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The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 8, 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
 Don Martin, County Attorney
 Martha Collins, Administrative Assistant/Clerk
 Arlan Dunford, Animal Control
 Jeremy Farley, Public Information Officer
 Kyle Taylor, Building Inspection
 Kevin Williams, Parks & Recreation

OTHERS PRESENT:

Barry Ayers
 Betty Blair
 Susan Branscome
 Lennon Counts
 Jim & Dee Ennis
 Charlie Foster
 Matt Hooper
 Joseph Jennings

Gus Kincer
 Linda Meyer
 David Rose
 Donn Sunshine
 Robert Walk
 Doug Wilson
 and four other citizens

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 Donn Sunshine, Wytheville First Church of God, provided the invocation and Supervisor Cook led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS' TIME

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

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1. Racetrack Noise – Mr. Doug Wilson appeared before the Board and stated “A couple of things: 1) Two o’clock Monday morning, the racetrack finally ended. Y’all know where I stand on this. I called at one o’clock Monday morning to register a complaint. County Department said that the racetrack was exempt and I said, my reply was only scheduled events are exempted and this one was scheduled for Sunday. There’s no races scheduled for Monday. They said naturally come to the Board of Supervisors so here I am. There’s no excuse for two o’clock. Some of us like to sleep. There’re several racetracks in Virginia that require mufflers; that would be one option. The other option would be a curfew of around 11:30. I know of nothing else in the County that happens, any public event, that goes past 11:30. I don’t know what you can do; you talked to them before. Second thing, I’m going to bring up a word that most Board of Supervisors only mention in dark rooms and hush tones – ‘ZONING’. We’ve got to look into it again. We just gave up 30 years of income, we don’t know what the income would be over 30 years because there was nothing that we could do about it. I read the Comprehensive Plan over and over trying to find a way to stop it. An arm of our County government supported a business that was going to provide three to five permanent employees and they supported this. Board of Supervisors, I know it’s a word you don’t want but we’re going to have to look at zoning and revisit it, to see what the County can do to stop some things from coming in. I’m done. Thank you.”

Chair Vaught said that the racetrack issue has been raised before and he asked Mr. Bear to reach out to Mr. Brown. If the problem persists, he suggests the Board revisit the Noise Ordinance.

2. Wythe County Solar Project – Mr. Joseph Jennings appeared before the Board and stated “Mr. Chairman, Board, thank you for seeing us this evening. I want to speak on the solar project. I am in favor of it. I don’t have any property that’s near it or anything but there’re several reasons that, as a taxpayer of this County, I am for it. The first reason is there is no zoning. I feel like if she was to go and want to put 500 head of cattle, she wouldn’t have to fight this hard to do that. She could just dig a few wells, put some cattle on, and nobody would say a word. What worries me about the zoning, if y’all are telling her what to do with her property, what can I do with mine? So that does worry me. Which I am in favor for it, if there’s no zoning I feel like she should be able do what she wants to do with her property. Second thing, I feel like this would bring a very positive image to our County. I know that it’s not going to employ 300 people, but it does show employers, potential people coming here, that we are open to diverse businesses

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not only just industrial but there's other things that would be allowed to come. Third, from my understanding, you can either not vote, you can vote yes, or you can vote no. If you don't vote, it will just pass. As a taxpayer and as a citizen that voted in a couple of you guys on the Board, personally, I would like to see where you stand on it whether it be yes or no. I really would like to see a vote and that's what I would ask. That's all I have. Thank you."

3. WCPS Meal Plan for CARES Act Funding – Ms. Linda Meyer appeared before the Board and stated "I'd like to address the \$250,000 you gave to the school systems last meeting. I personally don't want to see any kid go hungry. Many a night my brother, Mom and I shared a can of Campbell soup, there were no handouts and my Mom, and a lot of other people would have been horrified and embarrassed to have to ask other people. I believe in responsibility. This is a huge amount of money. I'm asking the school, as educators, what they're doing to educate parents about their responsibilities. Feeding your kids is part of that. Do they need to sponsor and tackle this subject through online PTA handouts, how to and best market practices as parents, such as a box of Cheerios containing 20 servings costs less than \$3.00, and that's half a month's breakfast and is substantial. Oatmeal alternatives. What should be in a pantry for a rainy day, etc. Reduce lunches and perhaps free are warranted sometimes but feeding all is unacceptable and is not a public responsibility. This is on the path to social conditioning, taking care of everything; another step toward socialism. We had boxed lunches and brown paper bags and we all lived. Enabling parents to letting others should their responsibility, doesn't make them stronger, innovative or more reliable, and certainly doesn't teach the kids any responsibility. I see smartphones, cigarettes, tattoos, EBT cards, vouchers, dishes, plasma TVs, trampolines, and eating out and a host of other things that taxpayers are also funding. Add that to the black market on all this free stuff and taxpayers are picking up that tab too. I'd like to ask you, hopefully you think it's proper, to ask the school what kind of programs or are they going to set up something to help parents understand their responsibility and so on and take that off as being a taxpayer's responsibility for breakfast and lunch for every child. Okay, that's about that."
4. Wythe County Solar Project – Ms. Linda Meyer continued "I have no problem with the solar business that's going on and a handout was given to some of us about how positive it was and recycling and all that stuff, and I just wanted to make you aware that there's an awful lot of studies that are bought and paid for and don't give the flip side. This is from, and it's all documented, you guys can look at it

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about green energy and this stuff that's supposed to be safe. You had said 'can the stuff be recycled?' Well, in fact, most of it cannot and will not be and here are all the reasons why. So, you should be aware of that for perhaps down the road. I don't know if it will have a bearing on this but it's certainly interesting information, other than a bought and paid for study by colleges and endowments and such. Thank you so much."

5. Wythe County Solar Project – Ms. Susan Branscome appeared before the Board and stated "As you all know from my previous comments that I do not support the solar project but I really do appreciate y'all taking the time that you have to review it. We have a lot of concerns about the environment, the safety, the erosion and the overall economic impacts not only for the adjacent landowners but for Wythe County itself. If this project is approved, there's going to be a multitude of other solar renewable energies coming into Wythe County. We get one every week for somebody wanting to come in and talk to us about the land, and we throw it in the trash because we understand the importance of agriculture and the importance of family. You're going to lose what Wythe County is about. Wythe County, where people come for tourism, they come for families, they come here for the picturesque landscapes, they come here for the wide-open spaces, the fishing, the hunting, the friendly atmosphere that we have. Where will our children and grandchildren go when all this land is bought up and it's leased by solar companies and all you have to look at is solar panels. It might not be in your backyard yet but it's going to be. You don't get to see the wildlife with that because it's gone. You don't get to see the mountains or the streams 'cause it's gone and you're going to get the glare from the solar panels on it. Everything I've read talks about the dangers of solar, the volatility, we have companies that are already showing going bankrupt in 2020, 2019, Savion sold off two of their Wisconsin's already to Alliant Energy for huge money. What happens when the subsidies and the tax credits go away? How viable is solar going to be when you don't have \$71B in subsidies? When you don't have an 80% tax credit for it. I saw on Craig's List the other day Southwest Virginia solar projects are looking for Angel Investors to pay \$5,000 to invest in their solar properties. When you look at Nevada who went bankrupt with their solar project, when you look at California who had a huge fire and lost thousands of acres because of a bird, they had blackouts because they relied too much on solar. It's intermittent; it's not continuous. Our area doesn't have the same amount of sunshine either but they do so how does that work for our area with the feasibility when you see these areas going bankrupt and having these issues. And when I was reading this, speaking about the fires, there's a specialty training that fire departments have to do to be able to take care of the solar on it. The survey for Wythe County with

the Planning Commission said '90% of the population wanted Wythe County to stay agricultural, to keep it's landscapes, to keep it's beauty. And that's one of the things that makes us the great community that we are. We have family history, we have values, we have a lot of love and we have a lot of beauty here with it. And I don't know what else to call it but a land grab. When you have these big companies coming in to do a land grab, they're squeezing out agriculture, they're squeezing out the farmers because they can't afford to pay the same amount for land to do agriculture with; they can't afford to buy the land. And here's what's going to happen – if you have no land, you have no crops, you have no meat, you desecrate your environment, you have no wildlife for hunting or fishing. You can't go to Walmart and buy food if you don't have the land to make it on. The land of plenty is going to go hungry if we don't save our land. Thank y'all for your time."

6. Wythe County Solar Project – Ms. Betty Blair appeared before the Board and stated "Betty Blair, Dublin, VA but my farm is right next to where the solar project may go. I've been reading - I'm really thankful for Susan. She seems to really have an understanding of what's going on. There are pros, there's cons, and I think it's something that we really need to think about before we say yes. I do appreciate all these meetings, and I know you're thinking about it. Any of you go to Fort Chiswell and know a lady named Dell McKinney? She's not living anymore. She was an English teacher, and I remember a little learning is a dangerous thing. And that's where I think we are with solar energy right now. That was senior year in high school. John Milton was the one that said it but it has stuck in my mind all these years; a little learning is a dangerous thing. There are pros and cons about this project and as Susan said, we're getting letters. This is just the beginning. Though it is a serious matter. And I do appreciate you folks having several meetings about it. I really do appreciate it and thank you very much."
7. Wythe County Solar Project – Mr. Matt Hooper of Savion Energy appeared before the Board and stated "Thank you Mr. Chairman and thank you Board. I just wanted to come up and give a couple remarks. As you know, we hope tonight that you will affirm the decision the Planning Commission made in August regarding Wythe County Solar Project. They did determine it was in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan. We've been developing this project since 2016 and as several of the folks mentioned they are getting letters for solar leasing. The driver for that for this specific area is that massive 45-acre AEP substation. That's what we're trying to plug into. So that's the plan for us but that is what's driving solar specifically in that area. We've been developing this project since 2016. I've been coming to you for the past few months. We've given several presentations, brought in some experts who can give even more detailed information that I can.

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We were able to have most of the Planning Commissioners out to the project as Supervisor McRoberts also came to the project as well. We did in-person public meetings, we did virtual public meetings, we really tried to go above and beyond especially during these current times to make sure people were given the information that they wanted and needed. We had a project website which included 300 pages of environmental surveys determining the site is a good fit for this project. So, we've done our research, we've done public outreach, we've tried to come here and work with you guys and give you as much information as we could. This is a good project for the County, and it's going to have economic benefits including \$100,000 a year in tax revenues. We're going to continue coordinating with state agencies as we've already been doing on any final stormwater permits or things like that that we have to do prior to construction. This is a well-sited project and the reason that we're in this location is that 45-acre existing AEP substation. We've also had one of our landowners, Eloise Turner, speak out several times about this project. You've also received letters from the other landowner, Ms. Lindamood. This is something they want to do with their property. They have options of what to do with their property. This is their land and this is what they've chosen is best for them. So, I'm asking that you support our project and support their rights as landowners, and allow them to do what they would like to with their land. Thank you very much."

8. Keep America Beautiful Campaign? – Mrs. Diane Ennis appeared before the Board and stated "Impromptu, but I'm going to say it anyways. Back in the 1960s, some of you may remember that there was a campaign, a media campaign to promote the national forests, the national parks. It was called 'Keep America Beautiful'. And the purpose was to encourage people to take care of the land, the public land, so that we all could enjoy it and it would still be beautiful. Because at that time, there was a lot of trash happening. And amazingly, it worked. Also, in the 70s, there was a song that someone sang once and the lyrics went like this 'and we paved paradise and put up a parking lot'. When my husband and I moved to Wythe County, we were so delighted to not have all this industry and commercial stuff going on. It was in places but as someone said earlier, the beauty of Wythe County is our national resources. I would like y'all to reconsider on the lines of aesthetics of what this solar project would do to the aesthetics within that area. If you were looking out the window and you saw all those panels instead of farms or forests, how much fun would that be? Thank you."

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

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PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF BONDS – COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING & RELATED IMPROVEMENTS

Stephen Bear, County Administrator, read that notice is given that the Board of Supervisors of Wythe County, Virginia (the "Board"), will hold a public hearing on the proposed issuance of bonds, at one time or from time to time, by Wythe County. The estimated maximum amount of the bonds is \$2,200,000 in the aggregate. The proposed use of the proceeds of such bonds is to pay costs of an addition to the County office building and related improvements. The public hearing, which may be continued or adjourned, and at which persons may appear and present their views on the proposed bond issue, will be held at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on September 8, 2020, before the Board in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, located at 340 South Sixth Street in Wytheville, Virginia.

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

Mr. Bear stated that no action is required at this time as Davenport will be presenting this evening, at which point they can discuss options in more detail.

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE DISCONTINUING AND VACATING A PORTION OF REED STREET AND A 12' WIDE ALLEYWAY IN MAX MEADOWS, VA

Mr. Bear read that in compliance with Section 15.2-2006 of the Code of Virginia and amendments thereto, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing to consider adopting an ordinance for vacation of right-of-ways or streets entitled "An Ordinance Discontinuing and Vacating a portion of Reed Street a 50-foot wide Right-of-Way and the Entirety of a Public 12-foot Wide Alleyway located in the Max Meadows Community of Wythe County, Virginia".

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

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Wythe County Office Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia.

The Chairman opened the hearing for public comment.

1. Mr. Scotty Smith appeared before the Board and stated "I own the other side of Junior and Katherine Criggers. I just wanted to know if the right-of-way comes down and meets my land, how's that work?"

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Mr. Bear responded that it will not affect Mr. Smith’s property as the portion of Reed Street and the alleyway are well below his property.

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

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to adopt the ordinance discontinuing and vacating a portion of Reed Street and a 12’ wide alleyway in Max Meadows, VA as presented.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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| 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 Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to waive the purchase fee associated with vacating the right-of-way.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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| 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 Horney made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on September 8, 2020, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30107557-30107701 as follows:

**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT
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| CHECK # | ISSUE DATE | VENDOR | AMOUNT |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 30107557 | 08/26/2020 | APPALACHIAN JUVENILE COMM | \$ 16,275.00 |
| 30107558 | 08/26/2020 | APPALACHIAN POWER | 516.81 |
| 30107559 | 08/26/2020 | CENTURYLINK | 49.99 |
| 30107560 | 08/26/2020 | CENTURYLINK | 57.38 |
| 30107561 | 08/26/2020 | CENTURYLINK | 124.24 |
| 30107562 | 08/26/2020 | CENTURYLINK | 203.69 |
| 30107563 | 08/26/2020 | CENTURYLINK | 239.02 |
| 30107564 | 08/26/2020 | CENTURYLINK | 299.75 |
| 30107565 | 08/26/2020 | CENTURYLINK | 4,893.16 |
| 30107566 | 08/26/2020 | MOUNT ROGERS PLANNING DIS | 4,682.78 |
| 30107567 | 08/26/2020 | NEW RIVER VALLEY JUVENILE | 7,750.00 |
| 30107568 | 08/26/2020 | TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE | 7,653.59 |
| 30107569 | 08/26/2020 | VERIZON WIRELESS | 40.01 |
| 30107570 | 08/26/2020 | VGFOA | 150.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES 08/26/2020 | | | \$42,935.42 |

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| 30107571 | 09/08/2020 | ALPHA & OMEGA REPAR SERVI | 3,677.86 |
| 30107572 | 09/08/2020 | APPALACHIAN POWER | 1,816.54 |
| 30107573 | 09/08/2020 | ATMOS ENERGY | 42.10 |
| 30107574 | 09/08/2020 | BIG WALKER SWCD | 2,000.00 |
| 30107575 | 09/08/2020 | BLUE RIDGE AUTO PARTS INC | 98.51 |
| 30107576 | 09/08/2020 | BMS DIRECT INC | 17,200.00 |
| 30107577 | 09/08/2020 | BRENTAG MID-SOUTH INC | 2,066.22 |
| 30107578 | 09/08/2020 | CENTURYLINK | 52.76 |
| 30107579 | 09/08/2020 | CENTURYLINK | 145.26 |
| 30107580 | 09/08/2020 | CENTURYLINK | 3,398.05 |
| 30107581 | 09/08/2020 | CITIZENS TELEPHONE COOP | 729.95 |
| 30107582 | 09/08/2020 | COUNTS, LENNON E | 37.73 |
| 30107583 | 09/08/2020 | CREATIVE GLASS INC | 208.00 |
| 30107584 | 09/08/2020 | DALTON, BRADLEY G | 65.67 |
| 30107585 | 09/08/2020 | DALY COMPUTERS | 91,841.04 |
| 30107586 | 09/08/2020 | DELL MARKETING LP | 32,057.82 |
| 30107587 | 09/08/2020 | TREASURER OF VIRGINIA | 14,001.00 |
| 30107588 | 09/08/2020 | DISTRICT THREE | 3,890.00 |
| 30107589 | 09/08/2020 | FARTHING, SCOT S | 3,060.00 |
| 30107590 | 09/08/2020 | FERGUSON ENTERPRISES #5 | 8,515.57 |
| 30107591 | 09/08/2020 | FIRE SAFETY PRODUCTS | 1,915.25 |

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| 30107592 | 09/08/2020 | FOOD COUNTRY | 5.39 |
| 30107593 | 09/08/2020 | GRAINGER | 77.58 |
| 30107594 | 09/08/2020 | GRANT, BRUCE M | 4,343.59 |
| 30107595 | 09/08/2020 | HARPO'S HARDWARE & BLDG S | 48.91 |
| 30107596 | 09/08/2020 | HURT & PROFFITT INC | 8,480.00 |
| 30107597 | 09/08/2020 | IVANHOE FIRE DEPT | 1,802.21 |
| 30107598 | 09/08/2020 | JASON'S AUTO SERVICE | 80.00 |
| 30107599 | 09/08/2020 | JOHNSON CONTROL FIRE PROT | 567.00 |
| 30107600 | 09/08/2020 | JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE AUTH | 46,818.72 |
| 30107601 | 09/08/2020 | JONES, MICHAEL D | 11.25 |
| 30107602 | 09/08/2020 | KING-MOORE INC | 1,001.00 |
| 30107603 | 09/08/2020 | LANTAGNE LEGAL PRINTING | 175.75 |
| 30107604 | 09/08/2020 | LOWE'S | 1,086.58 |
| 30107605 | 09/08/2020 | MANSFIELD OIL CO | 5,799.98 |
| 30107606 | 09/08/2020 | MARK IV HONDA | 4,159.00 |
| 30107607 | 09/08/2020 | MASON DISTRIBUTORS | 3,600.00 |
| 30107608 | 09/08/2020 | MEADE TRACTOR | 119.56 |
| 30107609 | 09/08/2020 | JEFFERY LEE MILLER | 5,900.00 |
| 30107610 | 09/08/2020 | MILO C COCKERHAM INC | 607.95 |
| 30107611 | 09/08/2020 | MOUNT ROGERS COMMUNITY SE | 41,087.25 |
| 30107612 | 09/08/2020 | NEW RIVER REGIONAL WATER | 58,936.99 |
| 30107613 | 09/08/2020 | NEW RIVER-HIGHLANDS RC&D | 250.00 |
| 30107614 | 09/08/2020 | NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS | 553.47 |
| 30107615 | 09/08/2020 | OAK HALL INDUSTRIES, LP | 6,000.00 |
| 30107616 | 09/08/2020 | OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDIC | 120.00 |
| 30107617 | 09/08/2020 | ALDERMAN MARY BETH | 20.00 |
| 30107618 | 09/08/2020 | BARKER MELANIE DUNFORD | 20.00 |
| 30107619 | 09/08/2020 | BOREN AMBER CLARICE | 53.04 |
| 30107620 | 09/08/2020 | BURRIS DEBRA ELAINE | 20.00 |
| 30107621 | 09/08/2020 | CARTER VICTORIA LYNNE | 20.00 |
| 30107622 | 09/08/2020 | CCAP AUTO LEASE LTD | 20.00 |
| 30107623 | 09/08/2020 | CHRISLEY ASHLEY DAWN | 20.00 |
| 30107624 | 09/08/2020 | CROCKETT SIDNEY NEWTON | 20.00 |
| 30107625 | 09/08/2020 | DARLINGTON JR DONALD RAY | 30.00 |
| 30107626 | 09/08/2020 | DAWSON KRISTY NICOLE | 20.00 |
| 30107627 | 09/08/2020 | DESPOSITO JR JAMES MICHAEL | 20.00 |
| 30107628 | 09/08/2020 | DUNCAN MICHAEL KONRAD | 40.00 |
| 30107629 | 09/08/2020 | EANS KERRY ALONSO | 20.00 |
| 30107630 | 09/08/2020 | ELEMENT FLEET CORPORATION | 20.00 |

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| 30107631 | 09/08/2020 | EPPERSON ROBERT | 20.00 |
| 30107632 | 09/08/2020 | EPPERSON ROBERT TYLER | 20.00 |
| 30107633 | 09/08/2020 | FRANK SARGENT | 207.56 |
| 30107634 | 09/08/2020 | GALLIMORE HERBERT LEWIS | 20.00 |
| 30107635 | 09/08/2020 | GRAFFHAM STEVEN EUGENE | 20.00 |
| 30107636 | 09/08/2020 | GRUBB DEBORAH INGO | 20.00 |
| 30107637 | 09/08/2020 | HALL SUSIE GAIL | 20.00 |
| 30107638 | 09/08/2020 | HAYES TINA SHUMATE | 20.00 |
| 30107639 | 09/08/2020 | HENSON MICHAEL JAMES | 20.00 |
| 30107640 | 09/08/2020 | HENSON MICHAEL JAMES | 20.00 |
| 30107641 | 09/08/2020 | HOLSTON STEPHEN MONROE | 20.00 |
| 30107642 | 09/08/2020 | INTERSTATE TOTAL RETAIL S | 20.00 |
| 30107643 | 09/08/2020 | JACKIE STROOP | 30.00 |
| 30107644 | 09/08/2020 | JACKSON TONJA GAYLE | 20.00 |
| 30107645 | 09/08/2020 | JAMIE ARNOLD | 51.80 |
| 30107646 | 09/08/2020 | JOHN'S CONSTRUCTION | 30.00 |
| 30107647 | 09/08/2020 | KIM DAVENPORT | 78.20 |
| 30107648 | 09/08/2020 | KINCAID KATHY LYNN | 20.00 |
| 30107649 | 09/08/2020 | LAMBERT WILLIAM DOUGLAS | 20.00 |
| 30107650 | 09/08/2020 | LEVI DILLARD | 18.00 |
| 30107651 | 09/08/2020 | LUCAS JEFFREY RICHARD | 20.00 |
| 30107652 | 09/08/2020 | MARSHALL KENDRA MORRIS | 20.00 |
| 30107653 | 09/08/2020 | MARTIN REBECCA JEAN | 20.00 |
| 30107654 | 09/08/2020 | MCKINNEY LINDA LOUISE | 20.00 |
| 30107655 | 09/08/2020 | MELTON CATHY DEZERN | 20.00 |
| 30107656 | 09/08/2020 | MICHAEL WINEBARGER | 18.00 |
| 30107657 | 09/08/2020 | MIRANDA JONES | 30.80 |
| 30107658 | 09/08/2020 | NISSAN INFINITI LT | 20.00 |
| 30107659 | 09/08/2020 | OSBORNE KERMIT LEON | 40.00 |
| 30107660 | 09/08/2020 | OSBORNE ROBIN CORNETT | 20.00 |
| 30107661 | 09/08/2020 | PATE CHARITY DAWN | 20.00 |
| 30107662 | 09/08/2020 | PEOPLES CHARLES WAYNE | 20.00 |
| 30107663 | 09/08/2020 | SAUNDRA SCHMITT | 18.00 |
| 30107664 | 09/08/2020 | SCOTT JR EMERY LEE | 20.00 |
| 30107665 | 09/08/2020 | SEAGLE JR TONY CARLTON | 30.00 |
| 30107666 | 09/08/2020 | TABOR CYNTHIA HYPES | 20.00 |
| 30107667 | 09/08/2020 | TRACY MARSH | 74.00 |
| 30107668 | 09/08/2020 | TUCKER MEGHAN C | 20.00 |
| 30107669 | 09/08/2020 | VIA JR JAMES FRANKLIN | 40.00 |

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| 30107670 | 09/08/2020 | WALTER BASS | 168.47 |
| 30107671 | 09/08/2020 | WILLIS THOMAS ANTHONY | 20.00 |
| 30107672 | 09/08/2020 | WOOD KENNETH DALE | 20.00 |
| 30107673 | 09/08/2020 | OWEN G DUNN CO | 210.00 |
| 30107674 | 09/08/2020 | PAPER CLIP | 47.81 |
| 30107675 | 09/08/2020 | THE PAPER CLIP | 3,651.30 |
| 30107676 | 09/08/2020 | PIONEER COLLISION CENTER | 1,518.08 |
| 30107677 | 09/08/2020 | R&R ENTERPRISES INC | 415.00 |
| 30107678 | 09/08/2020 | DARRELL S REED JR | 1,500.00 |
| 30107679 | 09/08/2020 | RURAL DEVELOPMENT | 2,282.00 |
| 30107680 | 09/08/2020 | RURAL DEVELOPMENT | 2,514.00 |
| 30107681 | 09/08/2020 | RURAL DEVELOPMENT | 11,572.00 |
| 30107682 | 09/08/2020 | STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO | 3,399.53 |
| 30107683 | 09/08/2020 | STRYKER SALES CORPORATION | 29,773.80 |
| 30107684 | 09/08/2020 | SUNTRUST | 36,881.92 |
| 30107685 | 09/08/2020 | TESSCO INC | 298.86 |
| 30107686 | 09/08/2020 | THE RURAL RETREAT DEPOT F | 625.00 |
| 30107687 | 09/08/2020 | THOMPSON TIRE | 1,651.93 |
| 30107688 | 09/08/2020 | THRIVE PAYMENTS | 835.00 |
| 30107689 | 09/08/2020 | TOWN OF RURAL RETREAT | 1,229.29 |
| 30107690 | 09/08/2020 | TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNA | 96.70 |
| 30107691 | 09/08/2020 | TYLER BUSINESS FORMS | 412.40 |
| 30107692 | 09/08/2020 | USA BLUE BOOK | 434.35 |
| 30107693 | 09/08/2020 | V&M RECYCLING | 4,922.91 |
| 30107694 | 09/08/2020 | VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYST | 194.77 |
| 30107695 | 09/08/2020 | VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYST | 1,115.84 |
| 30107696 | 09/08/2020 | WHITAKER BROTHERS BUSINES | 1,198.00 |
| 30107697 | 09/08/2020 | WYTHE CO WATER & WASTEWAT | 362.13 |
| 30107698 | 09/08/2020 | WYTHE SHEET METAL INC | 155.69 |
| 30107699 | 09/08/2020 | WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER | 296.99 |
| 30107700 | 09/08/2020 | WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY | 304.03 |
| 30107701 | 09/08/2020 | XEROX | 186.67 |

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| TOTAL EXPENDITURES 09/08/2020 | \$488,275.38 |
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| TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 09/08/2020 | \$531,210.80 |
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Supervisor Smith seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Brian W. Vaught

Coy L. McRoberts

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

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

NAYS: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board was presented with the August 25, 2020, minutes for approval.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to approve the August 25, 2020, minutes as presented.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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|-------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 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

MEALS TAX ORDINANCE

Mr. Bear reported that a public hearing was held at the last Board meeting to consider the proposed amendment and that no action was taken. The proposed increase is from 4% to 6% and is estimated to bring in approximately \$400k for the County. The increase would primarily affect tourists and travelers along the interstate, and would not affect the tax in the Town of Wytheville or the Town of Rural Retreat, whose meals tax is 7% and 5%, respectively.

Supervisor Terry asked if funds can be earmarked for Fire and Rescue?

Mr. Bear responded that the Board can earmark as they wish. But his only concern is that the County has pulled heavily from the General Fund in order to balance this year's budget. He reminded the Board that nine additional personnel were added (basically at taxpayer's expense) totaling over \$500k. County expenditures are exceeding our revenue and he asked the Board to keep that in mind before earmarking.

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Chair Vaught suggested it be handled similar to how the County handles the lodging tax, with a portion being reinvested in tourism. He and Supervisor Terry would like the earmark to stay in effect long after this Board is gone.

Supervisor McRoberts feels strongly the money should be earmarked to Water for the many citizens who don't have County water and have been asking for it for a long time. It is unacceptable that some of our citizens are bathing in and drinking dirty water.

Mr. Bear said an option would be to amend the Ordinance so that 33.3% of all meals tax (not just this increase) would be earmarked for Fire and Rescue, and for water extension purposes. The amendment would require another public hearing.

Supervisor McRoberts agreed with that.

Vice Chair Lawson asked if this Board amends the Ordinance now, will a future Board be able to remove or change the earmark?

Supervisor Horney believes future Boards could change the earmark without a public hearing provided it is less restrictive. However, a public hearing would be required for any amendments imposing greater restrictions.

Mr. Bear said that an October 13th date for a public hearing would give the Board ample time to revise the language accordingly. He reiterated that the meals tax would increase from 4% to 6% and that 2% increase (33 1/3% of the total meals tax) would be earmarked for Fire, Rescue and/or water extension purposes only.

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to revise the amendment to the Meals Tax Ordinance and set a public hearing for October 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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| 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

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SAVION ENERGY

Chair Vaught commented that the Board has heard from people on both sides of this issue and would like to hear any comments or concerns from the Board.

Supervisor Horney was contacted today by someone who asked that the Board delay taking action tonight as this person wanted to bring someone in to talk to the Board about it. But even if someone came and said this would be hazardous, it doesn't change the Planning Commission affirmation that the project is in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan.

Supervisor Smith was also contacted by a citizen who asked the Board not take action yet.

Chair Vaught said there has been ample opportunity for people to come and speak. He agrees with Mr. Wilson, and he has nothing against Savion, but feels this is just another way for companies to "piggyback" off of Southwest Virginia to create jobs in northern Virginia. He understands and appreciates where both Ms. Branscome and Ms. Turner are coming from and where they stand on this issue. But without zoning, landowner rights prevail.

County Attorney, Mr. Don Martin, added that the decision made by the Planning Commission is a determination, not a recommendation. This Board would need solid grounds for appealing such a determination.

Vice Chair Lawson commented that a lot of time has been spent on this issue by both the Planning Commission and this Board, and she feels that the rights of the landowners be respected.

Vice Chair Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to affirm the Planning Commission's determination that the solar project is in substantial accord with the Comprehensive Plan.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

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| NAYS: | Brian W. Vaught |
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DAVENPORT & COMPANY

Mr. David Rose of Davenport & Company presented the following to the Board:

- Through their comprehensive review, Davenport identified almost \$25M of existing debt that is able to be refinanced for savings purposes. They considered a dual track approach considering and comparing direct bank loans and/or financing through Virginia Resources Authority's ("VRA") Pooled Financing program. They canvassed approximately 100 banks throughout the country with excellent results, in large part due to the well-managed finances of Wythe County. VRA also had very positive results, but the downside is they don't allow you to lock in until about October 28th.
- Davenport carefully reviewed six different refunding pieces of the \$25M ranging in interest rates from 2.5% to 6.4%, with the weighted average around 3.4%. Final maturity dates will not be extended and some may even be shortened.
- Proposals were received from the following banking institutions: Chase, Truist/BB&T/SunTrust, Sterling National, Capital One, Hancock Whitney and National Bank.
- After a very thorough review, it was determined that Chase provided the most cost-effective proposal with a 1.73% fixed interest rate on the tax-exempt portion, and 2.14% on the taxable portion. The all-in average savings would be nearly \$2.6M.
- VRA has a fall issuance so savings would not be known until October 28th. There is no guarantee that it would go through on October 28th especially if the bond market locks up. This is a bit risky especially being so close to an election.
- Davenport's recommendation is to be conservative and avoid risk. At present, Chase is offering a better deal than what they would expect to get from VRA.
- Mr. Rose gave a brief overview of the interest rate environment for tax-exempt bonds as well as the taxable rates.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to authorize the County Administrator to execute necessary documentation on the Board's behalf.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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|-------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 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 2020-30 – VDOT LAND USE PERMIT

Mr. Bear presented the Board with the following resolution that VDOT requires for the Rickey Road waterline extension project:

WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2020-30 VDOT LAND USE PERMIT RICKEY ROAD WATERLINE EXTENSION

WHEREAS, it becomes necessary from time to time for the County of Wythe to obtain land use permits from the Virginia Department of Transportation to install, construct, maintain and operate certain public works and public utilities projects along, across over and upon highway systems of the Commonwealth of Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, expense, damage or injury may be sustained by the Commonwealth of Virginia growing out of granting to the County of Wythe by the Virginia Department of Transportation of said permits for the work aforesaid;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Wythe County Board of Supervisors this 8th day of September, 2020:

Section 1: That in accordance with the provisions of Section 24VAC30-151-720 of the Land Use Permit Regulations of the Virginia Department of Transportation, the County of Wythe does hereby grant assurances to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) that it shall in all respects comply with all of the conditions of the permit or permits that have been, or will be, granted to the County of Wythe and guarantees the successful completion of the work, or, if appropriate, restoration of the right of way to its original condition.

Section 2: That the County Administrator, City or Town Mayor, or their designee, be, and hereby is authorized to execute on behalf of the County

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of Wythe all land use permits and related documents of the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Section 3: That this resolution shall be a continuing resolution and shall not be revoked unless and until sixty (60) days written notice of any proposed revocation be submitted to the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Section 4: That the County of Wythe shall, if requested by the Virginia Department of Transportation, provide a letter that commits to using the surety provided by its contractor or to have the contractor execute a dual obligation rider that adds the Virginia Department of Transportation as an additional obligee to the surety bond provided to the locality, with either of these options guaranteeing the work performed within state maintained right-of-way under the terms of the land use permit for that purpose.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator, City or Town Mayor, or their designee, be, and hereby is authorized and directed to procure insurance required by Section 1 herein.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Wythe County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting held on the 8th day of September, 2020 in Wythe County, Virginia.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to adopt Resolution 2020-30 VDOT Land Use Permit for Rickey Road Waterline Extension.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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| 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

GOVDEALS SURPLUS AUCTIONS

The Board reviewed the following surplus auction results:

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| <u>ITEM</u> | <u>HIGH BID</u> | <u>HIGH BIDDER</u> |
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| 1991 GMC P30 Van | \$2,214.00 | Richard Mahaffey, Mt. Airy, NC |
| 2006 Dodge Grand Caravan | \$2,275.00 | William Grubb, Rural Retreat, VA |

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to declare the van and caravan as surplus and to accept the high bids.

Chair Vaught requested that money from the sale of the GMC van go back to Rural Retreat Fire Department since they had donated the vehicle.

Supervisor Horney amended the motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to declare the van and caravan as surplus, to accept the high bids, and to amend and appropriate \$2,214 to Rural Retreat Fire Department.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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|-------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 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

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mr. Bear provided the Board with updated data that Mr. Crawford had prepared, and said the Health Department continues to provide us these numbers. Wythe County is seeing a slight increase, while surrounding counties are experiencing even greater numbers. Mr. Crawford continues to work on packaging and disseminating the donated supplies (hand sanitizer, masks, etc.).

STAFF REPORTS

1. Animal Control – Mr. Arlan Dunford, Code Enforcement Officer, reported that they had 35 intake of dogs, none were euthanized, 19 were transferred to rescue groups, and 14 were reclaimed by owners. As for code enforcement (litter, property maintenance, etc.) he is working on a property in Ivanhoe with Mr. Farthing's assistance (demolition). Litter complaints typically come in after VDOT mows when the litter is more visible.

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Supervisor McRoberts asked about the dog that had been starved to death and whether anyone was charged in that. Mr. Dunford responded yes.

2. Building Inspection – Mr. Kyle Taylor, Building Inspector, has been busy inspecting 11 different homes today, while Mrs. Vaught had 7 new permit applications. They are working on 3-4 commercial projects, several renovations as well as new construction. He reported that last month, they had 43 applications and permits at an estimated project cost of \$1.1M; the cost of permits was \$4,882. Mr. Taylor was in educational training last week, has another class in a couple of weeks, then hopefully will take the State certification test at the end of the month. He admitted it's an adjustment going from contractor to building official but so far, so good. He maintains good communication with building officials in neighboring counties as well as the towns to ensure uniformity.
3. Parks & Recreation – Mr. Kevin Williams, Director of Parks & Recreation, reported that this past weekend, the campground was near capacity. He extended the season out another week to help make up for lack of sporting activities. Compared to last year, Mr. Williams reported that RV campsite occupancy is up about 9%. As for sporting events, they're working together with the towns to plan competitions to get the kids out and involved. Response to the skills competition is low but he said most people wait until the last minute to sign up. Rural King and National Bank are providing gift cards for the competition winners.

Chair Vaught thanked him and his staff for the great work at the lake, saying they did a good job with the increase in traffic, cleanliness, etc.

Mr. Bear echoed those same comments and said not a single complaint had been received.

Supervisor Cook asked if they plan on having youth football in February.

Mr. Williams intends to discuss with the schools the availability of facilities, and will devise plans to consider in the coming months.

Mr. Bear would rather consider March and April for football when the weather is warmer, then have baseball in May and June. He said we will be flexible and work with the school system as best we can.

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4. Public Information – Mr. Jeremy Farley, Public Information Officer, provided the Board with updates for the month of August.

Recent press releases include Rural Retreat Lake camp season extension, Parks & Recreation skills competition, joint press release about School Board's meals program, and WWII Veterans Resolution. Recent television interviews include the school's free meals program, WWII Veterans Resolution, and Rural Retreat Lake feature.

Mr. Farley also answers media requests, is building media relationships, and has written resolutions for WWII, Broadband and SRO funding. He is also responsible for FOIA requests. In addition, he has updated the County website to reflect current and simplified voter registration information. He also plans to update the overall site.

Promotional activities include Hazardous Waste Day and Barren Springs Fish Fry.

Mr. Farley also went to Speedwell to get a petition started for Broadband internet. So far, they have over 150 signatures on the petition.

The Grant Coordinator duties make up about 80% of his time (SRO Grant, Broadband Grant, Litter Prevention Grant, DHCD Grant, Barren Springs PPE Grants).

Vice Chair Lawson thanked Mr. Farley for squeezing full-time duties into a part-time position.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

1. Sheriff's Office – Dodge Durango – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to transfer \$16,555 from Concealed Weapons Permits (70023) to Police Activity Fund (13003), and to amend and appropriate same to 31021-470030 to offset the cost of a recently procured 2020 Dodge Durango.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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| 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

2. Commonwealth's Attorney Office – Copier – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to transfer \$1,116 from Asset Forfeiture Account, and to amend and appropriate same to 2201-470015 for the purchase of a new multi-function copier.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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|-------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 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. Lead Mines Rescue Squad – Cardiac Monitors – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to release funding in the amount of \$35,260 from 9000-470010 for the grant match to purchase new cardiac monitors.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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| 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 – Chevy Tahoes – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to transfer \$30,000 from Asset Forfeiture (1200) to Police Activity Fund (13003), and to amend and appropriate same to 31021-470030 for the purchase of three Chevrolet Tahoes.

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The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

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| ABSTAIN: | Brian W. Vaught | Ryan M. Lawson |
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Mr. Bear said the vehicles being purchased are through a pre-paid lease with Enterprise and that if ordered now, they can have them early next year. The 2021 models have not yet come out at the State contract price and the Tahoes are not under State contract price. This is higher than the State contract price for the Explorers, and higher than the Sheriff's Association contract price for the Durango. As such, it is necessary for the Board to approve the purchase at a higher price.

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to authorize the purchase of the Sheriff's vehicles at the higher (non-State contract) price.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

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| ABSTAIN: | Brian W. Vaught | Ryan M. Lawson |
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SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

1. APEX Air and Soil Testing – Supervisor Terry asked if the air and soil quality studies can be put on the County website in order for citizens to review? Mr. Bear replied yes.

On the same subject, Chair Vaught asked Mr. Bear if he followed up with Mr. LaRue and provided him with requested information. Mr. Bear responded yes.

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2. Cove Road – Supervisor Horney asked Mr. Bear if he’s heard anything about the closing of Cove Road for construction and re-routing of traffic. Mr. Bear responded that he has not heard anything but he will contact VDOT.
3. Cemetery and Beasley Estate – Supervisor McRoberts asked Mr. Bear for an update about the cemetery. Mr. Bear stated that information was sent to the Commissioner who thoroughly researched this. The cemetery still appears to be part of the AK Beasley Estate, as there is no documentation supporting a transfer of ownership. Mr. Bear explained this to the landowner today.
4. APEX Rodeo Event – Supervisor Cook commented that he went to APEX for the Rodeo event. He said it was a great event and very well attended (“100 kids out there having a ball”).
5. APEX RC Car Event – Chair Vaught said he and Supervisor Terry were discussing the RC Car Event and the videos of the recent event looked great. The APEX Center allows for a very big track, and this type of event draws people from all up and down the east coast.
6. WCPS Meal Plan – Supervisor Cook stated that we are in unprecedented times right now. Parents are at work while the kids are left at home. Many of those kids may not have someone to provide them with a hot meal. In his opinion, the WCPS Meal Plan is not contributing to parents not adequately parenting. Vice Chair Lawson agreed.
7. APEX Rodeo Event – Supervisor Smith echoed Supervisor Cook’s comments about the Rodeo. It was an excellent event and promoted competitive sportsmanship. He said the event was enjoyed by both kids and parents.
8. WCPS Meal Plan – Supervisor Smith said that anytime we can invest in our children, and help feed the children, he will fully support it.
9. Lots Gap Road – Supervisor Smith said he and the residents appreciate VDOT taking care of the ditch issue but there remains a problem with the sand running off.
10. Peppers Ferry Road Mowing – Supervisor Smith commented that mowing needs to be done on Peppers Ferry Road as well as other roads throughout the County. The grass growing on the side of these roads is getting out of control and may

soon cause accidents. Mr. Bear commented that one person per vehicle (COVID restrictions) is causing the delay.

- 11. Racetrack Issues – Chair Vaught also received a few calls about the racetrack noise. This has been discussed before. The Noise Ordinance should serve as a reminder to be a good neighbor but appreciates if Mr. Bear would contact the racetrack again.

CLOSED MEETING

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to enter into Closed Meeting under Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711-A.1, Discussion of Personnel Matters (Assistant County Administrator, Emergency Management Coordinator, Finance, Registrar); Section 2.2-3711-A.7, Consultation with Legal Counsel (Performance Agreements).

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 McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to return to open meeting.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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|-------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 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 Terry made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to adopt the following Resolution certifying the business conducted in closed meeting as follows:

**RESOLUTION
CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

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

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

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

The roll call vote was as follows:

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|-------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 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

PERSONNEL MATTERS

1. Part-Time Registrar – Vice Chair Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to authorize increase in part-time registrar compensation to \$12/hour.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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|-------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 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 Director – Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to amend contract with Finance Director allowing for a 3% increase in compensation, and approve the carryover of unused leave.

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

RECESS

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to recess until Monday, September 14, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

RECONVENE

The Board reconvened on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Brian W. Vaught, Chair | Coy L. McRoberts |
| Ryan M. Lawson, Vice Chair | James D. "Jamie" Smith |
| Rolland R. Cook | Stacy A. Terry (<i>arrived late</i>) |
| B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr. | |

STAFF PRESENT:

Stephen D. Bear, County Administrator
Martha Collins, Administrative Assistant/Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Vaught determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

CLOSED MEETING

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

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stacy A. Terry (*arrived late*)

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, 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 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

RECESS

The Board recessed until Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

RECONVENE

The Board reconvened on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Stephen D. Bear, County Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Vaught determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

CLOSED MEETING

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to enter into Closed Meeting under Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711-A.1, Discussion of Personnel Matters (Assistant County Administrator).

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ryan M. Lawson
James D. "Jamie" Smith

Stacy A. Terry

NAYS: None

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Vaught adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:05 p.m.

Brian W. Vaught, Chair