this Board recess in their honor and memory. He also asked Mr. Bear to prepare a resolution honoring Wytheville Vice Mayor Jackie King for her 28 years serving on the Wytheville Town Council.

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to recess in honor of Jackie King, Martha Umberger, Charles Dix and Bucky Sharitz. The vote was unanimous.

### **RECESS**

The Board recessed until Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. for a budget work session.

### **RECONVENE**

The Board reconvened on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 5:54 p.m.

### **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

Martha Collins, Administrative Assistant/Clerk

### **CARES ACT of 2020**

Mr. Bear provided a summary and explanation of the CARES Act and Coronavirus Relief Fund, local allocations and reimbursement process.

### **BUDGET WORK SESSION**

The Board and staff discussed FY21 budget matters.

### **CLOSED MEETING**

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to enter into Closed Meeting under Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711-A.5, Discussion of a Prospective Industry.

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

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

Upon returning to open meeting, Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to adopt the following Resolution certifying the business conducted in closed meeting as follows:

**RESOLUTION  
CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to

which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the Wythe County Board of Supervisors.

The roll call vote 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

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Vaught adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:30 p.m.

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Brian W. Vaught, Chair