

March 9, 2021

The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 9, 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

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

Matthew C. Hankins, Assistant County Administrator

Don Martin, Assistant County Attorney

Martha Collins, Administrative Assistant/Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT:

Karen Akers

Barry Arnold

Jim & Dee Ennis

Mike Forrest

Charlie Foster

Zach Lester

J.C. McPeak

Linda Meyer

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 J.C. McPeak, St. Paul Pentecostal Holiness Church, 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. However, the following was submitted by Mike Forrest to be entered into the official minutes:

"Tonight, you will be meeting with the APEX Authority to discuss the future of the APEX Center. I would like for you to consider some facts about the APEX Center.

1. In FY 2019-20 the APEX year-end financial statement (dated 6/30/2020) shows

March 9, 2021

a "profit" of \$37,102. Also, the APEX financial statements reports that the APEX Center received \$301,144 from Wythe County. Without the monies from Wythe County APEX lost \$204,041 in FY 2020-19.

2. The most recent financial statement (attached) for the APEX Center, dated 1/31/2021, states that the APEX Center, in 7 months, lost \$16,621. This financial statement also shows that APEX received \$100,000 in funds from Wythe County. Without the county money APEX lost \$116,621 in 7 months.

3. According to the APEX Center's website as of this morning, there are only 2 days booked for events for the balance of FY 2020-21. At this point, it appears that APEX will lose approximately a quarter million dollars in the current fiscal year.

Now, some of my opinions on the APEX Center:

1. I believe that the APEX Center was an ill-conceived project from the beginning. The original concept sold to the citizens, was an event center with 3 barns, paved parking and athletic fields with a 6-million-dollar cost. The actual cost is double the original cost projection and the paved parking and athletic fields have not happened.

2. The original premise of the center is that it would generate taxes for the county in the form of occupancy taxes, food taxes and ticket taxes. This most certainly has not happened and, in my opinion, will never happen.

3. The current six-million-dollar plus debt will never be paid by the APEX Center and will be a burden on the taxpayers of Wythe County.

4. If this project had been by a private company, it would be bankrupt by now. No knowledgeable private company would continue to pour money into such a failing project.

5. Tonight, you will probably hear a lot of overly optimistic "hopes and if's" from the APEX authority and some supervisors. I believe that the APEX authority is made up of very good and well-meaning people, however I also believe that the Board of Supervisors and the APEX Authority must be realistic and responsible when spending the Wythe County taxpayers' money.

6. in the past I have listened to the Board of Supervisors debate and limit funding for the safety of the citizens of Wythe County (sheriff's department, fire departments and rescue squads) and the education (schools) of the children of

March 9, 2021

Wythe County. I believe that the monies for APEX would have been better spent on safety and education for the citizens of Wythe County.

7. Tonight, you will probably hear that loses this year are lower because of the pandemic and this is true. However, this does not change the reality that APEX is a losing proposition and that APEX will continue to lose tax-payers' money with or without the pandemic.

8. I strongly urge the Board of Supervisors to sell APEX, take our loses and move forward without contributing additional funding to APEX. Spend our tax-payers' money wisely, recognize past mistakes and go forward with a responsible fiscal plan."

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE TO VACATE PORTION OF ALLEYWAY IN MAX MEADOWS

Chair Vaught read that in compliance with Section 15.2-2204 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 a Twelve-Foot Wide Alleyway in the Community of Max Meadows, Fort Chiswell Magisterial District, Wythe County, Virginia*. The Board of Supervisors will hear comments from citizens concerning the adoption of the proposed ordinance.

With no citizens wishing to speak, Chair Vaught closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Bear provided the Board with a map of the subject alleyway as well as a brief summary. He does not see any issues with the request and, therefore, recommends approval.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to adopt Ordinance 2021-01 discontinuing and vacating a portion of the twelve-foot wide alleyway in the Community of Max Meadows, VA 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	

March 9, 2021

NAYS: None

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

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 McRoberts made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on March 9, 2021, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30108971-30109156 as follows:

EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS March 9, 2021

CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
30108971	03/09/2021	CORELOGIC	\$ 43.20
30108972	03/09/2021	CORELOGIC	89.10
30108973	03/09/2021	CORELOGIC	338.04
30108974	03/09/2021	CORELOGIC	374.22
30108975	03/09/2021	CORELOGIC	455.22
30108976	03/09/2021	CORELOGIC	494.10
30108977	03/09/2021	CORELOGIC	500.90
30108978	03/09/2021	CORELOGIC	519.48
30108979	03/09/2021	CORELOGIC	538.77
30108980	03/09/2021	CORELOGIC	600.48
30108981	03/09/2021	CORELOGIC	737.10
30108982	03/09/2021	CORELOGIC	746.58
30108983	03/09/2021	CORELOGIC	833.76
30108984	03/09/2021	CORELOGIC	861.30
30108985	03/09/2021	CORELOGIC	863.46

March 9, 2021

30108986	03/09/2021	CORELOGIC	863.46
30108987	03/09/2021	CORELOGIC	922.86
30108988	03/09/2021	CORELOGIC	1,151.82
30108989	03/09/2021	CORELOGIC	1,226.34
30108990	03/09/2021	CORELOGIC	1,254.42
30108991	03/09/2021	CORELOGIC	1,926.72
30108992	03/09/2021	FIRST COMMUNITY BANK	53.35
30108993	03/09/2021	ARI FLEET LT	342.56
30108994	03/09/2021	AYERS COLTON DAKOTA & JOA	985.64
30108995	03/09/2021	BAILEY LINDA VENCILL	65.24
30108996	03/09/2021	BLANKENSHIP CAROL SMITH	20.00
30108997	03/09/2021	BOYER ROGER L & JOY	189.86
30108998	03/09/2021	BRADBERRY BRENDA ALLISON	552.96
30108999	03/09/2021	CORVIN GREGORY DEAN	20.00
30109000	03/09/2021	DOBBS JR EDWARD KENNETH	36.00
30109001	03/09/2021	DUNFORD RODNEY S	85.23
30109002	03/09/2021	DUNFORD RODNEY S	120.42
30109003	03/09/2021	DUNFORD RODNEY SHANE	29.79
30109004	03/09/2021	ELLER JOSHUA ALLEN	54.11
30109005	03/09/2021	ENGLEHART CALVIN DOUGLAS	53.02
30109006	03/09/2021	ERVIN KENNY WAYNE	20.00
30109007	03/09/2021	FRAZIER KRISTIE LEIGH	100.98
30109008	03/09/2021	GOVIN EVELYN S	55.08
30109009	03/09/2021	GRUBB CHRISTOPHER M	1,254.42
30109010	03/09/2021	HIPPS KEVIN MATTHEW	31.15
30109011	03/09/2021	HOUSTON NOVELLA	80.38
30109012	03/09/2021	J & L SCRAP REMOVAL & TOW	53.64
30109013	03/09/2021	JACKSON BARBARA	106.92
30109014	03/09/2021	JOHNSON LORRIE R	96.40
30109015	03/09/2021	JOHNSON RUDOLPH MCARTHUR	56.32
30109016	03/09/2021	KELL CAROLYN J	55.77
30109017	03/09/2021	KELLETT SHERRY SLUSS	24.92
30109018	03/09/2021	KING BETTY J	54.49
30109019	03/09/2021	KOGER GARNETT E	37.26
30109020	03/09/2021	LAMBERT DANIEL RAY	41.96
30109021	03/09/2021	LANCASTER MICHAEL BERNARD	10.00
30109022	03/09/2021	LESTER STEPHEN A II	49.14
30109023	03/09/2021	MARTIN REBECCA W	100.00
30109024	03/09/2021	MATNEY ELIZABETH B	43.36

March 9, 2021

30109025	03/09/2021	MCALLISTER MADISON C	60.18
30109026	03/09/2021	MCALLISTER TERRENCE GLENN	55.65
30109027	03/09/2021	MILLER GEORGE N	487.08
30109028	03/09/2021	MINTON ROBBIE C & STACEY	1,049.76
30109029	03/09/2021	MOORE DONALD J & IRIS W	134.20
30109030	03/09/2021	MUNCY RILEY ANN	10.00
30109031	03/09/2021	PAYNE NATHANIEL B & MORGA	368.82
30109032	03/09/2021	PEOPLE VIRGINIA KILLS	40.00
30109033	03/09/2021	PEOPLE VIRGINIA KILLS	56.71
30109034	03/09/2021	PERKINS HARRY LEWIS	40.63
30109035	03/09/2021	PORTER JOHN W	157.53
30109036	03/09/2021	PRIVETT RICHARD GLEN	80.81
30109037	03/09/2021	RAMIREZ RACHEL KRISTINA A	90.00
30109038	03/09/2021	RHINOS LAWN CARE	87.49
30109039	03/09/2021	ROGER KING FARM	44.76
30109040	03/09/2021	SMITH GREG L	133.92
30109041	03/09/2021	SMITH WILLIAM KELTON JR &	474.39
30109042	03/09/2021	SUTHERS BEVERLY W	56.70
30109043	03/09/2021	TEED NELSON JOHN	10.00
30109044	03/09/2021	TOLLEY ROBERT EUGENE	20.02
30109045	03/09/2021	TREASURER OF WYTHE COUNTY	63.19
30109046	03/09/2021	TREASURER OF WYTHE COUNTY	85.74
30109047	03/09/2021	TREASURER OF WYTHE COUNTY	89.09
30109048	03/09/2021	TRIVITT EVELYN	21.88
30109049	03/09/2021	TWEEDIE TRAVIS A & DEBRA	378.54
30109050	03/09/2021	UMBARGER MEIGHA MARIE	10.00
30109051	03/09/2021	UMBERGER JANE P	177.36
30109052	03/09/2021	VIARS JOYCE N	194.94
30109053	03/09/2021	WHEELER GARY ARTHUR	40.00
30109054	03/09/2021	WINGATE JAMIE R	20.00
30109055	03/09/2021	WRIGHT RANDY CRAIG	10.00
30109056	03/09/2021	YOUNG CAROLYN YVONNE	625.32
30109057	03/09/2021	VIRGINIA HOUSING DEVELOPM	565.38
30109058	03/09/2021	WELLS FARGO REAL ESTATE T	191.70
30109059	03/09/2021	WELLS FARGO REAL ESTATE T	459.54
30109060	03/09/2021	ALL AROUND SPORTING GOODS	3,000.00
30109061	03/09/2021	ALLIED INDUSTRIAL PRODUCT	800.20
30109062	03/09/2021	APPALACHIAN POWER	1,449.84
30109063	03/09/2021	ASSOC OF DISTRICT COURT J	60.00

March 9, 2021

30109064	03/09/2021	BEAR, STEPHEN	205.24
30109065	03/09/2021	BLUEFIELD GLASS & INTERIO	6,070.51
30109066	03/09/2021	BUSINESS CARD	2,995.47
30109067	03/09/2021	CARTER, JOSHUA	234.86
30109068	03/09/2021	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	1,536.94
30109069	03/09/2021	CENTURYLINK	49.99
30109070	03/09/2021	CENTURYLINK	51.87
30109071	03/09/2021	CENTURYLINK	52.76
30109072	03/09/2021	CENTURYLINK	98.97
30109073	03/09/2021	CENTURYLINK	123.58
30109074	03/09/2021	CENTURYLINK	146.08
30109075	03/09/2021	CENTURYLINK	248.78
30109076	03/09/2021	CENTURYLINK	315.77
30109077	03/09/2021	CENTURYLINK	3,548.05
30109078	03/09/2021	CITIZENS TELEPHONE COOP	974.95
30109079	03/09/2021	COM TEC	3,300.00
30109080	03/09/2021	CRAIG'S FIREARM SUPPLY	4,932.00
30109081	03/09/2021	CREATIVE GLASS INC	115.00
30109082	03/09/2021	DALY COMPUTERS	554.00
30109083	03/09/2021	DELL MARKETING LP	2,569.50
30109084	03/09/2021	TREASURER OF VIRGINIA	650.00
30109085	03/09/2021	DEPT OF MOTOR VEHICLES	2,800.00
30109086	03/09/2021	DISTRICT THREE	3,890.00
30109087	03/09/2021	DUNFORD, JEAN R	155.00
30109088	03/09/2021	ENTERPRISE FM TRUST	6,196.62
30109089	03/09/2021	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES #5	3,381.13
30109090	03/09/2021	FIRE RESCUE AND TACTICAL	47.00
30109091	03/09/2021	GALLS	162.00
30109092	03/09/2021	GENUINE PARTS COMPANY	308.89
30109093	03/09/2021	GRUBB FUNERAL HOME	1,137.00
30109094	03/09/2021	JASON'S AUTO SERVICE	227.86
30109095	03/09/2021	JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE AUTH	35,891.74
30109096	03/09/2021	JP COOKE CO	89.60
30109097	03/09/2021	KING-MOORE INC	1,059.50
30109098	03/09/2021	KIRBY, EDWIN WAYNE	99.24
30109099	03/09/2021	LEXISNEXIS	217.00
30109100	03/09/2021	LEXISNEXIS	724.00
30109101	03/09/2021	LIFE SAFETY LIGHTING & EM	809.50
30109102	03/09/2021	LOWE'S	578.83

March 9, 2021

30109103	03/09/2021	MANSFIELD OIL CO	5,174.86
30109104	03/09/2021	NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOC	135.00
30109105	03/09/2021	NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL	187,428.30
30109106	03/09/2021	AMY L. SHOOK	58.42
30109107	03/09/2021	BARRY A. HARRINGTON	52.86
30109108	03/09/2021	BRITTANY N CHURCH	79.21
30109109	03/09/2021	CHRISTOPHER L. AKERS	82.24
30109110	03/09/2021	DOUG COOLEY	139.10
30109111	03/09/2021	JAMES MCCABE	14.49
30109112	03/09/2021	JAMILYN SALDIVAR	54.21
30109113	03/09/2021	JEFF E. WRIGHT	67.35
30109114	03/09/2021	KATHY PAKKIDIS	54.21
30109115	03/09/2021	MARIE A COBLE	89.42
30109116	03/09/2021	MARTY AUSTIN	75.00
30109117	03/09/2021	MORGAN HATAWAY	79.21
30109118	03/09/2021	ROBERT W. ROBERTSON	54.21
30109119	03/09/2021	SAVANNAH M DUMMER	54.21
30109120	03/09/2021	TONY & CAROLYN ALEXANDER	54.21
30109121	03/09/2021	PARTNERSHIP SCREENING INT	14.40
30109122	03/09/2021	PITNEY BOWES	151.17
30109123	03/09/2021	PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATIO	15,297.28
30109124	03/09/2021	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	2,282.00
30109125	03/09/2021	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	2,514.00
30109126	03/09/2021	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	11,572.00
30109127	03/09/2021	RURAL RETREAT AUTO PARTS	17.98
30109128	03/09/2021	S&S ENGINEERS INC	13,200.00
30109129	03/09/2021	SALEM STONE	3,580.11
30109130	03/09/2021	SAWYERS, MARTHA A	155.00
30109131	03/09/2021	SOUTHERN REFRIGERATION CO	126.65
30109132	03/09/2021	SOUTHWESTERN VA GAS SERVI	2,805.89
30109133	03/09/2021	SUNTRUST	36,881.92
30109134	03/09/2021	TAKE A BREAK FROM THE INT	500.00
30109135	03/09/2021	TESSCO INC	211.87
30109136	03/09/2021	THOMPSON TIRE	72.93
30109137	03/09/2021	THRASHER GROUP INC	9,800.00
30109138	03/09/2021	THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR COR	3,683.70
30109139	03/09/2021	TREASURY OF VIRGINIA	32,001.00
30109140	03/09/2021	TWO WAY RADIO	210.00
30109141	03/09/2021	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC	12,363.75

March 9, 2021

30109142	03/09/2021	UNIFIRST CORP	197.12
30109143	03/09/2021	V&M RECYCLING	76,874.64
30109144	03/09/2021	VERIZON WIRELESS	2,073.42
30109145	03/09/2021	VEST'S SALES & SERVICE IN	695.00
30109146	03/09/2021	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYST	17.35
30109147	03/09/2021	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYST	604.10
30109148	03/09/2021	VITA	145.26
30109149	03/09/2021	VRPS	109.00
30109150	03/09/2021	VUPS	37.80
30109151	03/09/2021	WAMPLER EANES APPRAISAL G	6,097.50
30109152	03/09/2021	WYTHE CO WATER & WASTEWAT	320.19
30109153	03/09/2021	WYTHE CUSTOM WELDING INC	350.00
30109154	03/09/2021	WYTHE OIL DISTRIBUTORS	828.17
30109155	03/09/2021	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	1,148.50
30109156	03/09/2021	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	574.35
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 03/09/2021			\$549,732.86

TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 03/09/2021 **\$549,732.86**

Supervisor Horney 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 MEETING

The Board was presented with the February 23, 2021 minutes for approval.

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to approve the February 23, 2021 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

BROADBAND PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

Mr. Hankins asked the Board to consider sending this to Budget Committee next week. He said that counsel has recommended expanding the language in the *Guidelines for Public-Private Partnership* to minimize potential legal exposure. The County would still be allowed to apply for VA VATI funding as long as it's done soon.

Mr. Hankins also stated that at the next Board meeting, he will present a draft agreement with the preferred contractor who will be providing the new comprehensive plan.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

1. COVID-19 Municipal Utility Relief Grant – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to amend and appropriate \$5,704 to 4401-457706 (5003-325080 Revenue) and \$2,445 to 4402-457706 (5503-325080 Revenue) for the COVID-19 Municipal Utility Relief Grant.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

2. Musser Lumber – Governor's AFID Grant – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to amend and appropriate \$75,000 to 8107-457010 (11003-3325052 Revenue) for the Governor's Agriculture & Forestry Industries Development Fund Grant for Musser Lumber.

Mr. Bear added that the County had previously provided \$75,000 and that this money is actually coming from the State.

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 Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to authorize staff to issue the \$75,000 payment immediately.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

3. Correction & Detention Budget Amendment – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to amend and appropriate \$120,000 to 3301-430170 (Juvenile Correction – Purchase of Services) and \$375,000 to 3301-457055 (New River Valley Regional Jail – Payment Dues) for correction and detention's FY21 expenses.

Mr. Bear put together a spreadsheet detailing these costs for which \$1.65M was budgeted for FY21. He said we started the year around \$128k monthly and that last month came in at \$185k. Based on these calculations, the County will most certainly exceed the budget. Hence, the need for this request to amend and appropriate a total of \$495k. Mr. Bear also noted that he is budgeting a higher figure for the next fiscal year, pending Board approval.

In addition to Finance Department's review, the Commonwealth Attorney has also examined the list of inmates to ensure that the County is not being charged for State inmates.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Brian W. Vaught Coy L. McRoberts

March 9, 2021

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

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

NAYS: None

4. Richardson Vehicle Damage – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to reimburse vehicle damage expenses to Whitney Richardson in the amount of \$444.82.

Mr. Bear explained that our Water Department was working on a line which was followed by heavy rain, when Ms. Richardson's vehicle got stuck in the saturated soil. It was necessary to tow the vehicle out, and the vehicle required a front-end alignment/repair. Unfortunately, our insurance provider would not cover the expenses. The Water Department and the Water Committee both agreed that the County should cover the costs.

Vice Chair Lawson commented that the total amount should be \$582 based on the receipts (one that was misplaced) Ms. Richardson provided. The difference will be presented to the Water Committee next week for approval.

The roll call vote 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. Water Bills – Supervisor Smith received a call from a concerned citizen about increasing water bills. Apparently, there was a leak(s) on the customer's end and after working to correct the situation, they received yet another high bill. In the case of a water leak and the customer notifies the Water Department, Supervisor Smith asked if there's a policy to provide the customer some relief in circumstances like this?

March 9, 2021

Mr. Bear said that we do have a water leak adjustment policy but he is uncertain whether the customer was advised of the process.

Supervisor Smith replied that the customer went through that process but according to the policy, the calculation must be four times what their average usage is, and their usage just fell short of that. He will provide Mr. Bear with more of the details.

2. Pot Holes – Supervisor Smith mentioned that he sent a list of problem areas to both Mr. Bear and Mr. Fowler, and while some pot holes have been fixed, issues still remain. He will continue to monitor. A major problem is that part of Grouse Ridge Road is actually coming up in front of the Horton residence.
3. Trash Pickup – Supervisor Smith commented that based on the amount of money the County is providing to the jails, we really need to get trustees to help pick up the trash. He said that it is a mess along the roadways in his district (and probably all the others).
4. Water Needs in Stony Fork Area – Supervisor Cook received a call from a resident in the Stony Fork area (Route 52) who wanted to know timing of getting water out there, or if it's even being considered.
5. Trash Pickup – Supervisor McRoberts also voiced concern about the trash situation.
6. Back Road and Jonas Town Road – Supervisor Horney mentioned two roads (Back Road and Jonas Town Road) that are in desperate need of scraping.
7. APEX COVID Relief Funding – Supervisor Horney reported that he was at a Farm Bureau meeting the night before and there was talk that the APEX Authority should be applying for PPE loans to help with their financial condition. At that same meeting, Matthew Miller mentioned possible funding that might be available from the government due to impacts that COVID has had on APEX operations (sent email to Mr. Bear).
8. Shell Bank on Petunia Road – Supervisor Horney said the farmers were told, apparently by the County Engineer, they could not get shell out there anymore.

Mr. Bear mentioned possible agricultural exemptions, if applicable, but he will certainly look into this.

9. Shell Bank and Trash – Supervisor Terry has received calls on both these issues.
10. Windy Hill Drive – Chair Vaught thanked Mr. Bear and VDOT for putting up signage on this one-lane, dirt road used by many log trucks as a short-cut to Crocket. The residents are very pleased.
11. Trash Pickup – Chair Vaught mentioned that even if trusties are available, it seems the Sheriff's Office doesn't currently have the manpower to supervise, especially since the Debris Collection Officer resigned.

Chief Deputy Foster stated that the van has been serviced and is ready to go but that they are short on staff (four vacancies).

Mr. Bear said if we could get someone to help supervise, whether it be just one day a week or more, that would certainly help in the interim. On the financial side, Mr. Bear said part of the funding for the Debris Collections Officer comes from VDOT. However, we need to be out there picking up the trash in order to get the funding. He said we need to advertise as soon as possible for this position because the trash has become a huge problem.

Chair Vaught added that a major cause is trash falling off the back of trucks. He asked if Animal Control can help with this and possibly charge people with "failure to secure a load"? The Chair asked Mr. Bear to get with Mr. Dunford to see what he can do to help.

Mr. Bear responded that Mr. Dunford has been busy working on property maintenance issues. He suggested considering a volunteer cleanup day, working alongside VDOT, to help address the trash situation.

Vice Chair Lawson and Supervisor Smith both said we need to fill the vacant debris collection officer position as soon as possible, and until we can get the trusties, we should try to address the situation ourselves.

Mr. Bear suggested considering courtroom security officers who may possess the same level of training as the debris collection officer. Hiring a semi-retired officer is also an option.

The Chair mentioned that the courtroom security officers are also short-staffed. He liked the idea of a county-wide cleanup day and mentioned that there is a trailer that goes with the van.

Mr. Bear said he will coordinate with the Chief Deputy to address the issue, but it may be more difficult to hire someone part-time, than full-time.

Chief Deputy Foster added that he receives 5-7 calls a day on the litter issue.

Supervisor Terry suggested perhaps hiring off-duty officers to help bridge the gap.

12. Surplus Vehicles - Chief Deputy Foster said he sent an email to Mr. Bear regarding several vehicles ready for surplus (6 Taurus and 1 Explorer). All seem to be operable with mileage ranging from 95k to 180k.

Mr. Bear indicated that he is communicating with the School Superintendent regarding the school bus garage servicing the vehicles in exchange for having them placed on the school properties.

The Chief Deputy stated that they have one other vehicle, a 2015 Chevy Impala, that will be retired soon with about 95k miles on it. It's a good vehicle if the County has a need and is in much better condition than the Malibu.

CLOSED MEETING

Supervisor Cook made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to enter into Closed Meeting under Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711-A.3, Acquisition of Real Property, and Section 2.2-3711-A.5, Prospective Business or Industry (Project Panel).

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

Supervisor Smith 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 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 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 Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to recess until Monday, March 15, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. for a budget work session.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

RECONVENE

The Board reconvened on Monday, March 15, 2021 at 8:30 a.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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Stacy A. Terry

STAFF PRESENT:

Stephen D. Bear, County Administrator
Matthew C. Hankins, Assistant County Administrator
Regina Williams, Finance Director

CLOSED MEETING

Vice Chair Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to enter into Closed Meeting under Code of Virginia, Section 2.2-3711-A.5, Prospective Business or Industry.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

Supervisor Cook made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts, 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 on the motion was as follows:

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

STORMWATER WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Supervisor Cook made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to authorize the County Administrator to execute the stormwater management plan for a prospective business or industry.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

BUDGET WORK SESSION

The Board met with County departments and outside agencies for presentation of Fiscal Year 22 Budget funding requests.

RECESS

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to recess until Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. for a budget work session.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

RECONVENE

The Board reconvened on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 8:30 a.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

Matthew C. Hankins, Assistant County Administrator

Regina Williams, Finance Director

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.5, Prospective Business or Industry.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

Supervisor Cook 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 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 on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

BUDGET WORK SESSION

The Board met with County departments and outside agencies for presentation of Fiscal Year 22 Budget funding requests.

RECESS

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to recess until Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. for a budget work session.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

RECONVENE

The Board reconvened on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Coy L. McRoberts (*arrived late*)
James D. "Jamie" Smith
Stacy A. Terry

STAFF PRESENT:

Stephen D. Bear, County Administrator
Matthew C. Hankins, Assistant County Administrator
Regina Williams, Finance Director

PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS IN WYTHE COUNTY

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to approve the Public-Private Partnerships in Wythe County guidelines, with the insertion of one reference cite.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Coy L. McRoberts

BUDGET WORK SESSION

The Board met with County departments and outside agencies for presentation of Fiscal Year 22 Budget funding requests.

GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY

The County has customarily given its employees the day off on Good Friday.

Vice Chair Lawson, therefore, made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to authorize Friday, April 2nd as a holiday for County employees.

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

DSS PARKING

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to rescind the rights of a DSS employee to park in any of the County parking lots due to damage caused to personal and County-owned vehicles.

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

(Supervisors Smith and McRoberts left the meeting)

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 Matter.

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 Supervisor Terry, to adopt the following Resolution certifying the business conducted in closed meeting as follows:

**RESOLUTION
CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

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

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

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

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	Rolland R. Cook	Stacy A. Terry
	Ryan M. Lawson	

NAYS: None

ABSENT:	James D. "Jamie" Smith	Coy L. McRoberts
---------	------------------------	------------------

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Vaught adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:25 p.m.

Brian W. Vaught, Chair