

February 23, 2021

The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 23, 2021. 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
Rolland R. Cook
B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ryan M. Lawson, Vice Chair

STAFF PRESENT:

Stephen D. Bear, County Administrator
Matthew C. Hankins, Assistant County Administrator
Scot Farthing, County Attorney
Martha Collins, Administrative Assistant/Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT:

Barry Ayers
Jim & Dee Ennis
Charlie Foster
Lori Guynn
Warren Gwynn

Gus Kincer
Zach Lester
Linda Meyer
Kathy Vaught
Zach Wright

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Vaught called back to order the February 9, 2021 meeting that was recessed, and then adjourned that meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Chair Vaught determined that a quorum was present and called the February 23, 2021 meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Bishop Warren Gwynn, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, provided the invocation and Supervisor Cook led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS' TIME

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

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Chair Vaught took a moment to extend birthday wishes to both Mr. Gus Kincer and Ms. Linda Meyer.

PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on February 23, 2021, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30108777-30108970 as follows:

**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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| CHECK # | ISSUE DATE | VENDOR | AMOUNT |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 30108777 | 02/17/2021 | APPALACHIAN POWER | \$ 37,534.04 |
| 30108778 | 02/17/2021 | CENTURYLINK | 39.98 |
| 30108779 | 02/17/2021 | CENTURYLINK | 49.99 |
| 30108780 | 02/17/2021 | CENTURYLINK | 66.59 |
| 30108781 | 02/17/2021 | CENTURYLINK | 121.01 |
| 30108782 | 02/17/2021 | CENTURYLINK | 121.01 |
| 30108783 | 02/17/2021 | CENTURYLINK | 330.00 |
| 30108784 | 02/17/2021 | TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE | 6,598.35 |
| 30108785 | 02/17/2021 | VIRGINIA RESOURCES AUTHOR | 91,763.27 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES 02/17/2021 | | | \$ 136,624.24 |

| CHECK # | ISSUE DATE | VENDOR | AMOUNT |
|----------------|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| 30108786 | 02/23/2021 | ADDISON JOHN M | \$ 503.28 |
| 30108787 | 02/23/2021 | ARNOLD TAMRA EUGENIA | 20.00 |
| 30108788 | 02/23/2021 | AYERS TRACY DIANNE | 20.00 |
| 30108789 | 02/23/2021 | BENDA GERTRUDE BEER | 20.00 |
| 30108790 | 02/23/2021 | BERTHOLOMEY BRIAN L & SHE | 54.00 |
| 30108791 | 02/23/2021 | BERTHOLOMEY BRIAN L & SHE | 54.00 |
| 30108792 | 02/23/2021 | BERTHOLOMEY BRIAN L & SHE | 56.70 |
| 30108793 | 02/23/2021 | BERTHOLOMEY BRIAN L & SHE | 938.52 |
| 30108794 | 02/23/2021 | BLAIR MORGAN P | 457.92 |
| 30108795 | 02/23/2021 | BLEVINS MELISSA DAWN | 704.70 |
| 30108796 | 02/23/2021 | BLUE RIDGE MEDICAL TRANSP | 20.00 |
| 30108797 | 02/23/2021 | BREWER ROBERT W EST | 1,209.21 |
| 30108798 | 02/23/2021 | BREWSTER JAMES E | 1,278.16 |

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| 30108799 | 02/23/2021 | BRIDGETRUST TITLE GROUP | 213.03 |
| 30108800 | 02/23/2021 | BROWN NICOLE L | 454.68 |
| 30108801 | 02/23/2021 | BUCK AARON MICHAEL | 20.00 |
| 30108802 | 02/23/2021 | CASSELL BARBARA F | 378.00 |
| 30108803 | 02/23/2021 | CHRISLEY BENJAMIN WILLIAM | 20.00 |
| 30108804 | 02/23/2021 | CHRISLEY DESIREE N | 787.86 |
| 30108805 | 02/23/2021 | CLARK DALE M & DEBBIE D | 2,518.56 |
| 30108806 | 02/23/2021 | CLINE TINA D | 7.56 |
| 30108807 | 02/23/2021 | CLINE TINA D | 1,068.66 |
| 30108808 | 02/23/2021 | COLBERT KIMBERLY JOAN | 20.00 |
| 30108809 | 02/23/2021 | COLLINS JAMIE ELBERT & AM | 1,549.58 |
| 30108810 | 02/23/2021 | CONDUFF CHARLES THOMAS | 20.00 |
| 30108811 | 02/23/2021 | CREGGER PENNY DAVIS | 205.03 |
| 30108812 | 02/23/2021 | CRIGGER JODY N & GOLDIE I | 28.08 |
| 30108813 | 02/23/2021 | CRIGGER JODY NATHANIEL | 95.58 |
| 30108814 | 02/23/2021 | DALTON VIRGIL DOUGLAS | 20.00 |
| 30108815 | 02/23/2021 | DEBORD DEBRA SUE | 40.00 |
| 30108816 | 02/23/2021 | DUNFORD JAMES DEWEY JR | 647.65 |
| 30108817 | 02/23/2021 | ENTERPRISE FM TRUST | 1,976.86 |
| 30108818 | 02/23/2021 | FAMILY HEALTHCARE OF | 1,256.00 |
| 30108819 | 02/23/2021 | FISHER MICHAEL & VERNA M | 2,250.18 |
| 30108820 | 02/23/2021 | FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY | 615.66 |
| 30108821 | 02/23/2021 | FUNK NICHOLAS | 522.18 |
| 30108822 | 02/23/2021 | GROSECLOSE LINDA LOUISE | 40.00 |
| 30108823 | 02/23/2021 | GRUBB ROGER DEAN | 420.66 |
| 30108824 | 02/23/2021 | HALL JR LARRY M | 738.72 |
| 30108825 | 02/23/2021 | HATAWAY JAMES CHRISTOPHER | 958.64 |
| 30108826 | 02/23/2021 | HATHAWAY ANDREA | 144.18 |
| 30108827 | 02/23/2021 | HATHAWAY JAMES C | 29.16 |
| 30108828 | 02/23/2021 | HESS ETHAN S | 20.00 |
| 30108829 | 02/23/2021 | HILLIER JAY D | 378.54 |
| 30108830 | 02/23/2021 | HOLBROOK DANNY WALLACE | 20.00 |
| 30108831 | 02/23/2021 | HONDA LEASE TRUST | 425.40 |
| 30108832 | 02/23/2021 | HORTON SANDRA K | 487.42 |
| 30108833 | 02/23/2021 | HOUNSHELL WALKER CLAYTON | 20.00 |
| 30108834 | 02/23/2021 | HULL KEITH EDWARD | 20.00 |
| 30108835 | 02/23/2021 | IRVIN SAMUEL C | 20.00 |
| 30108836 | 02/23/2021 | IRVIN SAMUEL C | 20.00 |
| 30108837 | 02/23/2021 | JACKSON DANNY PAUL | 20.00 |

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| 30108838 | 02/23/2021 | JAMES JR GEORGE FRENCH | 20.00 |
| 30108839 | 02/23/2021 | JENNINGS JACK L | 861.84 |
| 30108840 | 02/23/2021 | JOHNSON HYLEA MARIE | 20.00 |
| 30108841 | 02/23/2021 | JONES MICHAEL DAVIS | 20.00 |
| 30108842 | 02/23/2021 | JUSTUS EUGENE | 20.00 |
| 30108843 | 02/23/2021 | KERR KATHERINE ANN | 20.00 |
| 30108844 | 02/23/2021 | KICHLINE KRISTY BOWMAN | 20.00 |
| 30108845 | 02/23/2021 | KING ALLISON PAIGE | 20.00 |
| 30108846 | 02/23/2021 | KING N STANLEY JR | 2,982.61 |
| 30108847 | 02/23/2021 | KING SHANNON M | 654.48 |
| 30108848 | 02/23/2021 | KNACK FREDRICK HUNT | 110.71 |
| 30108849 | 02/23/2021 | LEONARD JOHNNY RICHARD | 20.00 |
| 30108850 | 02/23/2021 | LITTON ROBERT W III | 1,044.90 |
| 30108851 | 02/23/2021 | MATHIS ZOE MICHELLE | 20.00 |
| 30108852 | 02/23/2021 | MCDANIEL JONATHAN DAVID | 1,502.28 |
| 30108853 | 02/23/2021 | MECIMORE JAMES SCOTT | 20.00 |
| 30108854 | 02/23/2021 | METZGER EUGENE JOHN & | 650.70 |
| 30108855 | 02/23/2021 | MILLER GERHARD | 770.04 |
| 30108856 | 02/23/2021 | MONAHAN JACK B | 20.00 |
| 30108857 | 02/23/2021 | MOORE JONATHAN DAVID | 974.75 |
| 30108858 | 02/23/2021 | MOREHEAD JOSEPH HAROLD | 20.00 |
| 30108859 | 02/23/2021 | NOLAN DELORES EDGE | 20.00 |
| 30108860 | 02/23/2021 | NOWLIN CHERYL RENEE | 20.00 |
| 30108861 | 02/23/2021 | NUNLEY JUDY LANE | 20.00 |
| 30108862 | 02/23/2021 | PACK DANA RICHARD | 550.76 |
| 30108863 | 02/23/2021 | PACK DANA RICHARD | 606.96 |
| 30108864 | 02/23/2021 | PACK DANA RICHARD | 606.96 |
| 30108865 | 02/23/2021 | PACK DANA RICHARD | 606.96 |
| 30108866 | 02/23/2021 | PARKS RICHARD H & KATHLEE | 611.03 |
| 30108867 | 02/23/2021 | PARKS RICHARD H & KATHLEE | 673.38 |
| 30108868 | 02/23/2021 | PARKS RICHARD H & KATHLEE | 673.38 |
| 30108869 | 02/23/2021 | POLLARD LINDA CAROLINE | 20.00 |
| 30108870 | 02/23/2021 | POOLE JAMES FREDERICK & | 75.00 |
| 30108871 | 02/23/2021 | POOLE JAMES FREDERICK & | 495.18 |
| 30108872 | 02/23/2021 | PRICKETT ALBERTA | 590.22 |
| 30108873 | 02/23/2021 | PUNTURI JEREMY ALAN | 20.00 |
| 30108874 | 02/23/2021 | PUTNEY KATHERINE W | 884.52 |
| 30108875 | 02/23/2021 | RASH MONIQUE SHANTAE | 30.00 |
| 30108876 | 02/23/2021 | RICHARDSON RICHARD JAMES | 10.00 |

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| 30108877 | 02/23/2021 | ROWE HEATHER | 20.00 |
| 30108878 | 02/23/2021 | SAWYERS II EARL R | 20.00 |
| 30108879 | 02/23/2021 | SCHRAM BYRON ALTON | 20.00 |
| 30108880 | 02/23/2021 | SCOTT DOVIE INAPHA | 20.00 |
| 30108881 | 02/23/2021 | SHELTON CALLIE EDWARDS | 20.00 |
| 30108882 | 02/23/2021 | SHREWSBURY BARBARA ANN WA | 20.00 |
| 30108883 | 02/23/2021 | SHUMATE EDITH M | 20.00 |
| 30108884 | 02/23/2021 | ST CLAIR DARRELL | 20.00 |
| 30108885 | 02/23/2021 | STEPHENS JACQUELINE DIANE | 20.00 |
| 30108886 | 02/23/2021 | STOCKTON GILBERT WAYNE & | 790.56 |
| 30108887 | 02/23/2021 | STOOTS CARLTON THEODORE | 20.00 |
| 30108888 | 02/23/2021 | SUTPHIN EVELYN MAE | 20.00 |
| 30108889 | 02/23/2021 | SUTPHIN EVELYN MAE | 49.66 |
| 30108890 | 02/23/2021 | TAYLOR DONALD M & YVONNE | 665.82 |
| 30108891 | 02/23/2021 | TOKYO JP SEAFOOD & STEAKH | 489.24 |
| 30108892 | 02/23/2021 | TRIPLE M HARVESTING | 302.00 |
| 30108893 | 02/23/2021 | VAUGHAN MARYLN KENT | 20.00 |
| 30108894 | 02/23/2021 | WELLS JACKIE GRANT & LIND | 673.92 |
| 30108895 | 02/23/2021 | WILLIAMS VALARIE S | 20.00 |
| 30108896 | 02/23/2021 | WRIGHT STEPHEN | 575.16 |
| 30108897 | 02/23/2021 | WYTHE COUNTY COMMUNITY | 576.26 |
| 30108898 | 02/23/2021 | AGA | 105.00 |
| 30108899 | 02/23/2021 | ALL AROUND SPORTING GOODS | 1,500.00 |
| 30108900 | 02/23/2021 | ALPHA & OMEGA REPAR SERVI | 5,430.24 |
| 30108901 | 02/23/2021 | AMAZON | 387.97 |
| 30108902 | 02/23/2021 | ANCHOR SALES AND SERVICE, | 2,680.10 |
| 30108903 | 02/23/2021 | APPALACHIAN JUVENILE COMM | 2,800.00 |
| 30108904 | 02/23/2021 | APPALACHIAN POWER | 772.95 |
| 30108905 | 02/23/2021 | ASSOC OF DISTRICT COURT J | 60.00 |
| 30108906 | 02/23/2021 | AYERS & SONS SEPTIC LLC | 687.50 |
| 30108907 | 02/23/2021 | BEVERLY SUTHERS | 187.50 |
| 30108908 | 02/23/2021 | BKT UNIFORMS | 126.98 |
| 30108909 | 02/23/2021 | BRENNTAG MID-SOUTH INC | 1,911.89 |
| 30108910 | 02/23/2021 | BROWN EXTERMINATING CO | 375.00 |
| 30108911 | 02/23/2021 | CDW GOVERNMENT | 888.66 |
| 30108912 | 02/23/2021 | COMM OF REV ASSOC OF VA | 100.00 |
| 30108913 | 02/23/2021 | COMMUNITY ANIMAL CLINIC I | 130.45 |
| 30108914 | 02/23/2021 | COMPLETE TRUCK SERVICE IN | 2,389.50 |
| 30108915 | 02/23/2021 | COULTER'S FLORIST INC | 65.00 |

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| 30108916 | 02/23/2021 | CSG SYSTEMS, INC | 4,190.65 |
| 30108917 | 02/23/2021 | DESIGN NINE INC | 12,916.67 |
| 30108918 | 02/23/2021 | DIVERSIFIED INTEGRATION I | 332.50 |
| 30108919 | 02/23/2021 | DUKE'S PRINTING | 601.40 |
| 30108920 | 02/23/2021 | ENTERPRISE FM TRUST | 6,246.62 |
| 30108921 | 02/23/2021 | EPIC SPORTS | 128.72 |
| 30108922 | 02/23/2021 | F&R ELECTRIC INC | 7,335.00 |
| 30108923 | 02/23/2021 | FARTHING, SCOT S | 2,405.00 |
| 30108924 | 02/23/2021 | FERGUSON ENTERPRISES #5 | 23.10 |
| 30108925 | 02/23/2021 | FN WHOLESALE LIGHTING & S | 219.00 |
| 30108926 | 02/23/2021 | FOOD COUNTRY | 6.77 |
| 30108927 | 02/23/2021 | GENUINE PARTS COMPANY | 403.59 |
| 30108928 | 02/23/2021 | GREATAMERICA FINANCIAL SE | 153.00 |
| 30108929 | 02/23/2021 | INTERSTATE RESCUE LLC | 1,215.00 |
| 30108930 | 02/23/2021 | JOINT IDA OF WYTHE COUNTY | 200,000.00 |
| 30108931 | 02/23/2021 | JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE AUTH | 2.60 |
| 30108932 | 02/23/2021 | KC AUTOMOTIVE | 20.00 |
| 30108933 | 02/23/2021 | LANE GROUP | 12,500.00 |
| 30108934 | 02/23/2021 | MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVI | 2,023.00 |
| 30108935 | 02/23/2021 | LEAD MINES RESCUE SQUAD | 15,072.20 |
| 30108936 | 02/23/2021 | LOWE'S | 1,220.11 |
| 30108937 | 02/23/2021 | MANSFIELD OIL CO | 4,642.01 |
| 30108938 | 02/23/2021 | MCI COMM SERVICE | 38.52 |
| 30108939 | 02/23/2021 | MCI COMM SERVICE | 129.86 |
| 30108940 | 02/23/2021 | MCI COMM SERVICE | 850.93 |
| 30108941 | 02/23/2021 | MEREDITH'S GARAGE | 59.00 |
| 30108942 | 02/23/2021 | QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC | 837.91 |
| 30108943 | 02/23/2021 | NEW RIVER REGIONAL WATER | 57,048.64 |
| 30108944 | 02/23/2021 | NEW RIVER VALLEY JUVENILE | 7,750.00 |
| 30108945 | 02/23/2021 | OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDIC | 40.00 |
| 30108946 | 02/23/2021 | PIONEER PROPERTIES LLC | 1,000.00 |
| 30108947 | 02/23/2021 | PAPER CLIP | 2,999.78 |
| 30108948 | 02/23/2021 | R&C TOWING & REPAIR CO | 176.96 |
| 30108949 | 02/23/2021 | R&R ENTERPRISES INC | 135.00 |
| 30108950 | 02/23/2021 | R&R SEPTIC | 60.00 |
| 30108951 | 02/23/2021 | R.E. MICHEL COMPANY, LLC | 10.76 |
| 30108952 | 02/23/2021 | RIDDELL | 909.72 |
| 30108953 | 02/23/2021 | RURAL RETREAT VOL EMERG S | 15,072.20 |
| 30108954 | 02/23/2021 | SOUTHWESTERN EQUIPMENT | 101.36 |

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| 30108955 | 02/23/2021 | THOMPSON TIRE | 1,067.08 |
| 30108956 | 02/23/2021 | TIDEWATER FLEET SUPPLY LL | 615.30 |
| 30108957 | 02/23/2021 | TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE | 125,000.00 |
| 30108958 | 02/23/2021 | TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY | 219.41 |
| 30108959 | 02/23/2021 | TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNA | 75.00 |
| 30108960 | 02/23/2021 | TREASURER OF VIRGINIA | 1,760.96 |
| 30108961 | 02/23/2021 | TREASURER OF VIRGINIA | 8,026.96 |
| 30108962 | 02/23/2021 | TRI CITIES/SW VA REGIONAL | 359.20 |
| 30108963 | 02/23/2021 | TWO WAY RADIO | 1,043.00 |
| 30108964 | 02/23/2021 | VERIZON WIRELESS | 160.20 |
| 30108965 | 02/23/2021 | VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYST | 143.69 |
| 30108966 | 02/23/2021 | VIRGINIA COUNCIL OF JUVEN | 50.00 |
| 30108967 | 02/23/2021 | VIRGINIA INTERACTIVE | 95.00 |
| 30108968 | 02/23/2021 | WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER | 548.76 |
| 30108969 | 02/23/2021 | WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY | 1,349.00 |
| 30108970 | 02/23/2021 | XEROX | 210.28 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES 02/23/2021 | | | \$564,703.80 |

TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 02/23/2021 **\$701,328.04**

Supervisor Terry seconded the motion and 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. |
| | James D. "Jamie" Smith | Stacy A. Terry |

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ryan M. Lawson

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board was presented with the amended February 9, 2021 minutes for approval. The amendment adjourned that meeting after it was recessed.

Supervisor Cook made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to approve the February 9, 2021 minutes as amended.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Brian W. Vaught B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
 Rolland R. Cook Stacy A. Terry
 Coy L. McRoberts

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: James D. "Jamie" Smith

ABSENT: Ryan M. Lawson

RULES OF PROCEDURE AMENDMENT

Mr. Bear stated that Section 5.3.1 of the Rules of Procedure has been added to allow for electronic participation during disasters or state of emergencies in order to ensure continuity of government.

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to approve the amended Rules of Procedure.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ryan M. Lawson

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, Lori Guynn, appeared before the Board and reported the following:

1. Revenue Statement – Mrs. Guynn reported that the Consolidated Account was comprised of \$71,738,925 of which \$48,942,024 was in the General Fund Account at the end of January. Much of the increase is due to tax collections.

2. Delinquent Notices – The Treasurer's Office is working on the delinquent notices and anticipates getting them out in late March. Mrs. Guynn said that as residents are receiving their income tax refunds, they are coming in to pay their outstanding taxes.

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3. Delinquent Real Estate Taxes – Mrs. Guynn reported that they've been sending parcels to collection attorneys in order to collect the delinquent real estate taxes. A notice was published in the Enterprise in January and was also shared on Facebook. As a result, many people have contacted their attorneys to either pay in full or to set up a payment plan. Mrs. Guynn said there is around \$400k in outstanding real estate taxes.
4. Dog Tags – Chair Vaught asked if it's worthwhile to work with the local veterinarians regarding the purchase of dog tags.

Mrs. Guynn mentioned that Pulaski has an agreement with their vets where they get a small portion for every dog tag they sell. The Treasurer believes that all but one of our local vets would be interested in doing this. She added that those vets are good about sending her vaccination notices as required by State Code. But there are definitely challenges with the current computer system tracking this information.

5. Airbnb/VRBO – Mrs. Guynn noted that there are several rental properties around the County that are not paying lodging tax. She will begin researching this more to find ownership and notify them of the required tax.
6. Meals Tax – Mrs. Vaught added that of the 40 restaurants, 16 have already paid the meals tax at the new rate.

COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE 2020 REPORT

Mrs. Kathy Vaught, Commissioner of the Revenue, provided the Board with the 2020 Revenue Report.

Mr. Bear noted that real estate has increased by \$106k and personal property increased by \$188k (up through January 1, 2020). Machinery/tools showed an increase of \$147k and public service increased by the smallest increment of \$2,600. Overall, January 2020 values are about 2% higher than values at January 2019, which is better than what they anticipated.

Chair Vaught mentioned the reassessment going on now, and that it is required by law to be done every five years. This does NOT have to do with raising taxes but rather to bring properties up to market value.

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. APEX Center Heater Repairs – Supervisor Cook made a motion, as recommended by the Building & Grounds Committee, to authorize the B&G Department to make the necessary heater repairs at the Appalachian Regional Exposition Center provided the APEX Authority pays for the supplies.

Mr. Bear explained that the heaters (located over the bleachers), although installed per design, didn't take into account the amount of dust being circulated. As such, filters need to be added, heaters will be relocated, piping installed for outside air, and infrared heat adjusted. The Authority will purchase the necessary supplies.

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. |
| | James D. "Jamie" Smith | |

NAYS: Stacy A. Terry

ABSENT: Ryan M. Lawson

2. Progress Park Grazing Lease Agreement – Supervisor Cook made a motion, as recommended by the Building & Grounds Committee, to amend the Progress Park Grazing Lease Agreement to add Lot #20 for an annual payment of \$2,360. The rental rate was calculated by the per acre price of current lease multiplied by the acreage of Lot 20.

Mr. Bear added that Lot 20 is the parcel the County got back from Branch Botanicals, and will be added to the current grazing lease at the same rate as the rest of the lots.

Supervisor McRoberts asked if Lot 20 is going to the same person who leased before.

Mr. Bear and the Chair confirmed that it is.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ryan M. Lawson

CONSENT CALENDAR

Supervisor Terry made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

1. PAYROLL – January 2021:

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| General County Fund | \$ | 562,548.58 |
| Police Activity Fund | | 47,814.66 |
| Courthouse Security Fund | | 14,009.73 |
| Water Department Fund | | 22,187.69 |
| Wythe County Wastewater Fund | | 23,737.72 |
| TOTAL | \$ | 670,298.38 |

Check Numbers: 2001020-2001030; 2001035-2001046

Voucher Numbers: 15541-15698; 15704-15866

2. STATUS REPORTS:

- A. Animal Control – Arlan Dunford
- B. Building Inspection – Kyle Taylor
- C. Dispatch – Darlene Lang
- D. Emergency Services – Jimmy McCabe
- E. Finance – Regina Williams
- F. Parks & Recreation – Kevin Williams

3. PERSONNEL:

- A. Lawrence, Donna – Hired, Full-time Deputy Clerk, Clerk of Circuit Court, Annual Salary \$26,972, Effective January 1, 2021
- B. Coleman, Robert – Resigned, Full-time Sheriff Deputy, Effective January 16, 2021

- C. Crowder, Santana – Hired, Full-time Communications, Annual Salary \$28,560, Effective January 16, 2021
- D. Holmes, Meagan – Hired, Full-time Communications, Annual Salary \$26,000, Effective January 26, 2021
- E. Erickson, Steven – Resigned, Full-time Debris Collections, Effective January 31, 2021
- F. Riggins, Ricky – Hired, Full-time Facilities Maintenance, Annual Salary \$30,836, Effective February 1, 2021
- G. Woods, Kelly – Promoted, Full-time Staff Accountant, Annual Salary \$44,342, Effective February 1, 2021

4. BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

- A. \$2,129.44 (2201-470012) – Commonwealth Attorney, Purchase of Two Laptops, Transfer approved 12/22/20
- B. \$3,583.66 (3102-461250) – Sheriff Office, Auto Claim, 2017 Ford Explorer (VIN3544)

Supervisor Horney seconded the motion and 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. |
| | James D. "Jamie" Smith | Stacy A. Terry |

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ryan M. Lawson

GOVDEALS SURPLUS AUCTIONS

Mrs. Collins provided the Board with a list of vehicles auctioned on Govdeals.com and requested approval of the high bids.

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts, to accept the surplus auction bids as presented.

Supervisor Terry asked if the Board would consider using some of the law enforcement surplus vehicles at the schools for presence, rather than sell them. He said the Sheriff's Office indicated they would be agreeable.

Chief Deputy Foster reported they have between 6-8 surplus vehicles, two of which are being driven, two are inoperable and the County is welcome to use the others. He confirmed the vehicles are at "end of life".

Mr. Bear said we'd have to keep insurance on the vehicles and asked who would fund that.

Chief Deputy Foster said they would need to further discuss.

Mr. Bear suggested approving the sale of these vehicles then compile an inventory of all other surplus for the Budget Committee to review and address.

Chair Vaught mentioned that the School Board pays for maintenance and gas on SRO vehicles, and perhaps they'd be willing to also pay for these vehicles to have that presence on school property.

Supervisor Smith said if more vehicles will soon be available, then it seems best to approve the current auction bids and work out details later for the additional surplus.

Mr. Bear also commented that the funds from the auction of fire/ambulance would go into the reserves for same.

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

ABSENT: Ryan M. Lawson

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – TRANSFER REQUESTS

1. Electronic Summons Funds – Mr. Bear stated these are straight-forward requests but if anyone prefers they go to the Budget Committee first, that's not an issue.

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to approve the transfer of \$992.81 from the Electronic Summons to the PAF, and to amend and appropriate same to Police Supplies.

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

ABSENT: Ryan M. Lawson

2. Concealed Weapons Funds – Chair Vaught stated this is a request to transfer \$65k from Concealed Weapons Permits to the PAF, and amend and appropriate same to Motor Vehicles and Equipment. The purpose of this transfer is to offset the expense (pre-paid lease) for two 2021 Chevrolet Silverados and equipment.

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to approve the transfer from Concealed Weapons Permits to the PAF, to amend and appropriate same to Motor Vehicles & Equipment, and to authorize the Sheriff to proceed with a pre-paid lease.

Supervisor Horney asked how long it's taken to build up \$65k in the Concealed Weapons Permits.

Chief Deputy replied that it probably took about two years, and that this past year was very good.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Brian W. Vaught

ABSENT: Ryan M. Lawson

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

1. Interstate 81 Exit 77 / Exit 80 Interchange Alternative Study – Mr. Bear stated this is for information only, that VDOT is conducting transportation planning work for Exits 77 and 80. VDOT has developed a project website where residents can learn more about these projects and provide feedback.

2. DEQ – New River Regional Water Authority Withdrawal Reissuance Requested – Mr. Bear commented the Water Authority is applying for a reissuance of their withdrawal permit. Currently, they are permitted to withdraw 10M gallons, and it is critical to keep that level. Mr. Bear requests the Board authorize the Chairman to sign a letter to DEQ in support of the withdrawal reissuance.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to authorize the NRRWA Chairman to sign letter to DEQ supporting the reissuance of the withdrawal permit.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ryan M. Lawson

3. Memorandum of Agreement – Clarification of Emergency Services Agreement with the Town of Wytheville – Mr. Bear said this relates to the prior approval of

Agenacare Housecalls operating in Wythe County. For clarification purposes, and at the request of the Town of Wytheville, points #1 and #2 have been removed from the agreement. County Attorney has reviewed and approved this Memorandum of Agreement.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement clarifying the Emergency Services Agreement with the Town of Wytheville.

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. |
| | James D. "Jamie" Smith | Stacy A. Terry |

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ryan M. Lawson

4. Proposed Mount Rogers Cigarette Tax Board – Mr. Bear provided the Board with a proposed agreement relating to the formation of a regional board for all localities to review. This agreement covers membership, duties, costs/expenses, enforcement, oversight etc. This is not actually "implementing" the tax just yet; rather, this starts the process of creating the regional tax board. We now need to agree to join the proposed Mount Rogers Cigarette Tax Board which would require an order necessitating a public hearing.

Supervisor McRoberts asked about staffing and enforcement.

Mr. Bear responded that in northern Virginia, they have five people on staff who oversee 1,500 retailers. He said we don't anticipate more than one full-time and one part-time for Wythe County.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to set the public hearing to consider an ordinance for the Mount Rogers Cigarette Tax Board on March 23, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

BROADBAND

Mr. Hankins advised that the proposal process will likely take 3-4 months before we can enter into an agreement. It is anticipated that the RFP will go out in the next week.

Chair Vaught believes that the House and Senate budgets include broadband expansion money.

Mr. Hankins responded that whomever we partner with for broadband, they will help us go after that funding.

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

Mr. Hankins reported that the offer we extended to a candidate was, unfortunately, rejected as the candidate was offered a promotion by their current employer. As such, we will continue the search for a qualified candidate.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT

County Attorney Scot Farthing did not have anything new to report unless the Board had any questions; none did.

SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

1. Speedwell Roads – Supervisor Horney was pleased to report that when he left Speedwell, workers were sweeping the roads trying to keep the mud out.
2. Trash – Supervisor McRoberts raised concern about trash in the Foster Falls area.

Mr. Bear replied that there are probably around four different places currently being looked at; a summons is being issued on one; a couple of properties have court dates in March; and the Adams property is a delinquent tax sale. He will confirm this with Mr. Dunford and update Supervisor McRoberts tomorrow.

3. Convenience Centers PPE – Supervisor Cook asked for an update.

Mr. Bear responded that Mr. Bowers will be speaking with V&M about providing PPE to the workers at the convenience centers. If we need to help supply them with COVID-related protection, we will.

4. Thank You – Supervisor Smith thanked everyone for their prayers and support during this incredibly difficult time, and asked that people continue to pray for them.
5. Govdeals Auction – Chair Vaught thanked Mrs. Collins for the work she does on the Govdeals auctions.
6. Road Concern – Chair Vaught raised his concern previously with Mr. Bear and the situation has already been taken care of, and the citizen is very pleased.
7. Water Issue in Speedwell – Chair Vaught was alerted to a water issue in the Speedwell District where the landowner is in jail (the call actually came from someone living in the Blacklick District). He extended this thanks to Mr. Bear and Mrs. Wynn for rectifying the situation. The Water Committee may need to review cases where homeowner is incarcerated and not readily available to sign the water contract.
8. Trash Pickup – Chair Vaught said we really need to get the trash pickup program back up and running. He will raise the issue at the next Authority meeting to see if the trustees can help.

RECESS

The Board recessed until Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. for a Joint Work Session with the Appalachian Regional Exposition Center Authority.

RECONVENE

Due to rescheduling of the February 25, 2021 Joint Work Session with the APEX Authority, the Board reconvened on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian W. Vaught, Chair

Ryan M. Lawson, Vice Chair

Rolland R. Cook

B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.

Coy L. McRoberts

James D. "Jamie" Smith

Stacy A. Terry

STAFF PRESENT:

Stephen D. Bear, County Administrator

Matt Hankins, Assistant County Administrator

Martha Collins, Administrative Assistant/Clerk

APEX AUTHORITY PRESENT:

Brad Hughes, Chair

Betsy Gillman, Vice Chair

Cory Aker

Barry Arnold

Shannon Ball

Bob Litton

Tam Topham

APEX STAFF PRESENT:

Jenna Lewis, Office Manager

OTHERS PRESENT:

Gary Gillman

Megan Schwandt

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Vaught determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at approximately 5:35 p.m.

JOINT WORK SESSION

Mr. Brad Hughes, Chair of the APEX Authority, provided a brief commentary on the current status of the APEX Center. The Authority shared information highlighting the impact of COVID-19 on their operations and finances. The Authority presented their funding request for FY22 to address their operational and lease payment requirements.

The Board of Supervisors voiced their concerns about the financial situation.

The Board and the Authority discussed some of the capital needs desired to improve the center and create revenue opportunities.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Vaught adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:42 p.m.

Brian W. Vaught, Chair