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The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 11, 2020. The location of the meeting was in the Boardroom of the County Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Stephen D. Bear, County Administrator
 Scott Farthing, County Attorney
 Martha Collins, Administrative Assistant/Clerk
 Darlene Lang, Director of Communications
 Todd Catron, IT Coordinator
 Curtis Crawford, Emergency Services Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT:

Barry Ayers
 Betty Blair
 Susan Branscome
 Jim & Dee Ennis
 Charlie Foster
 Karla Grubb
 Jonathan Hamman
 Matt Hooper

Gus Kincer
 John Matthews
 Linda Meyer
 Millie Rothrock
 Eloise Turner
 Robert Walk
 approximately three others

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 Jonathan Hamman, Grace Lutheran Church, provided the invocation and Supervisor Cook led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS' TIME

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

1. Wythe County Solar Project – Ms. Susan Branscome appeared before the Board and stated “Thank you for giving us this time. As you all know, I spoke with y’all on our concerns about the solar the last time that I was here because solar is so new we don’t know a lot about the impacts of what’s going to occur with it. And I spoke with a DEQ representative yesterday and he said that Wythe County is responsible for the stormwater soil and water conservation in Wythe County for the erosion and we already know that one of the areas in the gully has some erosion issues to it already. If they have to build a road into it, they’re going to have to remove trees, they’re going to have to remove some rocks and they’re going to have to do some grading on it. So, we are concerned about some of the erosion with it. The other thing that he talked about with me because we are an area who is rich in mining, was there a study done for the caves and mines that are in the area because there are endangered species that habitat mines and caves for the area. And also due to the fact that we have areas that tend to fall in from the mines so those are one of things that he talked about. The other thing that he talked about that I hadn’t really thought about was the public safety law. Do we have an extensive enough fire department to take care of a solar farm? If you look on the news, in California, there was a 1,200 acre farm caught fire on a solar farm. So, that was one of the things that he talked about is needing the fire department in case there is a fire on the solar farm because of the panels because of what they’re made from, all of those types of things because it takes quite a feat to take a fire out from that. And another thing that he talked about is the County, because this is new, the Middle Peninsula Planning Commission has conditional use permits that the County can review to see what they are doing with the solar farms; and he said that the County can enact conditional use permits and that y’all can take the time to review those and to see what works to protect the resources, your community and your land from the solar farms. And I hope that y’all will take some time to review this since it is so new because y’all are our Board of Supervisors and y’all are responsible for taking care of our resources, our land, our community and our safety. Thank y’all for your time.”

2. Wythe County Solar Project – Ms. Betty Blair appeared before the Board and stated “I really thank Susan for what all she has done. I feel like I haven’t done enough so I really am thankful that she has looked into this. I know the project, the first year is going to employ a lot of people to get it started but then after that, not many people are going to be employed there. The trees that will be cut could cause problems. My bottom on my farm already has a big ditch and over the years, it keeps getting deeper which is really a problem. And of course, that runoff ends up in New River. Nothing’s really been said about the pipeline. There

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is a pipeline on both of these properties and it's a natural gas pipeline and we just had an earthquake, and it was a pretty good one, I understand. The first one we've had in about 100 years, and that can damage the pipeline. So, I don't think we need to be in a real big hurry. We need to really think about this. What I've read, I guess I've read more the negative about this, so I don't know if you folks have talked to people in the community about how they feel. And also, I'm afraid that if this one goes through, there's going to be a lot more, and we're going to be sorry one day. So, I thank you folks."

3. Wythe County Solar Project – Ms. Eloise Turner appeared before the Board and stated "First of all I would like to thank you, Mr. Chairman and the Board, for letting us come up here. Over the past week, I have been very fortunate that all of the commissioners came to my farm including Mr. McRoberts. We had maps, we showed you every, every solar panel that's going to be put on this farm. We showed you where all the system bases would be to catch the water. We showed you everything. We have the natural gas line; I've got more than anybody in the world cause I've got the four cut-off valves that tell you cause if I don't know how many of y'all here remember, but in 2002, they were going to put the gas-fired power plant on my farm back there. And the problem with that is they could not, and y'all can look it up - Duke Power, so they put all the valves all the stuff, Duke Power could not find a place to cool the jets cause you know you got to cool the jets. So that was the problem with that. So, I just want to tell you all that the ... you know the Planning Commission, they all voted for this except you know they agreed to go ahead and do this and I'm here tonight to ask you, cause we were in accord with the Comprehensive Plan, and I'm here to ask y'all tonight to affirm the decision. And I think that no one can realize just how deep my farm goes back to where it's not to the public. And I have a box in my truck and I'll be glad to bring it in with a letter where these people paid hundreds of thousands of dollars for archeological people to go through there to make sure they have checked this farm out, and I want to donate them to Wythe County Museum. They went through it from one end to the other, I have the letter, I'll be glad to bring it in. So, I know there's no danger. The Bottomleys currently rent my farm; it's a dry-land farm. I have no running water. I'm a mile and a half from the New River. I have no running water. I wish I did. My mother would roll over in her grave. She always told me *'If you don't have running water, don't buy it.'* Well this is a dry-land farm, I have a pump and I have to pump all the water that ever went to any cattle on that farm. The pump was put in in 1950 so I'm not worried about - I don't know how you get run-off if you aint got no water. Well, anyway, they rent my farm but they only rent it for a year at a time. I've had this farm for 25 years. I'm 70 years old and I can't farm. So, I don't have no, I think this is the

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greatest thing that ever happened to Wythe County. I will have - you know, I don't know where my life goes from here so will Ms. Lindamood, so will her children. This farm will start out, we had people last night that were handing out cards saying you know what, we want to work. So, we want you to do that, right now my farm taxes are \$2,800 a year. That's what my property taxes are to y'all. Y'all are going to receive over \$100,000. The 85 come in if you put it back and you know like home use or something. You can't build a home; I have 28 of those mega transformers on my farm. Every time they come through to change, so I live on electric land and I think this is the greatest project that ever happened that's here in Wythe County that's going to give y'all good revenue, good work, and y'all are going to blaze a trail for the future. And I thank you very much for your time. And also, I have a little farm in North Carolina that has a 35 acre solar farm on it that was put in in 2014. The cattle graze all around it. I've never had any problem, period. The sheep graze after it because they can water it. So, it's very unarmful to animals. So, I thank you for your time."

4. Wythe County Solar Project – Mr. John Matthews appeared before the Board and stated "Good evening, Mr. Chairman and members of the Board. I am John Matthews the Associate Director for the Joint Industrial Development Authority. As the economic development agency for Wythe County, Wytheville and Rural Retreat, we work diligently to market and attract the new industry to Wythe County. Over the last several months, our office has been working with Savion Energy to locate their project here in Wythe County. The installation will hook directly in the grid at one of Appalachian Power's largest substations in the system. We support the project and believe it aligns with the Comprehensive Plan for Wythe County by growing and diversifying our economic future and by strengthening the appeal of our community to business and industrial prospects. Access to clean energy has become a priority to many of the companies that are interested in locating to Wythe County. The project also offers benefits such as job creation, growing our tax base, and improving the quality of life. We're excited to increase the County's marketing potential with this project and look forward to further economic growth. Thank you, guys, for your time."

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

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED PARKING ORDINANCE

Chair Vaught read that in compliance with the Code of Virginia and amendments thereto, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing to consider an ordinance entitled, "Parking Ordinance of Wythe County, Virginia". The

Board of Supervisors will hear comments from citizens concerning the proposed ordinance.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Wythe County Office Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia.

A copy of proposed ordinance is on file in the County Administrator's Office, located at 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia for public review or online at www.wytheco.org.

The Chairman, hearing no comments from citizens, closed the public hearing.

Mr. Bear explained the primary intent of this ordinance is to prevent trucks from parking alongside the roads in Progress Park. This ordinance will allow the County to post 'No Parking' signs and be able to enforce it with penalties of up to \$100. This ordinance can be effective immediately, if the Board desires.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to adopt the Parking Ordinance effective August 12, 2020.

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

PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

Supervisor Terry made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on August 11, 2020, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30107152-30107166, 30107330-30107463 as follows:

**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT
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CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
30107152	07/22/2020	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$ 28,797.49
30107153	07/22/2020	BUSINESS CARD	1,981.07
30107154	07/22/2020	CARTER BANK & TRUST (NOTE	15,822.57
30107155	07/22/2020	CENTURYLINK	39.98
30107156	07/22/2020	CENTURYLINK	126.65
30107157	07/22/2020	CENTURYLINK	236.16
30107158	07/22/2020	CENTURYLINK	324.34
30107159	07/22/2020	CENTURYLINK	4,867.93
30107160	07/22/2020	ENTERPRISE FM TRUST	22,751.37
30107161	07/22/2020	SUPERION LLC	22,599.79
30107162	07/22/2020	TREASURER OF VIRGINIA	200,000.00
30107163	07/22/2020	VACORP	177,024.50
30107164	07/22/2020	VIRGINIA RESOURCES AUTHOR	2,619.74
30107165	07/22/2020	VITA	142.19
30107166	07/22/2020	VITA	182.35
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 07/22/2020			\$477,516.13

CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
30107330	07/29/2020	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$ 9,514.09
30107331	07/29/2020	CENTURYLINK	49.99
30107332	07/29/2020	CENTURYLINK	239.06
30107333	07/29/2020	CENTURYLINK	4,881.87
30107334	07/29/2020	MANSFIELD OIL CO	4,966.00
30107335	07/29/2020	NATIONAL BANK	538,383.94
30107336	07/29/2020	JORDAN T. JACKSON	30.00
30107337	07/29/2020	TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE	5,414.45
30107338	07/29/2020	UNITED STATES TREASURY	333.20
30107339	07/29/2020	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	64,168.27
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 07/29/2020			\$627,980.87

CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
30107340	08/11/2020	ALPHA & OMEGA REPAR SERVI	\$ 2,640.35
30107341	08/11/2020	AQUA-AEROBIC SYSTEMS INC	528.10
30107342	08/11/2020	BRENNTAG MID-SOUTH INC	1,840.29
30107343	08/11/2020	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWA	1,815.72
30107344	08/11/2020	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES #5	674.23
30107345	08/11/2020	HORNEY, B GENE JR	170.78
30107346	08/11/2020	MCROBERTS, COY L	202.40

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30107347	08/11/2020	NORTH AMERICAN FIRE EQUIP	1,699.00
30107348	08/11/2020	SMITH, JAMIE	52.50
30107349	08/11/2020	VAUGHT, BRIAN W	164.45
30107350	08/11/2020	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	927.29
30107351	08/11/2020	ALPHA & OMEGA REPAR SERVI	3,493.40
30107352	08/11/2020	APPALACHIAN POWER	2,278.57
30107353	08/11/2020	ATMOS ENERGY	30.11
30107354	08/11/2020	BKT UNIFORMS	125.99
30107355	08/11/2020	BLUE RIDGE AUTO PARTS INC	167.70
30107356	08/11/2020	BRENTAG MID-SOUTH INC	2,152.50
30107357	08/11/2020	BROWN EXTERMINATING CO	230.81
30107358	08/11/2020	BUSINESS CARD	1,119.81
30107359	08/11/2020	CENTURYLINK	52.76
30107360	08/11/2020	CENTURYLINK	121.46
30107361	08/11/2020	CENTURYLINK	146.38
30107362	08/11/2020	CENTURYLINK	3,398.05
30107363	08/11/2020	CITIZENS TELEPHONE COOP	729.95
30107364	08/11/2020	COLT W. SIMMONS CONSTRUCT	59,025.00
30107365	08/11/2020	COMPLETE TRUCK SERVICE IN	2,358.31
30107366	08/11/2020	CORELOGIC	342.36
30107367	08/11/2020	CORELOGIC	354.94
30107368	08/11/2020	DIRECT DODGE	959.19
30107369	08/11/2020	DUNAGAN, KEITH	228.42
30107370	08/11/2020	FN WHOLESALE LIGHTING & S	132.58
30107371	08/11/2020	FOOD COUNTRY	8.91
30107372	08/11/2020	CMRS-FP	1,000.00
30107373	08/11/2020	GALLS	39.33
30107374	08/11/2020	GRANT, BRUCE M	4,343.59
30107375	08/11/2020	HARPO'S HARDWARE & BLDG S	1,002.07
30107376	08/11/2020	HEDRICKS AUTO REPAIR INC	25.00
30107377	08/11/2020	HUFF FORD	1,833.10
30107378	08/11/2020	JASON'S AUTO SERVICE	258.55
30107379	08/11/2020	JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE AUTH	51,103.52
30107380	08/11/2020	KC AUTOMOTIVE	417.98
30107381	08/11/2020	KING-MOORE INC	2,106.00
30107382	08/11/2020	LEXISNEXIS	217.00
30107383	08/11/2020	MANSFIELD OIL CO	5,608.10
30107384	08/11/2020	MATTHEW BENDER & CO INC	205.23
30107385	08/11/2020	MCI COMM SERVICE	37.01

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30107386	08/11/2020	MCI COMM SERVICE	125.51
30107387	08/11/2020	MCI COMM SERVICE	861.71
30107388	08/11/2020	MEREDITH'S GARAGE	110.00
30107389	08/11/2020	MILLER'S LAWN CARE	4,686.50
30107390	08/11/2020	QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC	865.80
30107391	08/11/2020	MAILFINANCE INC	474.00
30107392	08/11/2020	NEW RIVER REGIONAL WATER	55,843.40
30107393	08/11/2020	NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL	137,176.20
30107394	08/11/2020	BAXLEY MARGARET ELIZABETH	20.00
30107395	08/11/2020	BOBBITT TWANIA BROOKS	56.92
30107396	08/11/2020	BUTCH NEWMAN	50.00
30107397	08/11/2020	CASSELL BRYAN KENT	58.95
30107398	08/11/2020	CHRISTY DENT	50.00
30107399	08/11/2020	DANNY AMBURN	30.00
30107400	08/11/2020	DIXON CONSTRUCTION CO	588.77
30107401	08/11/2020	DOUGLAS COOLEY	115.83
30107402	08/11/2020	ELY THOMAS ALEXANDER	4.06
30107403	08/11/2020	ELY THOMAS ALEXANDER	19.31
30107404	08/11/2020	FRAN STALLARD	30.00
30107405	08/11/2020	HODGE TOBIE NIKKI	92.34
30107406	08/11/2020	LAWSON ELLEN T	40.00
30107407	08/11/2020	MARK MABRY	30.00
30107408	08/11/2020	MARTIN ALICIA MICHELLE	10.59
30107409	08/11/2020	PHIL WISMAN	30.00
30107410	08/11/2020	RURAL RETREAT UNITED METH	50.00
30107411	08/11/2020	SHEETS EDDIE DEAN	93.21
30107412	08/11/2020	SHEFFEY KENNETH LEE	105.59
30107413	08/11/2020	TINA QUESENBERRY	30.00
30107414	08/11/2020	VALERIE SULLINS	18.00
30107415	08/11/2020	YATES HARRY JOE	80.85
30107416	08/11/2020	YATES HARRY JOE	69.66
30107417	08/11/2020	YATES HARRY JOE	74.97
30107418	08/11/2020	YATES HARRY JOE	76.14
30107419	08/11/2020	PAPER CLIP	341.31
30107420	08/11/2020	PRO LINE PERFORMANCE, INC	7,425.00
30107421	08/11/2020	R&C TOWING & REPAIR CO	163.00
30107422	08/11/2020	R&R ENTERPRISES INC	695.00
30107423	08/11/2020	R.E. MICHEL COMPANY, LLC	42.86
30107424	08/11/2020	RENTAL HUB INC	180.00

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30107425	08/11/2020	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	2,282.00
30107426	08/11/2020	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	2,514.00
30107427	08/11/2020	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	11,572.00
30107428	08/11/2020	SALEM STONE	108.30
30107429	08/11/2020	SEGRA	62.97
30107430	08/11/2020	SIRCHIE FINGER PRINT LABO	286.89
30107431	08/11/2020	SMOKIN' GUNS	3,686.56
30107432	08/11/2020	SOUTHWESTERN EQUIPMENT	235.82
30107433	08/11/2020	SOWERS CONSTRUCTION, INC.	750.00
30107434	08/11/2020	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	41.70
30107435	08/11/2020	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	347.56
30107436	08/11/2020	SUBURBAN PROPANE-1241	75.82
30107437	08/11/2020	SUNTRUST	36,881.92
30107438	08/11/2020	T&J TRANSMISSIONS	580.00
30107439	08/11/2020	THOMPSON TIRE	2,775.50
30107440	08/11/2020	THOMPSON TIRE	79.95
30107441	08/11/2020	THREE RIVERS MEDIA CORP	660.00
30107442	08/11/2020	THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR COR	7,867.65
30107443	08/11/2020	TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNA	57.70
30107444	08/11/2020	TREASURER OF WYTHE COUNTY	30.00
30107445	08/11/2020	TRI COUNTY GLASS INC	252.98
30107446	08/11/2020	TRI-TECH FORENSICS INC	535.79
30107447	08/11/2020	TRIPLE J TREE SERVICE LLC	500.00
30107448	08/11/2020	TWO WAY RADIO	49.65
30107449	08/11/2020	UNIFIRST CORP	82.75
30107450	08/11/2020	US CELLULAR	1,014.35
30107451	08/11/2020	V&M RECYCLING	61,121.52
30107452	08/11/2020	VDH – WATERWORKS TECH ASS	10,062.45
30107453	08/11/2020	VIRGINIA ELECTRIC SUPPLY,	762.35
30107454	08/11/2020	VIRGINIA RESOURCES AUTHOR	91,763.27
30107455	08/11/2020	VITA	145.26
30107456	08/11/2020	VITA	232.27
30107457	08/11/2020	VUPS	90.30
30107458	08/11/2020	WYTHE CO HEALTH DEPT	91,541.50
30107459	08/11/2020	WYTHE CO WATER & WASTEWAT	342.35
30107460	08/11/2020	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	897.30
30107461	08/11/2020	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	1,113.48
30107462	08/11/2020	WYTHEVILLE-WYTHE-BLAND	925.00
30107463	08/11/2020	XEROX	132.67

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TOTAL EXPENDITURES 08/11/2020**\$699,645.85****TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 08/11/2020****\$1,805,142.85**

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

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

NAYS: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to approve the July 28, 2020, minutes as presented.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

SAVION ENERGY – COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ACCORD DETERMINATION

Mr. Bear reported that the Planning Commission met (twice actually) to determine substantial accord and engaged in several good debates and in-depth discussions. Last night, the Planning Commission voted 5-2 that the solar project is in substantial accord with the Comprehensive Plan.

County Attorney, Scot Farthing, provided the Board with what exactly the Code allows them to do at this point. They can either take no action or they can overrule the decision of the Planning Commission. There is no deadline for this Board to make a decision per the Code, should they wish to take more time.

Supervisor Cook asked why two members of the Planning Commission voted no?

Vice Chair Lawson responded that while she can't speak for them, she said she believes the dissent had to do with satisfactorily protecting farm land. If the County had zoning, this may have resulted in a different determination. But the Vice Chair said the Planning Commission worked extremely hard on this issue and did not come to their conclusion hastily.

Supervisor Terry has received a lot of opposition on this matter and is in agreement with Supervisor Cook that the Board postpone a decision so they can research/discuss further.

Supervisor Cook made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to table this matter for 30 days and place on the September 8, 2020 agenda.

Vice Chair Lawson asked if our postponing a decision affects any timeline.

Mr. Farthing replied that the Code is silent about a timeframe so it should have no effect. The Code does have a timeline relating to appeals, should someone (i.e. landowner) were to appeal the decision of the Planning Commission. But he said there is no deadline for you to take any action.

Chair Vaught asked if the Board postpones a decision until next month, then comes back and takes no action, does that affirm the Planning Commission decision?

Mr. Farthing responded yes.

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

RESOLUTION 2020-25 – READY MIX ROAD RURAL ADDITION

Mr. Bear advised that no action is required at this time due to additional changes that were requested by VDOT.

RESOLUTION 2020-26 – SMART SCALE PROJECTS

Supervisor Smith read the following resolution:

**WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2020-26
I-77 NORTHBOUND TRUCK CLIMBING LANE
AND US 52 AT APACHE RUN
REALIGNMENT SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-214.1 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, requires that the Commonwealth Transportation Board develop a prioritization process, generally referred to as “Smart Scale,” based on an objective and quantifiable analysis that considers, as a minimum, congestion mitigation, economic development, accessibility, safety, and environmental quality; and

WHEREAS, the current and future traffic patterns at the Interstate 77 Northbound lanes from the intersection with Red Hollow Road to the I-81 interchange have a decreased level of service because of variable traffic speeds due to the steep grade of the Northbound lanes; and

WHEREAS, the truck climbing lanes will allow slower traffic to transition into the climbing lane and allow for better flow of traffic with variable speeds; and

WHEREAS, improvements to realign Apache Run at the US 52 intersection will improve safety at the intersection and allow the deceleration lane at Food Country to be lengthened to allow for safer transition into the parking lot.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors wholeheartedly endorse a Smart Scale Application for Safety Improvements I-77 Northbound Truck Climbing Lanes and US 52 at Apache Run Realignment Safety Improvements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be submitted with the Smart Scale application and a copy of this resolution be incorporated into the official minutes of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors and the Wythe County Comprehensive Plan amended to add both projects.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to adopt Resolution 2020-26, I-77 Northbound Truck Climbing Lane and US 52 at Apache Run, Realignment Safety Improvements.

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

RESOLUTION 2020-27 – SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

Supervisor Terry read the following resolution:

WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2020-27 VIRGINIA SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER GRANTS PROGRAM AND FUND

WHEREAS, the Virginia School Resource Officer (SRO) Grants Program and Fund was established by the General Assembly in 1999 as a special non-reverting fund within the State Treasury to employ uniformed school resource officers; and

WHEREAS, the enabling legislation which created the SRO Grants Program and Fund passed the Senate of Virginia 39-0 and the Virginia House of Delegates 89-0; and

WHEREAS, the program funds School Resource Officer and School Security Officer position salaries in elementary, middle and high schools with a local match based on composite index; and

WHEREAS, SROs have served a vital role in keeping our students, faculty and staff safe while developing positive relationships between students, law enforcement, and the broader community in Wythe County since 1999; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, Wythe County received critical grant funding from the School Resource Officer Grants Program and Fund to assist in providing funds so that every public school in the locality can be covered by school resource officers; and

WHEREAS, the absence of state funding will greatly reduce or eliminate our ability to post SROs in our schools; and

WHEREAS, Governor Ralph Northam stated on June 13, 2019 that, "It is paramount that we continue to make smart investments to keep Virginia schools safe and to create supportive learning environments for our students. The school resource officers and school security officers hired through these grants not only make our schools safer, but also enhance our communities by building strong positive relationships with students, faculty, and parents."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors does hereby request that Governor Ralph Northam, in conjunction with the Senate of Virginia and Virginia House of Delegates, maintain the existence of the School Resource Officer Grants Program and Fund with adequate funding therein.

Mr. Bear said that over the past few years, we have received funding through this program for two of our SRO's and it is critical that we continue to receive that funding.

Chair Vaught added that this resolution was recommended by Senator Pillion as efforts may be put forth in the next session to remove SRO's and/or this funding.

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to adopt Resolution 2020-27, Virginia School Resource Officer Grants Program and Fund.

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

RESOLUTION 2020-28 – BROADBAND

Chair Vaught read the following resolution:

**WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2020-28
MOUNT ROGERS PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION VIRGINIA
TELECOMMUNICATION INITIATIVE**

WHEREAS, Wythe County is located in Southwest Virginia and has been designated by the Federal government as an Appalachian Regional Commission county that is in a transitional phase; and,

WHEREAS, thousands of Wythe County residents do not currently have access to highspeed broadband; and,

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic and related quarantine has illustrated the reality that in the year 2020 highspeed broadband is a critical part of basic infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, the lack of available highspeed broadband places the elderly at risk by being unable to utilize telehealth opportunities; and,

WHEREAS, the lack of available highspeed broadband places a countless number of Wythe County students at a severe disadvantage as they are unable to adequately participate in distance learning required during the ongoing pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, the lack of available highspeed broadband prohibits many local businesses from expanding or reaching an even greater customer base.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors doth hereby resolve to support the joint grant application being submitted to the Virginia Department of Housing & Community Development by the counties of Washington, Smyth and Wythe.

Mr. Bear stated that Broadband has been a key topic of their focus this year. A small committee was formed and meetings were conducted with several broadband providers. One in particular, Point Broadband, was very interested in working with Wythe County, and is working on federal funding applications for us. Also, Mr. Farley has been working hard gathering letters of support for this project, as well as petitions signed by many throughout the County. Mr. Bear said that this project would generally serve the southwestern part of Wythe County.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to adopt Resolution 2020-28, Mount Rogers Planning District Commission Virginia Telecommunication Initiative.

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

BUILDING INSPECTION – AMEND & APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Mr. Bear explained that this did not go through the Budget Committee due to a pending deadline. The Building Inspection Department received a grant in the amount of \$2,000 through the Department of Housing and Community Development's Virtual Training Support program for laptops for training and building inspection purposes. He requests that the Board amend and appropriate \$2,000.00 to 3401-470012.

Supervisor McRoberts asked if the Building Inspector terminates his employment with the County, then what happens to the laptop?

Mr. Bear replied that the laptop is property of Wythe County and so it would remain here.

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to amend and appropriate \$2,000.00 of the Building Inspection budget to 3401-470012.

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

SPILMAN – BOND COUNSEL POTENTIAL REFINANCING

Mr. Bear explained that initial meetings were held with both Davenport and Spilman to discuss available financing options and to have them potentially serve as bond counsel. Options being considered are: (1) a direct bank RFP and/or (2) a bond issuance (loan) through the Virginia Resource Authority. Staff recommendation is to go with Spilman, and once refinancing options are determined, Spilman will provide a lump-sum, not-to-exceed cost, which at this point cannot be quantified.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to approve Spilman Thomas & Battle’s proposal to represent Wythe County as bond counsel and assist in preparing necessary documentation.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Rolland R. Cook

VACATION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY REQUEST – SET PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Bear explained that Code of Virginia provides ways for citizens to vacate right-of-ways. Max Meadows has a tremendous amount of right-of-ways and alleyways that were never developed into roads. Over the past few years, he said, the Board of Supervisors has vacated several of those, and we now have a vacation request by the Administrator of the Estate of Emily S. Crigger. In order to do this, an ordinance needs to be prepared and a public hearing held. Mr. Bear said the County Attorney can prepare the respective ordinance. There was a brief exchange about the location of the mobile home and septic system but determined it poses no issue.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to set a public hearing for September 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Coy L. McRoberts
	Rolland R. Cook	B. G. “Gene” Horney, Jr.

Ryan M. Lawson
James D. "Jamie" Smith

Stacy A. Terry

NAYS: None

Mr. Bear also added that the Board has a policy that, in cases that involve undeveloped right-of-ways maintained by a landowner, vacation fees can be waived. The Administrator of the Estate has requested such waiver which the Board can consider at the public hearing.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mr. Curtis Crawford appeared before the Board to provide them with an update. Regarding Wythe County cases, he said the numbers were adjusted downward for a couple of people who were right on the Wythe/Grayson county line, and then our numbers increased. Currently, our cumulative number is 119 with 59 active cases, 57 recoveries, 3 deaths. Unfortunately, VDH is far behind on reporting recoveries. Mr. Crawford stated that testing in Wythe County is resulting in 5% positivity of all who are tested, which is good for the region, but the region as a whole is currently at 10.3%. He said surrounding counties are outpacing Wythe but we still need to continue taking precautions. Positive cases among healthcare workers in our region has decreased but PPE is still being purchased (wherever available) to help them. Mr. Crawford reported that next Thursday, there will be a virtual LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Commission) meeting if anyone is interested in attending.

Chair Vaught asked when VDH is going to get their numbers updated, as they are very important to our citizens.

Mr. Crawford said the increase in cases in Smyth and Bland has made it difficult for VDH to get updated numbers out more regularly. But he was told that VDH will be working very hard this week to try and catch up. Mr. Crawford added that the updated numbers are crucial to our first-responders.

UNITED WAY OF SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA

Mr. Bear explained that since United Way of Wythe County has dissolved, we are now part of the United Way of Southwest Virginia service area. As such, they have sent us a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") for us to agree with them on addressing the pandemic. If they come across any COVID resources available in their service area, this MOU would allow them to provide those service in Wythe County.

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Mr. Farthing did not have opportunity to discuss this with Mr. Bear previously, but he has concern over certain wording in the MOU. He said the responsibilities in Section III are not detailed enough and he would like more time to review and discuss with United Way to clarify each other's responsibilities.

HEALTH EQUITY PILOT PROGRAM

Mr. Bear stated that this pilot program has been implemented throughout several localities across Virginia. The program is designed to get PPE to those in need and the State will provide hand sanitizers and masks (5,000-10,000 items). However, we would have to provide plastic bags and get volunteers to organize and distribute these supplies throughout the County. Ms. Ayers (DSS) and her staff may be able to help organize/volunteer, as well as local churches and HOPE Ministries. The only cost to the County would be the plastic bags if we can't get them donated.

Hearing no objections or concerns, the County will move forward with this pilot program.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Phone System – IT Coordinator, Todd Catron, announced that the new phone system is moving right along. RFPs were reviewed back in February but the pandemic slowed the process. An order was placed in early June and the contractor was on site at the end of June. Mr. Catron stated they have base programming for required network switches and control units, all of which are mounted in closets and ready to go. The cabling started on August 4th and, according to the contractor, they expect to have all three buildings cabled by late August or early September. However, Mr. Catron believes it will be closer to mid-September. Once the cabling is done, they will finish the system configuration, place the devices, move lines from the old system to the new, and have it completed by the end of September.

Mr. Catron said that training will be conducted and instructional material provided to everyone. In addition, he will be looking into upgrading the Board Room with new microphones, new cameras and larger TVs.

2. Radio Update – 911 Director of Emergency Communications, Darlene Lang, provided an update to the Board on recent activities. They are currently working with a radio tech from Two-Way (just finished with Speedwell) on the final list of

equipment, but some of the needed parts are on backorder with expected delivery in mid-September.

Mrs. Lang stated that additional work was done on the Speedwell Fire radio channel. Problems existed with background noise on Sand Mountain, necessitating a move of Speedwell's equipment to the landfill site in Speedwell. However, while the move eliminated the background noise, it caused a gap in the coverage area brought about by growth in vegetation between Pine Ridge and the landfill. Those issues have now been resolved.

Most equipment is in place on the ground side to allow for the channel to go digital, and she is putting together an instructional training paper.

Mrs. Lang reports that work has been ongoing with the Ivanhoe radio channel. The ground equipment is going in and the tower equipment is on order. An application has been submitted for a separate frequency license for Ivanhoe Fire Department and Mrs. Lang hopes to have an answer by next month. A frequency license was obtained for Max Meadows Fire Department to get them up on Hamilton Knob. This should resolve most of their radio issues.

Rural Retreat is good to go and they will replace antennas on the water tower for a stronger signal, then they're ready to be reprogrammed.

Mrs. Lang said they finally connected with someone from Big Walker who forwarded her an application to re-permit. Apparently, the site was originally in Sheriff's name and it needs to be under the County name. She also said they hope to extend the date beyond 2027.

Chair Vaught asked about pagers.

Mrs. Lang replied that the pagers will continue to work on analog, and eventually we will go to digital paging. That would, however, necessitate updating some of the pagers. She also stated that the pagers will need to be both digital and analog to allow for communications with agencies outside of the County who are still analog.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

1. Wytheville Community College – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to amend and appropriate \$22,820 for the remainder of WCC’s FY20 allotment.

Chair Vaught asked what exactly the college needs the money for, especially in light of the fact that the School Board returned to us approximately \$1.5M.

Mr. Bear said WCC simply sent us a letter requesting this, as they had not done so before the end of the fiscal year. Their letter did not mention specific need.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Rolland R. Cook	Coy L. McRoberts
	Ryan M. Lawson	B. G. “Gene” Horney, Jr.
	James D. “Jamie” Smith	

NAYS:	Brian W. Vaught	Stacy A. Terry
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2. Parks & Recreation Carryover – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to amend and appropriate the following amounts for Parks & Recreation:

\$7,500 (7105-443020) – High Tide System
\$4,204 (7110-443020) – Balance of High Tide System
\$360 (7110-443020) – Rental of trencher for RR Lake
\$800 (7110-470010) – Ice machine

Mr. Bear explained that these should have been included in the carryover report before fiscal year-end, but were mistakenly overlooked.

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. Sheriff's Office Donation – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to amend and appropriate \$5,000 to 31021-461260, for donation received from Pilot Travel Centers for procuring protective equipment.

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

4. Sheriff's Office Budget Transfer – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to transfer \$753 from Concealed Weapons Permits (70023) to Police Activity Fund (13003) for Neighborhood Watch signs, and to amend and appropriate same to 31021-461260.

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

5. Sheriff's Office Computer Project – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to amend and appropriate \$16,260 to 31021-470012 to complete Sheriff's computer project.

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

6. SRO Body Cameras – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to amend and appropriate \$1,224 to School Resource (3103) for the purchase of two body cameras.

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

7. Enterprise Vehicle Agreement – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to amend and appropriate \$16,555 to 31021-470030 for the second payment of the Enterprise vehicle agreed to by the Board in FY20.

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

8. Family Resource Center – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to amend and appropriate \$938 for the remainder of the Family Resource Center's FY20 allotment.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Brian W. Vaught
Rolland R. Cook
Ryan M. Lawson
James D. "Jamie" Smith

Coy L. McRoberts
B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
Stacy A. Terry

NAYS: None

SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

1. Whispering Pines – Supervisor Smith sent a letter to Mr. Fowler (VDOT) asking, on behalf of the residents of Whispering Pines, for speed limit signs to be installed.
2. Wythe County Solar Project – Vice Chair Lawson said that several people have expressed their support of the solar project, and she would encourage anyone having questions for the Planning Commission, to contact Mr. Walk. They have spent a great deal of time on this issue.
3. Barren Springs Community Center Building – Supervisor McRoberts asked for an update on the building.

Mr. Bear reported they are still working with engineering firm and are awaiting a cost estimate.

4. Microphones in Board Room – Supervisor McRoberts pleaded with the County Administrator to get new microphones in the Board Room as the noise/feedback is a nuisance during their meetings.
5. Speed Limit Signs – Mr. Bear reported to Supervisor McRoberts that a study was previously done on Walton Furnace Road. They will be checking to see what signs are up and how many are needed, and will then get them posted.
6. Tire Collection Day – Supervisor Horney said the Farm Bureau needs to know if we're having this as they are getting their newsletter out soon.

Mr. Bear explained that the Farm Bureau typically pays for the trailer for the Tire Collection Day. We usually get 7-10 trusties to help load the approximate 3,000 tires per day, but we are unable to get help from the trusties. Mr. Bear said the workload is too much for just three Buildings & Ground staff. Mr. Bowers will contact the people who provide the trailers, to see if we can do this over the course of a week (few hours each evening). Or we may consider getting

temporary help but the Board would have to agree to pay that cost. Mr. Bear said if we don't schedule it now, perhaps we postpone until the Spring when we may be in a better position to get trusties.

Supervisor Horney suggested contacting Farm Bureau to see if they can provide volunteers.

7. Water Committee – Supervisor Horney announced that he would not be able to attend Water Committee meeting next week if they wish to replace him or cancel the meeting. He can be available later that afternoon.

Supervisor Cook will be out of town all of next week and cannot attend the committee meetings.

Mr. Bear proposed having Water Committee at 3:00 and Building & Grounds at 4:00. Committee members agreed with the proposed rescheduling.

8. Thank You – Supervisor Terry extended his thanks to Mr. Bear, Mrs. Collins and this Board for the condolences and kind gestures of sympathy over the recent passing of his Grandmother. He said the family greatly appreciated it.
9. Aerial Spraying – Chair Vaught voiced concern over the aerial spraying and he would like to know what they are using and whether it's ending up in our watershed. Mr. Crawford will look into this.
10. Department Heads – Chair Vaught would like to start having regular meetings with the department heads. He would like to establish a more open line of communication with the departments.

Mr. Bear said he is happy to set up whatever the Board prefers. Also, if any Board member receives a complaint from a citizen, he asks that they forward that to him immediately to resolve.

Mr. Bear suggested perhaps a split or rotating schedule with department heads, and if there are specific items of concern, those can be put on the agenda. He would like to avoid filling up the board room with staff due to COVID.

11. Mount Airy Road – Chair Vaught stated that the road is now surface treated and the residents are very happy.

12. Speeding on Route 11 – Mr. Bear advised everyone that the Town of Wytheville has changed the speed limit on Route 11 near C.J.'s so be aware.

CLOSED MEETING

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to enter into Closed Meeting under Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711-A.5, Discussion of Prospective Industry (Project Skyscraper).

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to return to open meeting. The vote on the motion was unanimous.

Upon returning to open meeting, Supervisor Horney 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
James D. "Jamie" Smith

Stacy A. Terry

NAYS: None

CLOSED MEETING

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts, to enter into Closed Meeting under Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711-A.5, Discussion of Prospective Industry (Project KP22 and others).

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to return to open meeting. The vote on the motion was unanimous.

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:

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The roll call vote was as follows:

APEX AUTHORITY PRESENT:

Cory Aker, Chair

Brad Hughes, Vice Chair

Barry Arnold

Shannon Ball

Betsy Gillman

Bob Litton

Tam Topham

APEX STAFF PRESENT:

Tom Hager, Facilities Director

Jenna Lewis, Office Manager

OTHERS PRESENT:

John Matthews

Megan Schwandt

CALLS TO ORDER

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

Mr. Cory Aker, Chair of the APEX Authority, also determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

APEX UPDATES

Mr. Tom Hager provided the Board with an update on event booking and the impact of COVID-19 on operations. The group discussed maintenance of the property and areas to save money (i.e. turning off lights when APEX is not in use). There was also a discussion on capital improvements and the consensus was that the electrical upgrade is a necessity.

Regarding the barn, staff was encouraged to look into the possibility of obtaining an Occupancy Permit and/or Change of Use Permit that would allow for more varied events and not strictly limited to just agricultural.

Mr. Bear commented that lease payments begin in January 2021 and the amount per quarter is \$41,250. Further discussions later on may be necessary due to the financial impacts from COVID.

In closing, the APEX Authority asked for the Board's support as well as that of the community in seeing the APEX succeed.

APEX AUTHORITY ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Aker adjourned their meeting at 7:49 p.m.

CARES ACT FUNDING DISCUSSION

Mr. John Matthews, Joint Industrial Development Authority, provided an update on the Small Business Grant Program.

Mr. Bear distributed a list of potential County projects and discussed same with the Board of Supervisors and department heads.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Vaught adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:35 p.m.

Brian W. Vaught, Chair