

March 23, 2021

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

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

Scot Farthing, County Attorney

Martha Collins, Administrative Assistant/Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ted Anders

Barry Ayers

Tammy Breggenti

Ely Blevins

Rick Boyd

John Crowgey

Dorian Delp

Jim & Dee Ennis

Eli Fortuner

Charlie Foster

Lori Guynn

Gus Kincer

Kent Lewis

Linda Meyer

Terry Morgan

Wyatt Sage

June Slemph

Donn Sunshine

Matt Temple

Travis Tweety

Kathy Vaught

Olivia Waller

Barbara Young

approximately 10 others

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Vaught determined that a quorum was present and called the March 23, 2021 meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Ted Anders, Grace United Methodist Circuit (Mt. Mitchell, Bethel, Mountain View, and Fairview United Methodist Churches), provided the invocation and Supervisor Cook led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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PRESENTATION OF SPORTS RESOLUTION – ELY BLEVINS

Supervisor Terry congratulated Ely Blevins on his outstanding achievement and presented him with the following resolution:

**WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2021-03
A RESOLUTION HONORING
ELY BLEVINS
OF THE RURAL RETREAT HIGH SCHOOL
WRESTLING TEAM**

WHEREAS, sophomore Ely Blevins completed his 2020-2021 wrestling season with an overall record of 17-1; and,

WHEREAS, Ely was the 2020-2021 District and Region Champion and advanced to the Virginia High School League Group 1A State Wrestling Championships on February 20, 2021, at the Salem Civic Center; and,

WHEREAS, Ely defeated Camden Cook-Cash of Riverheads capturing the 2021 State Championship title in the 126-pound weight class; and,

WHEREAS, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors officially commends Ely for his spirit, character, and dedication to excellence for which we should all strive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors presents this resolution to Ely Blevins in recognition of his 2021 individual Wrestling State Championship title; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be incorporated into the official minutes of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors.

Adopted this 23rd day of March 2021.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to adopt Resolution 2021-03 honoring Ely Blevins.

The vote was unanimous.

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PRESENTATION OF SPORTS RESOLUTION – DORIAN DELP

Supervisor Terry congratulated Dorian Delp on his outstanding achievement and presented him with the following resolution:

**WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2021-04
A RESOLUTION HONORING
DORIAN DELP
OF THE RURAL RETREAT HIGH SCHOOL
WRESTLING TEAM**

WHEREAS, senior Dorian Delp completed his 2020-2021 wrestling season with an overall record of 20-0; and,

WHEREAS, Dorian was the 2020-2021 District and Region Champion and advanced to the Virginia High School League Group 1A State Wrestling Championships on February 20, 2021, at the Salem Civic Center; and,

WHEREAS, Dorian defeated Ethan Roberts of Grundy capturing the 2021 State Championship title in the 160-pound weight class; and,

WHEREAS, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors officially commends Dorian for his spirit, character, and dedication to excellence for which we should all strive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors presents this resolution to Dorian Delp in recognition of his 2021 individual Wrestling State Championship title; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be incorporated into the official minutes of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors.

Adopted this 23rd day of March 2021.

Supervisor Cook made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to adopt Resolution 2021-04 honoring Dorian Delp.

The vote was unanimous.

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PRESENTATION OF SPORTS RESOLUTION – WYATT SAGE

Supervisor Terry congratulated Wyatt Sage on his outstanding achievement and presented him with the following resolution:

**WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2021-05
A RESOLUTION HONORING
WYATT SAGE
OF THE RURAL RETREAT HIGH SCHOOL
WRESTLING TEAM**

WHEREAS, senior Wyatt Sage completed his 2020-2021 wrestling season with an overall record of 19-0; and,

WHEREAS, Wyatt was the 2020-2021 District and Region Champion and advanced to the Virginia High School League Group 1A State Wrestling Championships on February 20, 2021, at the Salem Civic Center; and,

WHEREAS, Wyatt defeated Jacob Maxfield of Castlewood capturing the 2021 State Championship title in the 182-pound weight class; and,

WHEREAS, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors officially commends Wyatt for his spirit, character, and dedication to excellence for which we should all strive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors presents this resolution to Wyatt Sage in recognition of his 2021 individual Wrestling State Championship title and wishes Wyatt much success in his future endeavors at Roanoke College; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be incorporated into the official minutes of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors.

Adopted this 23rd day of March 2021.

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to adopt Resolution 2021-05 honoring Wyatt Sage.

The vote was unanimous.

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PRESENTATION OF SPORTS RESOLUTION – ELI FORTUNER

Supervisor Terry congratulated Eli Fortuner on his outstanding achievement and presented him with the following resolution:

**WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2021-06
A RESOLUTION HONORING
ELI FORTUNER
OF THE RURAL RETREAT HIGH SCHOOL
WRESTLING TEAM**

WHEREAS, junior Eli Fortuner completed his 2020-2021 wrestling season with an overall record of 19-1; and,

WHEREAS, Eli was the 2020-2021 District Champion and advanced to the Virginia High School League Group 1A State Wrestling Championships on February 20, 2021, at the Salem Civic Center; and,

WHEREAS, Eli defeated Hunter Scarberry of Grundy capturing the 2021 State Championship title in the 195-pound weight class; and,

WHEREAS, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors officially commends Eli for his spirit, character, and dedication to excellence for which we should all strive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors presents this resolution to Eli Fortuner in recognition of his 2021 individual Wrestling State Championship title; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be incorporated into the official minutes of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors.

Adopted this 23rd day of March 2021.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to adopt Resolution 2021-06 honoring Eli Fortuner.

The vote was unanimous.

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PRESENTATION OF SPORTS RESOLUTION – TERRY MORGAN

Supervisor Cook congratulated Terry Morgan on his outstanding achievement and presented him with the following resolution:

**WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2021-07
A RESOLUTION HONORING
TERRY MORGAN
OF THE GEORGE WYTHE HIGH SCHOOL
WRESTLING TEAM**

WHEREAS, senior Terry Morgan completed his 2020-2021 wrestling season with an overall record of 16-3; and,

WHEREAS, Terry was the 2020-2021 District and Region Champion and advanced to the Virginia High School League Group 1A State Wrestling Championships on February 20, 2021, at the Salem Civic Center; and,

WHEREAS, Terry defeated Evan Ross of Riverheads capturing the 2021 State Championship title in the 170-pound weight class; and,

WHEREAS, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors officially commends Terry for his spirit, character, and dedication to excellence for which we should all strive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors presents this resolution to Terry Morgan in recognition of his 2021 individual Wrestling State Championship title and wishes him much success in his future endeavors with the United States Marines; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be incorporated into the official minutes of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors.

Adopted this 23rd day of March 2021.

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to adopt Resolution 2021-07 honoring Terry Morgan.

The vote was unanimous.

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PRESENTATION OF SPORTS RESOLUTION – OLIVIA WALLER

Vice Chair Lawson congratulated Olivia Waller on her outstanding achievement and presented her with the following resolution:

**WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2021-08
A RESOLUTION HONORING
OLIVIA WALLER
OF THE GEORGE WYTHE HIGH SCHOOL
WRESTLING TEAM**

WHEREAS, junior Olivia Waller completed her 2020-2021 wrestling season with an overall record of 13-5; and,

WHEREAS, Olivia was the 2020-2021 District and Region Champion and advanced to the 2021 VHSL sanctioned Virginia Wrestling Association All-Girls Tournament in Richmond, Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, Olivia defeated the competition capturing the 2021 VAWA State Championship title in the 122-pound weight class; and,

WHEREAS, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors officially commends Olivia for her spirit, character, and dedication to excellence for which we should all strive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors presents this resolution to Olivia Waller in recognition of her 2021 VAWA State Championship Title; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be incorporated into the official minutes of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors.

Adopted this 23rd day of March 2021.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to adopt Resolution 2021-08 honoring Olivia Waller.

The vote was unanimous.

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PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A JOINT ENTITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE MT. ROGERS CIGARETTE TAX BOARD

County Administrator Stephen Bear stated that the governing body of the Board of Supervisors of Wythe County, Virginia, will conduct a public hearing on the March 23, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, to receive public comments on a proposed ordinance which would create a joint entity, to be known as the Mt. Rogers Cigarette Tax Board, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-1300 *et seq.* The purpose of the Board would be to jointly administer the collection, accounting and enforcement of any cigarette taxes adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Wythe County, Virginia, and those of any other member locality. The proposed ordinance would further authorize the execution of the joint exercise agreement setting forth the powers, duties, membership and other matters pertinent to the newly-established board. The joint exercise agreement would be effective upon approval of at least two (2) localities within the Mt. Rogers region.

Although the Wythe County Board of Supervisors is currently holding in-person meetings, due to the public health threat posed by Covid-19, guidance issued by the CDC and Virginia Department of Health, in-person attendance may be limited to the facility's safe social distancing capacity; in lieu of an in-person appearance, the public may send comments to the County Administrator's office by the following methods:

- Send an email to mgcollins@wytheco.org. Please include your name, address, and contact information.
- Send your written comments to the attention of the Clerk of the Board at 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, VA 24382 or leave your comments in the night drop box outside the County Administration Building entrance. Please include your name, address, and contact information.

With no citizens wishing to speak, and no public comments received, Chair Vaught closed the Public Hearing.

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to adopt Ordinance 2021-2 creating a joint entity to be known as the Mt. Rogers Cigarette Tax Board.

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

CITIZENS' TIME

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

1. WCPS Transgender Policy – Donn Sunshine appeared before the Board and stated "Good evening, Mr. Chairman, Madam Vice Chairman, members of the board, thank you for the opportunity to address the board tonight. Let me begin by thanking all of you for your service. I also want to make it known that nothing I say tonight comes from a place of hate or disrespect. I love my community and all of the people in it. I am proud of our teachers, administrators, staff, students, parents and all of our citizens. It is because of them that I am asking for better tonight than what we have been sent from Richmond and I would ask this board not to fund Wythe County schools' use of the LGBTQ model policy as it is written. Objections as I see them are I don't think it's a safe thing for students of different genders to be allowed to use the same locker rooms, bathrooms, etc. I think this could be very traumatizing and deal with insecurity to students that are involved. Young people are often already insecure about their changing bodies and this policy would, in my opinion, worsen that. Also, young people often do not make the best sexual choices, and increased opportunities for that could be harmful. According to the policy's own data, large percentages of the LGBTQ+ students surveyed reported bullying, depression, suicidal thoughts and trouble sleeping. I don't see the attempt to normalizing of these behaviors to be healthy for those students or other students. As I understand it, the policy requires that parents not be told of any gender or sexuality choices or discussions that a student makes. I don't think it is okay for schools to withhold information or to counsel a student without informing the parents, or having the parents' permission rather. The policy as I see it ignores science and it ignores gender and even more so it encourages and endorses behavior that science says are dangerous. Major medical university hospitals have stopped doing gender reassignment surgery because of the psychological damage that it does to patients. We have no idea about the possible long-term damage that's done by hormone enhancing or suppressing drugs; therefore, I don't see it as wise to support policies that would contribute to that. The conflict of teaching science and ignoring it in the same educational system seems to me to severely undermine education. Our entire society and many societies before it were built on a Judeo-Christian ethic. It seems to me that we're playing Jenga with our culture and pulling out some of

the supporting blocks. I don't know that this would cause it to collapse but it seems to me to be dangerous. The model policy says that gender is a social construct that can typically be determined by children of four or five years of age. I don't think that is wisdom. Socialism, communism, Marxism, etc. all go against what America is built on. Totalitarianism is defined as a system of government that is centralized and dictatorial and requires complete subservience to the state. That is not who we want to be or what we want done. Racism, discrimination of any form are wrong and I strongly oppose them. I do, however, believe that following a totalitarian path of government, blaming the government, and relying on the government to fix these things, this model policy, critical race theory, the 1619 curriculum that's being pushed; I don't think these are right or the best that we can do, because everyone in our community, teachers, students, staff, administrators, parents, citizens, and board members, I ask you not to fund these projects in our County schools and to require better. Put Wythe County on the map as a shining example and a beacon of hope for all of America. Thank you."

Chair Vaught stated that opposition to the subject policy are issues that should be raised and addressed at the School Board meetings. Their next meeting is on April 8th at 10:00 a.m.

2. WCPS Transgender Policy – Tammy Breggenti appeared before the Board and stated "I'm not real familiar with how you address but I thank you for this time to be able to speak and share. I come from the background of homosexuality, but by the grace of God, I was delivered. I know what this agenda is about. I can tell you for those in the LGBT community, I love them, I care about them, but I know that there is freedom in Christ Jesus. The other side of that is, it's not only detrimental to the people in LGBT, it's detrimental to the children that aren't LGBT. It opens up a door to have children even more adjusted into what the agenda is for LGBT. Having lived in San Diego, California, and seeing the effects of the LGBT agenda advance their ... where the introduction if you were a girl and you played with a truck, the introduction was that you were really a boy, and that's how it was introduced. And that's where the ultimate ploy of this all goes. It is really, if this goes forward, it is willful ignorance in the selling of children on both sides. What is needed is freedom. They need to be set free. There's cutting in LGBT. There is suicide. There is AIDS. There is everything that you could even imagine to be possible in the LGBT community. That would all be flowing into kids that aren't even subjected to that lifestyle. I grew up, and I'm going to speak from the heart on this, in gender confusion. I lived the lifestyle until Jesus Christ

delivered me out around 2010-2011. I almost went as far as having, going in and having ... be transgender and the Lord, for some reason, I didn't go that direction. But I know how detrimental it is and how many people once they go in, they want out. This is not good for this community and it does not when you line up with it, it doesn't say that you don't love, this is what it does say though, according to Romans I 18 thru 20 *'For the wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth.'* The truth is, I was never born that way. I believed the lie, and if this bill goes through, any bill that's attached to the LGBT community goes through, it brings a lie in the peoples' lives and it keeps the children more bound; the children that are in it, and the children that aren't in it. My heart goes out to both sides. I want freedom on this side but what I don't want for this side is to them be lured away to believe that they can also be that way. And that's what this, everything rolled together, does. It does. Because that which is known about God is evident within them. I knew. I knew but I just didn't know how to get out. And I can tell you a lot of these kids that are dealing with this, they don't want to be in it but they don't know how to get out. And this community putting that into effect is putting a nail in their coffin each time, letting it go forward, because it was evident. For since the creation of the world, His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, having understood through what has been made, so they are without excuse. If this resolution goes forward, this world will be without excuse before God because it will be willful ignorance because the truth has been spoken here today that that lifestyle isn't the truth. It's a lie. And I lived it for years to the point where I almost killed myself. And I am coming before you today to really think hard about this because this doesn't just affect this generation, it affects generations down the way and it won't stop at this one point, I can tell you that, because I stood and listened to their agenda and all that they were going for, and they're going full forward. It's not going to end with just this small one part. It's starts out in history, and it goes completely down through to the point of where they're introducing kids that are four and five years old, that if a boy plays with a doll, they're a girl. And they will stand there and they will incorporate that in, and they will tell those children that have feelings like that whatsoever that this is who you really are. You're not really a boy. You're playing with that doll because you're really a girl. This is very dangerous for this community. This is very dangerous for the children and I love, please hear me, I love everybody who's in the LGBT. But I know the freedom on Christ. I know the people that are getting delivered out of this, and they're coming forward and they're standing and they're saying no behavioral counseling got them free. No amount of setting up and opening the doors wide to let them just live however

they wanted to live, did anything to help them but drove them more and more into darkness. I come before you today and I ask that you take a look because this is going to affect it across the board here in this area. It's done it in California, it'll do it here, and I ask that you take that into consideration because this is not just about this nation, it's about the God that we serve and what He has given, and I thank you for your time, and I pray for each and every one of you, and this decision to go forth that it will be done with the truth in mind, in grace and truth, and I thank you."

3. WCPS Transgender Policy – Jim Ennis appeared before the Board and stated "Good evening. My name is Jim Ennis from up near Max Meadows. I'm here before you today to speak out in support of hundreds of families in Wythe County. We have fearful politicians and administrators yielding to insane demonic forces effectively assaulting, abusing our children in schools with gender confusion. Genesis 1:27 says '*So God created men in his own image; in the image of God He created him, male and female He created them.*' It does not say so God created men to become his own image; in the image of Himself may he be male and female. It does not say that. It's very, very clear. The purpose of the Board of Education is to determine the education policy, first and foremost, and the only item on their agenda is to lookout for students but today they have yielded to demands of LGBT activists and sympathizers. We can talk about mixed genders in school sports, in bathrooms, locker rooms, showers; we can talk about indoctrination, dress code, the use of pronouns in speech. On privacy and confidentiality, parents have no right to know or to inquire about choices their own children have made, or hear about the coercion brought to their ears. Parents have no right and no voice. Parents are subject to prosecution if they do not agree with policies dictated by LGBT radicals. The mandates of this Board of Education show this policy, you search parental authority. Mom and Dad have no say in these matters. I pray for a response as large as, or greater than the turnout for the second amendment sanctuary. We will not give in and not let the social tyrants confuse our young ones yearning for significance and starving for love. There are many of us in our community willing to mentor the kids having trouble identifying their meaning and purpose in life. Thanks a lot."
4. WCPS Transgender Policy – Travis Tweety appeared before the Board and stated "I live in Austinville and I moved here from Maine 15 years ago so don't hate me for that. I also turned 63 last St. Patrick's Day which has nothing to do with anything but I want to just go at this a little bit differently than everybody else, which I agree with everybody else. I too am a believer in Jesus Christ and a

follower but I've seen a lot of things change in my life. You all are some similar ages here, I see, although probably more well-preserved than I am. We saw our prayer taken out of churches. We saw abortion legalized. We saw promiscuous behavior being looked the other way. Drug use has gone up. I've run manufacturing plants my whole life and just retired recently, and I can't tell you the change that I've seen in 35 years, of people coming to work or just not showing up at work or being stoned when they come to work or not caring about doing an honest day's work. We also know that in our society now if you stand up and you say something, you're going to be labeled as a hater, as someone who is dangerous. But I'm asking you all to think about your lives. Think about when you grew up. Think about when you were four or five or ten or twelve. What were you thinking about? Were you thinking about *'Gee, I think I should be a girl.'* or were you thinking about *'I should be a boy.'* I was thinking about how many whiffle balls I could buy with bottle money I found and you know, how do I keep my pant leg out of the chain on my bike so I don't wreck again. I was thinking about a party to go to. I was thinking about a birthday party or something else. I wasn't thinking about my sexuality at four years old. And if you ask yourselves, honestly, think back on your life. Do you think it's really necessary? Or will you find that, in the course of your life, will you find out what direction you need to go in the course of your life by learning, by understanding, by seeking counsel, by talking to people, by your growth as a person. I've been married 43 years, God bless her, I have three daughters and ten grandchildren, eight granddaughters, 2 grandsons. I don't want them introduced to a different gender in a bathroom or locker room or, I don't even want them to be talked to about it unless it's their parents. What's left for parents to do these days? Just fund what everybody else wants to do to their children? Is that all we've been reduced to? Or can we still play a part in raising our children, and our grandchildren the way that we want them to be. The way that we believe they should be. So, in closing, I'm just asking you, look back on your lives, think about it. Did you need any of this at four, at five, at ten, at twelve? Were you thinking about any of that at four or five or ten or twelve? Did you think you needed it in school? And have we gotten any better into our society by taking everything that is good, in my opinion, out? We're trying to remove God and all of His ordinances and His beliefs and our beliefs, out of everything public. That's not what this country was based on. We talk about separation of church and state and other things, but that was to protect us, not the government. So, I ask you in closing, please think about your life and whether you would want to be subjected to the kind of things that she spoke about so eloquently. Would you want your children to be introduced to a stranger or somebody else in a situation that could turn bad quickly? I remember

being a teenager; if somebody said you could go in the girls' locker room, I would have tried it. I'll be honest with you, I tried it anyway. I tried enough stuff without any encouragement. Thank you."

5. WCPS Transgender Policy – Kent Lewis appeared before the Board and stated "Thank you guys for this time to be here, and I hope you take to heart what's being said; I feel that you will. I'm going to speak against what's going on and I would ask you not to fund any kind of funding towards this - that would be my request, and engage in this teaching that would be taught to our kids. In the book of Isaiah teaches us that the law and the testimony, if they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them. Amos, Chapter 8, Verse 11 said *'The days are coming, declares the sovereign of the Lord, when I will send a famine through land, not a famine of food or a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the words of the Lord'*, and that's where we're at today. Where there's no word there's no light and where there's no word darkness appears. And that's what we're seeing before us is darkness. Gay marriage, transgenderism, has become widely accepted even glorified in the nation. It's uplifted. But contrast to those of us who're opposing these things, God's words are openly betrayed and we're scolded or condemned, criticized for speaking out against it. If you speak out against it, then you're a hate person. I preach messages not directly at anyone but preach ... against these things. So, I have letters that got back to me that I was preaching hate messages, but it's the word of the Lord, and so it's true as the lady said, I love everybody and if I don't preach it then I really don't love you. So, I do love them and the fact of it is we're even considered bigot and unloving and the fact, by teaching as a pastor and a teacher of the word of the Lord, is because I do love, and we have to call it for what it's worth. The bible calls it sin. That's what the bible calls it. And we all know that sin will take you to hell. In the book of Matthew, chapter 19, verse 4 and 5 says the scripture makes it very clear and easy to find God's standards on marriage and gender. *'... the Creator made them male and female...'*; a man and his wife. And God's words said that He determines our gender and that marriage from the Garden of Eden from there on should be as a pattern of male and female. So, if we don't stand for it as the country song says *'we don't stand for something, we fall for everything.'* And what happened is everybody has tore their closets out; no more closets. We need to start building closets. If you want to do it, do it in your closet. We don't need to teach this to our kids. And I hope that you will, and I feel like you will, not show interest in this. Thank you."

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6. Speedwell Feed Lot – Linda Meyer appeared before the Board and stated “Good evening, gentlemen. I’d like to ask on behalf of the residents of Speedwell, have DEQ been contacted. Is there any response about the water issue, ground water issue and so on, from the feedlot? We haven’t heard anything. We need to pursue this and not let it lay. Anything? Nothing’s happened? Nobody’s inquiring?”

Mr. Bear responded that the County Engineer has been working with VDACS on the matter. They’re looking at the groundwater runoff, VDOT is looking at what is coming into their stormwater management facilities down there, but he’s not aware of any well monitoring requirement at this time.

7. WCPS Transgender Policy – Ms. Meyer continued “As a taxpayer and a grandmother, I’m concerned about our schools, and as far as I’m concerned, I’m old school and I think they should be teaching the three R’s and life skills. Back to basics. Real history and real truth. Social issues, sex gender, that should not be in schools. That’s the parents’ responsibilities and those should be parental issues, not in public schools. We desperately need to get our kids motivated and taught real life skills and all the things that we all learned in school; reading, writing and arithmetic. How about balancing a checkbook and actually being able to write your name in cursive? That would be really great. Certainly not the 1619 project or any critical race theory is not needed. That should come later when they perhaps get into college or from their parents and other issues. We as taxpayers should be funding three R’s and life skills and hopefully some technical knowledge on top of it and get these kids a good start. We all know what the C19 has done. All of the kids are way lagging behind with this virtual. There was a big thing on TV tonight about that on the news all across America. So, we certainly don’t need to complicate anything with a gay model policy from the state. We need to be doubling down on the three R’s and life skills. Thank you.”

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

The Chair explained that the Board of Supervisors is a funding board and that the School Board is the policy board. However, the County does fund around \$13.6M to educate our kids and we trust the School Board to make the best decisions. But like our budget, he said, if Mr. Bear came up with a “model budget”, this Board would probably disagree with much of it and move money around several times over. The point being, it starts out as a “model” but it can continue to change and evolve. Chair Vaught encouraged everyone to attend the April 8th School Board meeting so their voices can

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be heard by the decision-makers. He also encouraged people to get more involved in the electoral process.

Mr. Sunshine added that he will go to the School Board meeting and voice his concern, but it's "money that talks" and the Board of Supervisors control the money.

Supervisor Terry thanked everyone for attending this meeting and he wished they had come out a year ago when he came under fire for his stand against a related issue. He said sin is sin and legislation doesn't cover sin. He encouraged everyone to continue to stand up and fight for what they believe, and he will be right there with them.

Ms. Slemp added that all the problems we have in our community and this nation are due to the disobedience of God's word.

PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

Supervisor Horney made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on March 23, 2021, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30109157-30109260 as follows:

**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
30109157	03/12/2021	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$ 34,377.24
30109158	03/12/2021	ATMOS ENERGY	92.12
30109159	03/12/2021	CENTURYLINK	66.59
30109160	03/12/2021	CENTURYLINK	126.01
30109161	03/12/2021	CENTURYLINK	330.00
30109162	03/12/2021	CENTURYLINK	4,868.15
30109163	03/12/2021	JOINT IDA OF WYTHE COUNTY	75,000.00
30109164	03/12/2021	MANSFIELD OIL CO	5,556.92
30109165	03/12/2021	NEW RIVER REGIONAL WATER	58,283.16
30109166	03/12/2021	POSTAGE BY PHONE RESERVE	1,250.00
30109167	03/12/2021	TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE	515.49
30109168	03/12/2021	TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNA	79.20
30109169	03/12/2021	US CELLULAR	1,349.96
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 03/12/2021			\$181,894.84

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CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
30109170	03/23/2021	ALPHA & OMEGA REPAR SERVI	\$ 1,110.34
30109171	03/23/2021	AMAZON	1,722.75
30109172	03/23/2021	APPALACHIAN REGIONAL EXPO	50,000.00
30109173	03/23/2021	APPALACHIAN JUVENILE COMM	5,950.00
30109174	03/23/2021	APPALACHIAN POWER	1,636.08
30109175	03/23/2021	ATLANTIC EMERGENCY SOLUTI	1,699.42
30109176	03/23/2021	BKT UNIFORMS	133.94
30109177	03/23/2021	BLUE RIDGE ANALYTICAL, LL	2,510.00
30109178	03/23/2021	BRENTAG MID-SOUTH INC	1,994.39
30109179	03/23/2021	BROWN EXTERMINATING CO	90.00
30109180	03/23/2021	BUSINESS INFORMATION SYST	33.72
30109181	03/23/2021	CARROLL COUNTY PSA	3,055.44
30109182	03/23/2021	CARZ R US LLC	142.99
30109183	03/23/2021	CAVALIER SUPPLY CO	1,052.65
30109184	03/23/2021	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	1,005.18
30109185	03/23/2021	CENTURYLINK	39.98
30109186	03/23/2021	COLLINS AUTO REPAIR INC	107.76
30109187	03/23/2021	COMM OF REV ASSOC OF VA	100.00
30109188	03/23/2021	COMSONICS	408.00
30109189	03/23/2021	CORE&MAIN LP	441.20
30109190	03/23/2021	COULTER'S FLORIST INC	65.00
30109191	03/23/2021	COUNTY OF WYTHE	1,416.67
30109192	03/23/2021	CSG SYSTEMS, INC	1,715.25
30109193	03/23/2021	DALY COMPUTERS	2,399.30
30109194	03/23/2021	DC GROUP, INC	2,304.00
30109195	03/23/2021	DELL MARKETING LP	91,081.60
30109196	03/23/2021	DEPT OF MOTOR VEHICLES	2,050.00
30109197	03/23/2021	FARTHING, SCOT S	1,841.50
30109198	03/23/2021	FASTENAL	191.99
30109199	03/23/2021	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES #5	7.00
30109200	03/23/2021	FIRE RESCUE AND TACTICAL	761.60
30109201	03/23/2021	FN WHOLESALE LIGHTING & S	55.25
30109202	03/23/2021	FTR LTD	4,194.00
30109203	03/23/2021	GENUINE PARTS COMPANY	93.53
30109204	03/23/2021	GRUBB FUNERAL HOME	1,137.00
30109205	03/23/2021	HIGHLAND FUNERAL SERVICE	750.00
30109206	03/23/2021	HUFF FORD	54.32
30109207	03/23/2021	INTRADO LIFE & SAFETY SOL	20,225.00

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30109208	03/23/2021	IRVIN CONSTRUCTION SERVIC	20,886.00
30109209	03/23/2021	JASON'S AUTO SERVICE	28.99
30109210	03/23/2021	KC AUTOMOTIVE	49.13
30109211	03/23/2021	KIRBYS KUTTIN EDGE	1,800.00
30109212	03/23/2021	LANE GROUP	560.00
30109213	03/23/2021	LANTAGNE LEGAL PRINTING	273.05
30109214	03/23/2021	LOWE'S	1,473.65
30109215	03/23/2021	MANSFIELD OIL CO	11,802.62
30109216	03/23/2021	MCI COMM SERVICE	37.77
30109217	03/23/2021	MCI COMM SERVICE	124.32
30109218	03/23/2021	MCI COMM SERVICE	559.95
30109219	03/23/2021	MEREDITH'S GARAGE	54.00
30109220	03/23/2021	MILO C COCKERHAM INC	950.80
30109221	03/23/2021	MOUNT ROGERS COMMUNITY SE	41,087.25
30109222	03/23/2021	QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC	1,169.38
30109223	03/23/2021	NEW RIVER VALLEY JUVENILE	7,000.00
30109224	03/23/2021	OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDIC	20.00
30109225	03/23/2021	DEBBIE EARLS	30.00
30109226	03/23/2021	DOUG TUCK	144.39
30109227	03/23/2021	MAGGIE MCGEE	79.52
30109228	03/23/2021	WHITNEY RICHARDSON	444.82
30109229	03/23/2021	ZACHARY JONES	49.83
30109230	03/23/2021	PAPER CLIP	525.00
30109231	03/23/2021	PIONEER COLLISION CENTER	4,419.36
30109232	03/23/2021	PITNEY BOWES	274.65
30109233	03/23/2021	PROTECT YOUTH SPORTS	47.85
30109234	03/23/2021	R&R ENTERPRISES INC	195.00
30109235	03/23/2021	R.E. MICHEL COMPANY, LLC	355.98
30109236	03/23/2021	RAMBO'S BACKHOE SERVICE L	5,200.00
30109237	03/23/2021	S&W FERTILIZER	99.00
30109238	03/23/2021	SALEM STONE	891.10
30109239	03/23/2021	SUBURBAN PROPANE-1241	2,078.51
30109240	03/23/2021	SUNTRUST	36,881.92
30109241	03/23/2021	SURE-FLO INC	2,815.49
30109242	03/23/2021	TACS	288.60
30109243	03/23/2021	TESSCO INC	199.36
30109244	03/23/2021	THE RURAL RETREAT DEPOT F	1,250.00
30109245	03/23/2021	THREE RIVERS MEDIA CORP	165.00
30109246	03/23/2021	TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE	4,155.11

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30109247	03/23/2021	TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY	213.93
30109248	03/23/2021	TRI CITIES/SW VA REGIONAL	258.60
30109249	03/23/2021	VACORP	33,894.00
30109250	03/23/2021	VERIZON WIRELESS	80.16
30109251	03/23/2021	VERIZON WIRELESS	80.04
30109252	03/23/2021	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYST	60.65
30109253	03/23/2021	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYST	93.51
30109254	03/23/2021	VIRGINIA LAWYERS WEEKLY	184.50
30109255	03/23/2021	VITA	181.61
30109256	03/23/2021	VUPS	57.75
30109257	03/23/2021	WILLIAMS, KEVIN	192.21
30109258	03/23/2021	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	35.00
30109259	03/23/2021	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	909.74
30109260	03/23/2021	XEROX	201.43
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 03/23/2021			\$388,487.38

TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 03/23/2021 **\$570,382.22**

Supervisor Terry 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 March 9, 2021 minutes for approval.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to approve the March 9, 2021 minutes as presented.

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

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 \$71,000,831 of which \$48,262,678 was in the General Fund Account at the end of February.
2. Delinquent Notices – The Treasurer’s Office is in the process of sending notices to the printer, but are presently delayed by a Munis issue. They hope that all real estate and personal property delinquent notices will be mailed out next week.

Pending Board approval, the Treasurer will publish the delinquent list in the newspaper and/or online as of June 30, 2021.

Mrs. Guynn was pleased to report a recent increase in collections, likely due to the stimulus money.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. PAYROLL – February 2021:

General County Fund	\$	564,531.83
Police Activity Fund		47,115.17
Courthouse Security Fund		11,826.88
Water Department Fund		22,613.56
Wythe County Wastewater Fund		23,732.37
TOTAL	\$	669,819.81

Check Numbers: 2001051-2001062; 2001067-2001080

Voucher Numbers: 15872-16024; 16030-16192

2. STATUS REPORTS:

- A. Animal Control – Arlan Dunford
- B. Building & Grounds – Billy Bowers
- C. Building Inspection – Kyle Taylor

- D. Dispatch – Darlene Lang
- E. Emergency Services – Jimmy McCabe
- F. Finance – Regina Williams

3. PERSONNEL:

- A. Riggins, Ricky – Hired, Full-time Facilities Maintenance, Annual Salary \$30,836, Effective February 1, 2021
- B. Hale, Benjamin – Hired, Full-time Facilities Maintenance, Annual Salary \$25,503, Effective February 16, 2021
- C. Holmes, Brandi – Hired, Full-time Dispatch, Annual Salary \$26,000, Effective February 16, 2021
- D. Jones, Elis Keith – Hired, Full-time Dispatch, Annual Salary \$27,000, Effective March 1, 2021
- E. Harrell, Melissa – Hired, Full-time Accounting Technician, Annual Salary \$34,165, Effective March 1, 2021

Supervisor Smith 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

FY2021 EXPENDITURE BUDGET AND 4TH QUARTER APPROPRIATIONS

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to approve the FY21 Expenditure Budget and Fourth Quarter Appropriations as requested.

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

LANE ENTERPRISES ADDITION – PROGRESS PARK COVENANTS

Mr. Bear explained that Progress Park has covenants that require companies/businesses to submit a site plan if they intend to build or expand. Lane Enterprises wishes to double the size of their building, and the County Engineer has satisfactorily reviewed the plans. Accordingly, Mr. Bear recommends Board approval.

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to approve the site plan and installation of construction trailer as presented.

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

NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL JAIL AUTHORITY – FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to accept the New River Valley Regional Jail Authority Financial Report for FY21.

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

Chair Vaught said that Chief Deputy Foster followed-up with NRVJR and they were able to provide a small group of trustees who began picking up the trash around the County, but on a very limited basis. They're focusing primarily on the main roads and interstate

exits, and then they will target some of the secondary roads. The Chair commended their efforts so far, as well as VDOT who picked up all the bags.

Supervisor Smith was contacted by someone who is required to do community service (court ordered), and the person asked about picking up trash. Supervisor Smith will coordinate this with Mr. Bear, Chief Deputy Foster and VDOT.

Chair Vaught hopes that the countywide community clean-up project moves forward. He also mentioned that the Boy Scouts in Rural Retreat have done a great job in this area.

Mr. Bear received information from Mr. Fowler (VDOT) regarding their Adopt-A-Highway program, and items that VDOT will provide to assist citizens in a safe clean-up. This information will be posted on the County website.

Ms. Meyer added that the Boy Scouts need more grabbers.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- 1. Sheriff Department’s Surplus Vehicle Request – Mr. Bear stated that once the vehicle is deemed surplus, it will be sold through Enterprise who typically provides a very reasonable price.

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to declare the Sheriff Department’s Dodge pick-up truck as surplus, and grant approval to sell the vehicle through Enterprise.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

ABSTAIN:	Brian W. Vaught	Ryan M. Lawson
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- 2. Lead Mines Estate Request – Mr. Bear explained that the County has done many revenue sharing projects over the years, in conjunction with transportation

service districts to get the roads constructed. Lead Mines Estates has been working for about two years to get Staff Street up to state-maintained standards. The County previously applied on their behalf for revenue-sharing funds, but VDOT advised it would be several years away. Lead Mines Estates is requesting to proceed with their own crews, build the road up to state-maintained standards (at a cost lower than what VDOT would charge) and create a Transportation Service District in which the residents would pay increased taxes over a seven-year period to cover the cost. Mr. Bear has asked the County Attorney to review the financing aspects, and Mr. Bear will work with Mr. Crowgey on a revised petition to present to this Board. Landowners will absorb 100% of the funding (over seven years) but the County would lend them this money - basically what the County would normally do for revenue-sharing projects. Wythe County taxpayers would not be paying for any this.

Supervisor Smith wanted to clarify that in this situation, unlike all the other revenue-sharing projects, the landowners will be paying for the road 100%.

Mr. John Crowgey, on behalf of the Lead Mines Estates community, appeared before the Board and stated "My name is John Crowgey. I'm the President of Lead Mines Estates, Inc. We have a problem. It's a bigger problem than the road; it's a subdivision problem. But to solve that we got to solve the road. We started off thinking it was going to cost \$30k. It's 1,000 feet of road. Well, the best estimates we got were about \$80k but then VDOT came along and said for the revenue-sharing program they use \$150k as an estimate. That means we've got half of that; that's \$75k. But then they come back say *'Yeah, two or three years out.'* I'm sitting on a contract right now for less than \$80k to build a road by Adams Construction. I mean it's not fly-by-night. I've told everybody we have to satisfy VDOT. We're not trying to get around anything. Every dime will be paid by the property owners. We're not sure if we will ask you to advance the funds to Lead Mines Estates or pay it directly to the contractor. The accountant's looking into all the taxes. The worse thing you can have is something like this and IRS show up and say we want 50% of that in taxes. At the end of the day, the worst is probably going to be about \$100k, something less than that is my expectation. The County monies would be advanced to whichever way we end up deciding, but then the property owners will repay the County. It will take every property owner, every lot, will pay about an additional \$1,000 a year in taxes to retire that debt. That's in addition to the standard, and that'll be over seven years and at the end of seven years, it's gonna be it. But at the end of the day, I figured out that, well, wait a minute, we got to put up the same money either way, whether we

wait three years and deal with VDOT or go ahead and do it now. Because VDOT's using that \$150,000 number. And I had assurance that an awful lot of contractors know how VDOT estimates are done because I have several bids from contractors that were in the \$150k range but they all said '*now this is negotiable.*' It's not what I asked for; I wanted a good number. Adams Construction gave us a good number. And I'll try to answer anything else but at the end of the day Wythe County is not going to pay a dime. That's been made real clear to me. The County won't pay a dime. We have to repay the funds with interest. And that's our expectation. We know that we have to satisfy VDOT. I'll probably be standing there looking mean, anybody that tries to not do what they're supposed to do, we'll stop right then. I got a stick that's about that big around. I'll go get his attention. We just can't afford for this thing to misfire. I was real happy with VDOT; '*Fine, you guys come in, you supervise it, you inspect it. I can go to the beach.*' It aint going to work that way. We'll know, well, believe it or not, it's possible construction will start in about a week and a half. But by the end of the month, we should know about what the total cost will be."

3. VDOT - Abandoning old Route 11 – Mr. Bear said this is for information only and relates to a portion Lee Highway where it changes from two lanes to four. There's a property owner there developing a property (building a church), and in the process, VDOT discovered an old section of Route 11 that they're considering vacating. VDOT has related materials at their office if anyone is interested.
4. VDOT Six-Year Secondary Plan Development – VDOT indicated to Mr. Bear that there is available funding to add about 3.5 miles of Rural Rustic eligible roads to the Plan. Board members should notify Mr. Bear if they have any additional roads for consideration and he will send to VDOT to determine if they qualify for Rural Rustic.
5. NACo Analysis – American Rescue Plan Act – Mr. Bear commented that the County anticipates receiving around \$5.6M in funding. As of this date, no specific guidelines have been released pertaining to how those funds can be spent.
6. Virginia Telecommunications Initiative ("VATI") Grants – Mr. Bear reported that in accordance with Governor Northam's Press Release, funding has been approved for improved broadband infrastructure, resulting in \$7.9M for the southwest quadrant of the state. They expect this to be a two-year project.

Mr. Hankins added that our RFPs went live last Friday with proposals due in early May.

7. VDOT Survey – Mr. Hankins reported that the response to the VDOT Exit 77/Exit 80 Survey was very good (over 1,100 responses) and that VDOT was very impressed with the response. Most concerns related to congestion and safety issues. VDOT will send us their summary once their review is complete.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT

County Attorney Scot Farthing had nothing new to report unless the Board has any questions or concerns.

Chair Vaught asked if there've been any updates with respect to the opioid litigation.

Mr. Farthing responded that he hasn't heard anything from either Mr. Barton or Mr. Campbell but he will email them again.

SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

1. Edgewood Road – Supervisor Horney asked if Edgewood Road can be considered for the Six-Year Plan.
2. Trash – Supervisor Smith forwarded a citizen's request to Mr. Bear regarding trash at the Grahams Forge Bridge, and they've asked for a "No Parking" sign in the vicinity of the pull-off.
3. Locust Hill Road – Supervisor Smith asked that we look at this area just north of the Ramsey Mountain intersection, which appears to be a dump site.

Mr. Bear said that perhaps signage and/or working with the Sheriff's Department might help the situation, but they will try to remedy that situation.

4. Speeding on Route 94 – Supervisor Smith received complaints about speeding from the intersection of Rt. 52 up through St. Paul/Siloam Church area and the residents continue to ask for a reduced speed limit. The residents would also like VDOT to reevaluate the speed especially through the S-curves.

5. Vehicle Damage – Supervisor Smith said that Mrs. Richardson is asking for assistance getting reimbursed for damage done to her vehicle (discussed at the last meeting).

Mr. Bear confirmed that the Water Committee is meeting on April 1st and that this issue is on the agenda.

6. Radio Drive – Chair Vaught asked if a speed study has been done on Radio Drive.

Mr. Bear was unsure but will follow-up with Mr. Fowler.

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.3, Acquisition/Disposition of Real Property, and Section 2.2-3711-A.5, Prospective Business or Industry (Projects Panel, Grip, Darwin and one unnamed).

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

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

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

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

**RESOLUTION
CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

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

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

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

The roll call vote 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

**ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A JOINT ENTITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE MT. ROGERS
CIGARETTE TAX BOARD**

Mr. Bear said that the ordinance adopted earlier in the meeting should have an effective date.

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Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to make April 1, 2021 the effective date of the subject Ordinance 2021-2.

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

Chair Vaught asked about the meeting scheduled on March 25th at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Bear said that in light of the expected funding from the American Rescue Plan, he felt it was best to postpone budget discussions until they have a better understanding of how best to proceed with this new funding.

The group decided to meet on Thursday, April 1st at 5:30 p.m.

WATER COMMITTEE MEETING

After a brief discussion, Mr. Bear confirmed the Water Committee will meet Thursday, April 1st at 3:30 p.m.

RECESS

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to recess until Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 5:30 a.m. for a budget work session.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

RECONVENE

The Board reconvened on Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 6:03 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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
Martha Collins, Administrative Assistant/Clerk

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Mr. Bear said that the Planning Commission, along with Mr. Hankins' input, carefully evaluated three firms to help with development and completion of the Comprehensive Plan. They ultimately selected Hill Studio, at a cost of \$65k, after review and edit of their proposal. Mr. Bear indicated that Mount Rogers assisted the County the last couple of times for a fee in the \$30k range. He stated that Mr. Hankins has written a grant that will provide \$25k but it is time sensitive and requires a decision quickly. It should be noted that the County has not previously completed the Comprehensive Plan without external assistance as the process requires a lot of research, data gathering and writing.

Vice Chair Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to approve the agreement for professional services with Hill Studio.

The 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 and staff reviewed and discussed FY22 budget matters in great detail.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Vaught adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:55 p.m.

Brian W. Vaught, Chair