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The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 13, 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

Jimmy McCabe, Emergency Services Coordinator

Martha Collins, Administrative Assistant/Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kim Aker

Barry Ayers

Deanna Bradberry

Steve Canup

Emily Cline

Mitchell Cook

Tracey Crigger

Noah Davis

James Fedderman

Justin Felts

Charlie Foster

Steve Goliher

Amber Gravley

Lori Guynn

Dylan Jones and family

Andy Kegley

Gus Kincer

Lorna King

Ami Kirk

Linda Lacey

Zach Lester

Linda Meyer

Cade Minton

Dicky Morgan

Megan Patrick

Jonathan Powers

Jo Repass

Lynn Rosenbaum

Chris Sizemore

Lachen Streeby

Donn Sunshine

Frances Watson

Joseph Wilkins

approximately five others

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Vaught determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Chair also requested that everyone keep County Attorney Scot Farthing and his family in their prayers due to the recent loss of his father.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Steve Canup, Fort Chiswell Church of Christ, provided the invocation and Supervisor Cook led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION OF SPORTS RESOLUTIONS

Supervisor Cook read and presented the following resolution to George Wythe's championship team:

**WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2021-09
A RESOLUTION HONORING THE
GEORGE WYTHE HIGH SCHOOL
BOYS INDOOR TRACK 4X400 RELAY TEAM**

WHEREAS, the George Wythe High School Boys Indoor Track and Field Team completed a spectacular 2020-21 season; and,

WHEREAS, the George Wythe High School Boys Indoor Track and Field Team advanced to the Virginia High School League's Group 1A State Indoor Track and Field Championship on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, Dylan Jones, Kade Minton, Justin Felts and Joseph Wilkins outran the opposition to a first-place finish and State championship title in the Boys 4x400 Relay; and,

WHEREAS, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors officially commends the George Wythe High School Boys Indoor Track and Field 4x400 relay team comprised of Dylan Jones, Kade Minton, Justin Felts, Joseph Wilkins, and Coach Steve Gollither for their exemplary 2020-21 season and their display of outstanding dedication, athletic ability and sportsmanship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors presents this Resolution to the George Wythe High School Boys

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Indoor Track and Field 4x400 Relay Team in recognition and appreciation of their achievements and wishes them well in their future endeavors; 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 13th day of April, 2021.

Supervisor Cook made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to adopt Resolution 2021-09 Honoring the George Wythe High School Boys Indoor Track 4X400 Relay Team.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

Chair Vaught read and presented the following resolution to State Champion Lachen Streeby:

**WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2021-10
A RESOLUTION HONORING LACHEN STREEBY
OF THE RURAL RETREAT HIGH SCHOOL
INDOOR TRACK & FIELD TEAM**

WHEREAS, the Rural Retreat High School Indoor Track & Field Team completed a very successful 2021 season; and,

WHEREAS, Lachen Streeby of the Rural Retreat High School Indoor Track & Field Team advanced to compete in the Virginia High School League's Group 1A/2A State Championship on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, Lachen defeated all other competitors to become the State Champion in the 500-meter dash with a time of 1:10.43; and,

WHEREAS, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors officially commends Lachen for his outstanding dedication, athletic ability, and sportsmanship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors presents this resolution to Lachen Streeby in recognition of his 2021 Indoor Track & Field State Championship title in the 500-meter dash; and,

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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 13th day of April, 2021.

Chair Vaught made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to adopt Resolution 2021-10 Honoring Lachen Streeby of the Rural Retreat High School Indoor Track & Field Team.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

Chair Vaught read and presented the following resolution to State Champion Chris Sizemore:

**WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2021-11
A RESOLUTION HONORING CHRIS SIZEMORE
OF THE RURAL RETREAT HIGH SCHOOL
INDOOR TRACK & FIELD TEAM**

WHEREAS, the Rural Retreat High School Indoor Track & Field Team completed a very successful 2021 season; and,

WHEREAS, Chris Sizemore of the Rural Retreat High School Indoor Track & Field Team advanced to compete in the Virginia High School League's Group 1A/2A State Championship on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, Chris defeated all other competitors to become the State Champion in the high jump at a height of 5'10" and the long jump at a distance of 20'9"; and,

WHEREAS, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors officially commends Chris for his outstanding dedication, athletic ability, and sportsmanship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors presents this resolution to Chris Sizemore in recognition of his 2021 Indoor Track & Field State Championship titles in the high jump and long jump; and,

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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 13th day of April, 2021.

Chair Vaught made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to adopt Resolution 2021-11 Honoring Chris Sizemore of the Rural Retreat High School Indoor Track & Field Team.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

CITIZENS' TIME

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

1. Civic Education and Resolution – Ms. Linda Lacey appeared before the Board and stated "I'm Linda Lacey a retired veteran, teacher, taxpayer, member of the American Legion. I want to give a little history before Linda Meyer comes up to ask for a resolution. Wythe County Board of Supervisors, when our founding fathers formed this nation, they could not have imagined the truths that they loved so much and risked their lives for, would one day be hated and scorned by so many citizens or students ignorant of their country's history. We live in a very challenging time but we are convinced that America is a miraculous gift of God. It is well documented that the founding fathers read the bible evidenced by their many phrases from the King James Bible showing up in their written and spoken words. It is the most accessible and authoritative text for the 18th Century Americans. Historians looked at probate records, the records, the catalogues, letters of what people left behind when they died and if the family owned a single book, it was a bible. And the faith referred to time and again by Washington, Adams and Lincoln and by numerous documents in our country's history are the truths that made this country great. The founding fathers according to the American University School of Public Affairs, Department of Justice, Law & Criminology, look to the bible for guiding principles of political order, civil authority, civic virtues, responsible citizenship and other features that are part of a well-ordered political society. The Declaration of Independence and Constitution do not represent competing views of the existence of a supreme being or his role in American political life. They are two sides of the same coin. We read together they tell us that the human, that the peoples' rights are divine in origin, sacred and unalienable while governments are human in origin answerable to the people and dependent entirely on their consent. Because stem

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science, technology, engineering, mathematics has been emphasized for the past 50 years over civic education, there is a divided country. One side for American achievements and progress versus the other side defining America by its failures and oppressions. Does it matter whether we acknowledge the bible's contributions to the American founding? Yes. We think it's worth preserving and recovering our civic history. Thus, our proposed resolution will inspire us all in remembering and being thankful to our creator in his role in the life of our nation. Other states, Oklahoma and Kentucky, they've put forth resolutions as well as our united nations. They discovered how important our civic education is. It defines who people are. Thank you."

2. Civic Education and Resolution – Ms. Linda Meyer appeared before the Board and stated "Good evening. I'm bringing before you today, and I've rewritten the paperwork, for a resolution. We give out a lot of resolutions and I think this one is particularly important. It honors Jesus Christ and his apostles. Whereas the apostles challenged unlimited government and unlimited obedience to authorities censoring our practicing religious liberties by refusing to object. Whereas the 1620 Mayflower compact specifies the reason for the voyage to plant the first colony in Virginia, in God we trust. Whereas the 1638 Fundamental Orders of Connecticut reveal America's Christian foundation by enacting a government framework to maintain and preserve the liberty and purity of the gospel of our Lord Jesus. Whereas the 1640 New England Articles of Confederation confirm the singular impact of Jesus Christ in colonial leaders. Whereas the 1644 New Haven Colony Charter honors the God of the bible. Whereas Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence, affirmed our creator alone to be the source of life and basic human rights. We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal and that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. So, I am asking the Wythe County Board of Supervisors to honor Jesus Christ and so on. This was done by the House of Representatives in Kentucky in 2016. I think it is very valid. I have all the information here which I would like to pass out to you so you can read it for yourselves and I hope you put this resolution on your agenda in the future and it will benefit and be a statement of our great culture and what's happened here in Wythe County. So that would be most appreciated.

Okay, now we're talking about civic education. We got some information, or I didn't get some information, the information came through the mail about a civics education and a new program – it's not a new program; it's been around

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for a while but we didn't know if people, it's opportunities for – up to K-12. And it's called the New Roadmap for 21st Century History and Civics Education. We gave this to the School Board the other day with all the caveats so they could do some very interesting analysis and hopefully get this on the curriculum. And this information was published in the American Legion Magazine from this month. So, if you'd like to look at that. And here is information about the roadmap. Two important things.

Now I'm talking about the budget. The School Board is seeking a 5% salary increase. Last year of course we know it was unprecedented. Actual school days probably down by 95%. Salaries and so on were still paid. I realize this is no fault of the teaching staff and so on but I'd like to remind you that hazard pay was given out very generously and so on. The word 'deserve' should not be in anybody's vocabulary. Taxpayers deserve not to have to have a 5% increase given out. Percentage increases are compounded every year – it's just not a one-time deal and it is not necessary at this point in time. Thank you."

3. LGBTQ+ – Mr. Donn Sunshine appeared before the Board and stated "I've addressed you before about my concerns and addressed the School Board about my concerns about the State's model LGBTQ+ policy. The response I get is that '*Oh, we have to follow the law.*' so I thought I'd remind you of the 14th Amendment. '*No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.*' And what I'm advocating for because I think the students, the administration, the staff, the teachers of Wythe County, the citizens are a great people and they deserve this; what I'm advocating for is a policy that is fair to all people and not just to the LGBTQ community, and I appreciate you hearing me."
4. WCPS Budget – Ms. Emily Cline appeared before the Board and stated "Good evening, Chairman Vaught, members of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors. My name is Emily Cline. I'll be reading a statement on behalf of Denise Davis. 'As you all know, Virginia systems school funding is a shared State/Local responsibility. Statewide localities must match 45% of the cost for programs deemed required by the state which are the standards of quality or SOQ. The state's required local effort for SOQs is the bare minimum at which school districts can meet the educational demands. As a result, every locality in Virginia has historically exceeded the required match for State funds for public education. The most recent report of expenditures was released in January 2021 and the

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trend continues with 134 of 135 localities exceeding the required local effort or RLE for fiscal year 2020 with the average across all localities being 82.54%. I have compared Wythe County with surrounding localities. Those localities used for comparison purposes are listed from highest to lowest with regard to amount of overmatched provided: Montgomery, Roanoke County, Bland, Giles, Floyd, Washington, Pulaski, Carroll, Wythe, Grayson, Galax, Bristol, Smyth and Tazewell. A chart was provided to you. Wythe ranks 102 out of 135 localities in Virginia with an overmatch of 50.44% over the required local effort. With the State average being 82.54%, there are only 33 localities in Virginia that provided less funding than required for public education than Wythe County. I will repeat that. There are 102 localities out of 135 that provided more funding than required by the state than Wythe County. Three bordering localities outranked Wythe, and those are Bland which provided an overmatch of 90%, Pulaski provided an overmatch of 68%, and Carroll provided an overmatch of 51%. All of those 102 localities that provided more funding than required, clearly prioritized public education more than the Supervisors of Wythe County. Wythe County's ranking on the local composite index statewide was 87, yet the rank on percent of actual local expenditures above the state requires was 102. This would indicate that Wythe should be able to provide more than a 50% overmatch for local education funding. As a member of the board for the Virginia Education Association, I know the struggles that teachers across the state have endured since March 2020 and continue to endure. I also know that Wythe County has lost quite a few great teachers because better pay opportunities were offered elsewhere in the state. When sufficient funding is not provided for schools to operate and for school employees to receive a pay increase, that they most certainly deserve, families suffer, students suffer, and employee morale suffers greatly. You, the Supervisors, holding the purse strings have a chance to make education a real priority in Wythe County. Will you do it? There seems to be some concern about out-of-county students attending Wythe County. But what is to keep Wythe County students from attending in surrounding localities where more money is spent for public education, and education is evidently a higher priority. Thank you."

5. WCPS Transgender Policy and Stacy Terry – Mrs. Tracey Crigger appeared before the Board and stated "Good evening. My name is Tracey Crigger. I'm speaking on behalf of Wythe County Education Association Board. An education is basic civil rights and any child who does not feel safe coming to school is being denied their civil rights. We are working tirelessly to dismantle systems of oppression that prevent children from accessing a great public education because of factors outside their control; like their race, gender, sexual orientation, culture, or nationality. In Stacy Terry's public (now private) Facebook post, he chose to

express an opinion in response to the support of the model policy for transgender students by a Wythe County Public School teacher. For those that do not know, the State of Virginia passed House Bill 145 and Senate Bill 161 during the 2020 Virginia General Assembly. This law affects all public schools. The model policies for the treatment of transgender students in public elementary and secondary schools document was developed by the Virginia Department of Education in response to HB 145 and SB 161. Quoting the Virginia Department of Education '*The Virginia Department of Education continues to be committed to working with school divisions to ensure a positive, safe and nurturing learning environment for all students.*' It is important that as education leaders, we affirm our commitment to advancing equity in Virginia's public schools. Efforts to advance equity priorities include developing a culturally competent workforce of educators, closing opportunity and achievement gaps among marginalized student groups, increasing access to high quality early learning opportunities and maximizing the potential of every Virginia student. The key guiding principle to the model of policies is that all children have a right to learn, free from discrimination and harassment. The policy minimum standards are as follows: (1) compliance with applicable non-discrimination laws, very pertinent to all students; (2) maintenance of a safe and supportive learning environment free from discrimination and harassment for all students; prevention of and response to bullying and harassment; maintenance of student records; identification of students; protection of student privacy and the confidentiality of sensitive information; enforcement of sex-based dress codes, and student participation in sex-specific school activities and events and use those school facilities. Activities and events do not include athletics. Each school board shall adopt policies that are consistent with but maybe more comprehensive than the model policies developed by the Virginia Department of Education. We acknowledge Mr. Terry's right to his opinion but not to intimidate or threaten our staff or students as part of that expression. His use of an image of bullets, having nothing to do with the context of the topic at hand, can only be viewed as a threat of violence. The Wythe County Education Association Board condemns that violence and we ask that the Board of Supervisors formally vote to censure Mr. Terry. We expect more from our county leadership. We demand more from our county leadership. Thank you."

6. WCPS Transgender Policy – Mr. Mitchell Cook appeared before the Board and stated "As some of you may know, my name is Mitchell Cook. I'd like to say hi to Supervisor Cook and Chair Vaught. I normally try to stay out of the politics of Wythe County, mainly because growing up, I was taught there's a few things you keep your mouth shut at the dinner table about: guns, religion and politics. But

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there've been things that have come to light and things that have been said that, in honesty, terrify me; that the people of this county and this Board have allowed. And I'm just going to start off with you have people that say this transgender policy that's coming from Richmond is going to put students at a disadvantage or put students in a situation where they don't need to be; in courses to the fact that LGBT students are at higher risks of depression, suicide, isolation and a myriad of other mental illnesses. I am living proof of that. It took me until I got out of Wythe County to accept myself and being able to express myself because I was terrified, not what the students would do to me if I opened up and was 100% myself; it was the adults outside of the school system. There's at least two teachers here that I felt comfortable with talking to: Ms. Megan Patrick and Ms. Deanna Bradberry. Those two teachers are some of the reasons why I'm still standing here. I have scars from where there are nights where I hated myself so much and I could not take it. There are those of us that are in the LGBT community that we don't cut. We don't take pills. We don't hang. We drink ourselves. We find abuse in substances that numb the pain, that are caused by people who are ignorant to our plight, who are callous to . . . to the cruelty that they deal out. If you really care about the students, you will adopt these resolutions as they are and respect the fact that these students are just like your children; they need to be protected, cared for and listened to. I came out to these teachers because I felt scared to tell my parents. If I had not had them to talk to, I would not be standing here today. I would not have become MACC Captain of my teams. I would not have been SGA President. I was able to pull through all of that because of those teachers; those teachers that you all attack with your venomous words. It's enough. It has to end now. Thank you."

Chair Vaught stated that according to the Rules of Procedure, only county residents can speak during citizens time, unless a motion is made to suspend those rules.

Supervisor Cook made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to suspend Rules of Procedure to allow non-county citizens to speak.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

7. WCPS Transgender Policy and Stacy Terry – Ms. Megan Patrick appeared before the Board and stated "Good evening. Thank you for suspending the rules for me. My name is Megan Patrick and although I live in Smyth County, I'm here tonight to speak as a Wythe County educator and a topic of interest for Mr. Terry. I understand that this Board has concerns about the welfare of our students in

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Wythe County as do I. The disagreement between us then is about which students we care for and how we care for them. I work to accept and support all children however they come to me. All students have a right to feel safe and valued while at school. Furthermore, it is against the law to refuse to provide all students with the basic civil rights set forth in the Virginia model policies for the treatment of transgender students. As you make budget decisions for the school system, surely you understand that your place is to comply with the law and fund our schools for the betterment of all students. I have never before seen educators, custodians, administrators, students or parents work as hard as we have during the COVID-19 pandemic. Cutting our funding because of your religious beliefs would not only be an egregious violation of the law, but it would also be a slap in the face to every stakeholder in the school system – every person standing behind me today. Mr. Terry’s behavior on Facebook is embarrassing at best, dangerous and disgusting at worst. Although his views are his own, and he has the right to them as a private citizen, he does not have the right to use an image of bullets to threaten or attempt to incite violence against me as a public educator. Far too many school children, teachers, staff members and SROs have lost their lives to violence in schools, including this week. Mr. Terry’s post cannot be taken lightly. He has a responsibility to this community and he has failed to uphold it consistently. I ask you, the other members of the Board, to take action to formally censure him and make clear that violent threats are not acceptable behavior from the leadership of this county. I also ask for a formal public apology from you, Mr. Terry. Wythe County deserves better. Thank you.”

8. WCPS Transgender Policy – Ms. Lynn Rosenbaum appeared before the Board and stated “Good evening. I am Lynn Rosenbaum. I’m a teacher in Wythe County and Co-President of the Wythe County Education Association, the WCEA. This is my 27th year as an educator and I’ve taught in South Carolina as well as Virginia. I live in Wythe County and I’m a registered voter, and I’m troubled over several issues. Let me explain. I’ve learned that a member of the board does not support out-of-district students. I believe it to be an honor for a student from a neighboring county to wish to attend school here. It demonstrates that Wythe County is a desirable school system that has a lot to offer its students. The school division is paid on a per pupil basis which translates to more students means more funding from the state or the county and it’s a plus for the school system. Many of these students live close to the county line. The student’s family has to provide transportation to the school so it costs them to have their student attend WCPS. The students that WCPS accepts have to meet a set of requirements that are evaluated on a per student request or basis. It isn’t *‘Come one, come all’*. I taught

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in a county that I did not reside in when my children were younger. The county I taught in accepted my children in their system without hesitation. I could go on but there are other issues. Main point: students mean more funding. Teaching this year has been horrible. For those who believe we, teachers, have done nothing this year, I can give you some interesting facts from my year. I move schools from Fort Chiswell High School to George Wythe. Not a problem. My job relies on the number of special education students at respective schools. I have 13 students that I manage special education paperwork for – nope, not bad either. I go to the classroom to assist teachers and students. This puts me with an average of 100-120 students a day. Again, about the norm for a special education teacher. Normally I have one meeting per year, sometimes there are two, for a student depending on the situation. This year, I've had 66 meetings involving my 13 students. I teach a class for employment skills; I've had to translate all of the in-person lessons to go with that curriculum to computer-based; a little more than two hours of work for each lesson. The curriculum is planned for 18 weeks. We didn't have 18 weeks in the first semester. I've had to learn to operate Zoom, the Canvas learning platform, Google classroom, document projectors, webcams, microphones, and scanners. There are days that everywhere that the internet is down, a computer program won't come up, a Zoom isn't working, oh, and wear a mask, temperature checks, keep distance, clean in between classes, can't have lockers so have to carry everything with you everywhere. And substitutes? We couldn't find them before. But now, when a teacher has to take a day perhaps to go to the doctor or is sick, they now have to note if the sub can operate the equipment and understand, the way more complicated it becomes. All is so stressful. Then there's the mental health issues. I have four of the thirteen students that I started with this year, have been placed in residential settings for mental health self-harm issues. That's 25% who were not originally identified as emotionally disabled. If 25% have such serious issue, how are the other 75 feeling? Again, I could go on. Main point: teachers have worked harder this year than in years' past with less respect and appreciation than years' past. Mandated policies are that we have to abide by; we don't have a choice; it's the law. I may be naïve but ... I don't like the speed limit but I have to follow it. The policy that we must not discriminate against LGBTQ students specifically, is a law. We have to follow it. I do have a copy of the Senate and House Bill that I held up earlier that were passed last year. This is part of the Virginia Department of Education's equity initiative which proposes equity for all in education, which the DOE has spent several years working on, which also relates to eleven State and Federal laws. It doesn't just discuss transgender students but students of different colors, races, religions and genders. Again, I may be naïve but I feel it's my responsibility

as a teacher to accept children where they come to me from. It doesn't matter if they stink, if they're poor, if they live in a park, if they're of another color than myself. An identity is someone – identify someone other than what I see on the outside. Children are children. They need support from teachers. They may be from a single-parent home, a grandparent's home, a foster home, or no home. Everyone can probably think of a friend or a time that you have felt singled out, felt very alone (short or long term), bullied, picked on, harassed for some reason you didn't understand or didn't know why it mattered so much. That's emotional abuse. The answer is not withholding funding. Why hurt all of the students and employees of WCPS by threatening to withhold funding or only funding as minimally mandated. Oh, but wait a minute – you don't like to follow mandates because you don't want to agree with the mandate. Here's my main point: let the arguments over 'I don't like this so I'm going to hurt you how I can'. Hmm. Grow up. Grow up and look at who and what you are really hurting, our children our future. When you think of the \$39M that you got from STS Group, if you will approve this, and insist that you have to be followed, then minimal funding will result in fewer teachers and support staff, programs will be cut, the progress with technology we've made will cease and schools will be impacted. No school is perfect. Each school system hopefully strives to improve. Funding only the minimum requirement doesn't give into improvement. It doesn't give teachers a reason to want to return to work rather than find employment out of education where they feel more appreciated and respected. Many teachers after all could get better education jobs. I didn't take the career for the money but don't shame me by paying me as much or less than I could make at McDonald's or Sheetz working the same number of hours I do now. What am I asking? I'm asking that you fund the County school system, the students, because they need your support more than ever. Oh, let me ask one question: Where do your kids go to school?"

9. WCPS Transgender Policy – Dr. James Fedderman appeared before the Board and stated "Good evening everyone. I am James Fedderman, the President of the Virginia Education Association. Thank you so much for suspending the rules as I drove eight hours from the eastern shore to get here so, thank you so much. As President of the VEA, I am in touch with our union leaders and members across the state and also the Governor and his Education Secretary, Atif Qarni, and the State Superintendent, Dr. Lane. Without exception, they say that teachers and support professionals across the Commonwealth and in Wythe County have shown incredible creativity, flexibility and commitment to their students over the past year dealing with COVID-19. Your staff members are your biggest resource and I so urge you to maximize your commitment to fund the school programs

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and staff compensation in a way that reflects the importance of their work. The members of the Virginia Education Association worked extremely hard this year making the case to members of the General Assembly that communities like yours need more assistance from the state in funding local public schools. That help is coming. I am on the State Board. I know that. In addition, members of the VEA and the NEA urge national support to help local school divisions recover from the COVID pandemic. Thanks to that work, \$2B in new funding is coming to Virginia school divisions from the American Rescue Plan, including \$7.9M designated specifically for Wythe County. Those are some of the facts that will frame your budget decision and discussion but, as you well know, the children in our public schools and the school employees who nurture them and support them and much more, they are much more than a number. Each student, each family, have unique circumstances but a common dream – to graduate from the Wythe County schools and to become a successful and happy adult. Are you willing to make that happen, whether their path will take them here or beyond, it is our commitment and our duty. Each of your school employees began their career committed to helping every individual student make a difference and fulfill their full potential. This global pandemic has brought sickness and death all across the corners of the world, including here. But that did not defeat us. In fact, I absolutely believe that bright days are ahead of us for Wythe County and for our Commonwealth. I urge you to seize the moment and do whatever it takes to ensure that each student in Wythe County and their employees has the opportunity to reach their dreams and that your employees receive the compensation and professional growth opportunities that will keep them working in Wythe County and not push them to the surrounding divisions. Again, I commend the employees of Wythe County Public Schools for their students and families and I thank you for the opportunity to speak here today. My name is Dr. Fedderman, the President of the Virginia Education Association and I approve this message. Thank you.”

10. WCPS Transgender Policy – Ms. Lorna King appeared before the Board and stated “Hello all. Happy Anniversary. It seems like I was just here this time last year, and nothing has changed. But I am not going to reiterate my disdain for that post and for what has become of that, and I will not reiterate what everyone has said. But I am standing in solidarity with everyone who has talked before me. The only other thing that I can add to all of this discussion, about all of this, is the emotional toll that this year has taken on everybody, but especially teachers and especially students. And so, to stand up here and to listen to these kinds of emotions really makes me reevaluate my choices. Because I have given my heart and soul to this county for 21 years and Mr. Cook, I have worked for you and you know what I

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work like. And I am not the only one that works that way. All of you that are in here that are teachers have the same story to tell. And I would hope that clearer heads would prevail and that you would invest in our children because I certainly don't do this job for the money. I could go home in the evening and rest, and not worry about my child or my children or my students, but I can guarantee you when you have no one to come to talk to you because there's no one else to talk to, maybe you'll think a little differently about your diatribes. And then maybe you will talk with respect to the educator that you couldn't even call a human being. Now that's all I have to say about that. Thank you all very much."

11. WCPS Transgender Policy – Ms. Kim Aker appeared before the Board and stated "Good evening, gentlemen. I do thank you for this opportunity. I am Kim Aker, a 25-year veteran teacher of Wythe County. For at least eight years, I represented the members of the Wythe County Education Association as a president or a co-president and I spoke before you a bunch of times. I was very proud when I was in Hampton, or Richmond, or Roanoke or Virginia Beach where we have our Virginia Education Association conferences, when I was around other educators to say our Board of Supervisors and our School Board had a wonderful working relationship of mutual respect and support. I cannot say that now. I am embarrassed and, quite frankly, angry at the politics and back-door personal agendas that have surfaced in the last few years. We have a problem and we, the citizens and employees of Wythe County need it repaired.

I have high respect for each of you on this board and those in public office. I have taught your children, I've coached a lot of your children and I've been able to communicate with almost everybody. I don't know Mr. Vaught and I don't know Mr. Smith, but everybody else I do. I think and I hope that you know that I'm an honest, professional and friendly person. I work hard and I'm a straight shooter. I am also proud to say I am a Christian and I try to live my life in such a way that it is evidenced not only by my words, but my actions and my character. Sadly, I fail daily, but I do strive to do that. I've tried to teach my sons, my grandchildren and close to a 1,000 students now that character is what you do and say when you think no one else is watching, but also to be aware that someone is always watching. They see what you say vocally, in emails, in texts and especially on social media. Our children are watching. They have watched many elected officials say and do things over the last few years that, in my opinion, are appalling. I don't claim to be Democrat nor Republican, so before you close your ears, just know that. I am, however, what's known as an informed voter. I don't take rumors or claims as truth until I can prove them. And I'm shocked by the

truth I've seen. So, I want to educate a couple of you that appear not to know the truth as well as a few in the audience.

Teachers have endured the worst 13 months of our lives. Yes, students and parents have had a very difficult time the last 13 months as well. However, some seem to think that teachers have sat at home and done nothing. That is a lie. Let me be clear. We have worked harder in the last 13 months than in the last 24 years I've taught. We've learned multiple new computer programs and techniques to try to reach each and every student, both in person, online, virtual, and most of the year we've done both, which for those of you who don't live our lives, let me explain. It means we do it on our own time-early mornings and late nights far beyond 7:45-3:30. Teachers have basically been on call, from emails, DOJO, Class tag, text, and social messages trying to help parents, especially those that have working schedules. Have we succeeded? Yes, in many, many cases. 100%? Nope – and I'll be the first to admit that. We have dealt with the same technology issues that every family in Wythe County and in Virginia and most of the U.S. have. We've had the same problems with child care, trying to work from home and trying to avoid a pandemic. We have had the rules, procedures and guidelines change, almost daily from the Governor, the State Department of Ed, and then our County school administration, because you all well know, everything trickles down. You make a plan – the next day *'Nope, we're not doing that, we're doing this.'* I personally have driven to my school and sat in my parking lot at various times of the day and night just so I can have internet access. I have increased my satellite-driven internet, because that's all I can get where I live out on Peppers Ferry Road, both in cost and megabytes in attempts to have a decent service so I can record multiple, multiple hours of lessons, be on Zoom meetings, Google Meets and anything else that's been asked of me, just like all these educators and the 300 others of us; just like parents, grandparents and these children. Hopefully, that clears up at least one lie that the public has tried to spread.

Last year, there were no raises or steps for any school employee, and we all understood. We were in the middle of a pandemic and it shut down businesses, employers and companies and that's what provides the taxes to make it happen for funding. We get it. This year, the legislators proposed a 5% increase. Anyone with any knowledge at all knows that that means that the County has to chip in to make it work. Our Standards of Quality are set up by the legislators, and they've never been fully funded. We have necessary positions to make a school system work anywhere in Virginia. And you all know, they don't fund it all. For those of you that don't know that means school counselors, nurses, many

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paraprofessionals and some of our present teachers are not funded by State of Federal government. Our County has to do that. Our County has for many, many years funded above the LCI, which is the Local Composite Index for people that don't know, that's the mandated amount that the State says you guys have to, because the Board of Supervisors was knowledgeable enough to know we need those positions to make our students successful. Our Superintendents and the School Board, at least for the last 25 years that I've taught, has always provided a raise to every employee when funding was available; not just teachers, because we can't educate them if Mr. Horney and these great bus drivers don't get them to school. We can't help our special education students if we don't have our paraprofessionals, like his wife. We have our cafeteria workers busting their behinds this year to make sure we're feeding breakfast and lunch to our students whether it's on a bus, out of the back with a bag, or it's in person. Our custodians and maintenance workers have worked like dogs to keep our schools clean, even with tiles popping off the floor. You know, we don't need a new school at Spiller, no, no, no, no. Toilets are overflowing because we have busted water lines, and leaking roofs, even in my library, that's the new part. These janitors and custodians are trying to sanitize hourly and then they're walking along and picking up milk buckets outside the doors. I'd love for you all to come watch during the day. Milk buckets and trash bags because all the students have to be six feet apart. We can't feed them in the classrooms. We've got them in every crevice and every school spaced out. So, that's what the janitors have to do all day long. We get done with breakfast, then they come back through and pick up all the trash bags and more milk buckets. I've driven a school bus too. I was certified. I did it for years. I've helped serve meals from a bus and I helped serve them in the food lines when they need it. I've cleaned up vomit, spilled milk and food. I've given out medicine in the absence of nurses, after I was trained of course, and honest to goodness, I am sick of sanitizing every surface that's around. I don't say that for a pat on the back. I say that because I know what every employee in Wythe County Public School, how hard they work – EVERY DAY, every day. They, each and every employee of Wythe County Public Schools deserve a raise. Deserve it. Currently, Wythe County funding of education, as you've already heard from Denise's statement, ranks 102 of 135 counties. Better than 30 others, some of you will immediately say, but how sad that the value of our children's education is only ranked 102 of 135. Some people back there are probably saying *'Well that's better than 30 others.'* And some of you understand how sad that makes the value of our children's education, that we're ranked 102 of 135 counties. And in full disclosure, I've resigned already, at the end of this year. I've resigned to go to a small, neighboring county for \$6,000 more in salary,

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so it's not for me that I'm talking. Twenty-five years I've given this County and this is the kind of respect we get.

I have high respect and gratitude for the members of our police departments, particularly our SRO's; Sheriff Dunagan and others who do their job well and justly, to provide safety for our children and all of our citizens. And I'm really impressed at how Sheriff Dunagan found a way to get the necessary funding to have an SRO at every one of our schools.

However, let me educate a little further since that's what I do, and I'm sorry; I know I'm way past my time. In the midst of all this, the State continues to try to make things equal and safe for all children regardless of their race, their skin color or gender. And they have mandated a policy to attempt to stop bullying and profiling. Our school system has to adopt this policy. I don't personally agree with many people's sexual preferences. I believe marriage is between a man and a woman, however, I have many friends who have chosen other lifestyles. But you know what? It's not my job to judge them. I leave that up to my God. I also believe no educator or elected official has the right to discriminate based on race, skin color, gender or sexual preference. It is our job as educators, and as elected officials and sworn officers of the law, to keep them safe and not permit others to harm or harass them. It is also not an elected official's job or right, even in the United States of America with free speech, to harass a teacher for doing her job. This governing board cannot withhold funds because of personal beliefs. It's unethical, it's unprofessional and it's probably illegal. People of Wythe County, there's a few board members that have decided to further politically divide by spreading false truths about what the School Board and one teacher in particular is trying to do. They must adopt the policy about LGBTQ. It is from the Department of Education, pursuant to Code §22.1-23.3, local school divisions should adopt policies, procedures, and practices for an inclusive school environment that are consistent with ... (*Model Policies for the Treatment of Transgender Students in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools*). I do not want my five year old granddaughter in a bathroom with someone of another sex, for her safety and for theirs. That's why a policy has to be put in place to protect all of our children. This teacher in question simply wrote a letter to the Superintendent in support of a policy. She's a kind, caring, open-minded individual that provides a safe place for students that are ostracized by others because of their gender identity. She does not promote or preach any way of life to students. She demonstrates that she cares about them, regardless of the way they look or their choices. She simply allows them to feel safe for a brief time of their school day, free from harassment or bullying. I want every child in Wythe

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County to feel safe when they're at school. Just last Thursday, a kindergartener saw our SRO, Mr. Cooley, he's fantastic, on the playground and he said *'Why do we have to have a police officer out here? Are bad people going to come and hurt us?'* That's what our schools have come to, guys. And Mr. Cooley, he honestly said 'I didn't know what to say.' So, he said he looked at this child and said *'Nope, not while I'm here.'* That's why I'm here. I'm just a nobody but I am a voice for people who don't feel they can express themselves in public. She is a teacher who loves kids, even those that sometimes it's really hard to love them. She cares about her fellow educators and she includes every person. I care about my fellow educators and every person employed by the school system. We don't always agree with their decisions either, but I respect them.

People, we have to wake up! My pastor said, and I believe he's right, that we can't quote scripture to beat others down, that is just mean. And in my opinion, it's as hypocritical as a so-called Christian can be. In my Bible, it says to love my neighbor. I don't have to agree with them. You all do not have to agree with them. I may not like their choices, their political party or what they do, but we are called to be a light to others and every one of you, as a member of the Board of Supervisors, has been elected to represent all of Wythe County; every skin color, race, gender and those of different sexual preferences. We don't have to like it or agree with it, but you do have to be ethical, professional and legal. We as the citizens of Wythe County demand it. Thank you."

With no one else signed up to speak, Chair Vaught closed Citizens' Time.

Chair Vaught said he's not sure how the rumor started that this Board felt the teachers didn't deserve 5% raises. In fact, there's been incredible support and praise going to the teachers. Two years ago, the Chair and Vice Chair fought to get an extra \$500k of funding for the schools. They also pushed to get the renovations done at GWHS, which surprisingly came in under budget. The Chair admitted that the Board of Supervisors need to get together with the School Board since the last time they met was back in September 2019. But regarding out-of-county students, Chair Vaught said that he does have a problem with that. He raised the issue with the School Board only to have them add more out-of-county students to the mix. He doesn't know how to make up a \$2M deficit without raising taxes, but he knows at some point it will have to happen. However, he cannot vote for a tax increase while educating kids whose parents don't live and pay taxes here in Wythe County. One hundred percent of real estate and personal property taxes go to the school system. Whoever said that three members of this Board indicated the teachers don't deserve a raise, is false. Chair Vaught appreciates what the teachers do and said he has always supported them. But he will not support out-of-

county students at an additional cost of \$241k. He also referenced a house that the School Board purchased, with local funds, that remains vacant and appears to be in disrepair. Given the current real estate market, it seems to him that selling the home would be a wise financial move; one that could make up the difference in the added cost of out-of-county students. The Chair also mentioned that a School Board member voted against the school budget, and he finds that to be concerning. Last, but not least, Chair Vaught finds it disturbing that one teacher actually spent over \$1,000 out of pocket for school supplies. He asked, when Wythe County gives the school system \$13.6M, why is a teacher spending their own money on school supplies?

Vice Chair Lawson stated that she truly appreciates all the teachers. She has always supported the school budget and will continue to support the full budget. While she is a religious person, she will never allow religion to cloud her judgement on any issue that comes before the Board of Supervisors. She is proud of Wythe County Public Schools and extends her sincere thanks to the teachers.

(The Board took a 5-minute recess.)

PUBLIC HEARING – SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY

County Administrator Stephen Bear announced that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 6:05 p.m. to hear public comment for potential conveyance of lots in Progress Park or on Chapman Road from any of the following tax parcels: 27-61, 27-59, 42-41, 43-26 and 27-59A.

The hearing will take place in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia.

Chair Vaught opened the Public Hearing.

1. Mr. Andy Kegley, Director of HOPE, Inc., appeared before the Board and stated "I am Andy Kegley, Director of HOPE, Inc., and it may be empty to say this right now but I want to go on record to say out loud that I stand with the folks who spoke from WCEA tonight. That was pretty powerful. I mistakenly signed up for that slot instead of this and maybe I should have spoken over there too. What I want to talk to you about is housing and I want to say, first off, congratulations on your announcement last week. I don't think that's been said tonight, yet. That's a big deal. It's been a long time coming to have an announcement like that. I know 30 years when I was sitting in y'all's seat, it was a really big deal and we didn't even have Progress Park in our vision. We were still working out here in Fairview Park.

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So, I know you all want more announcements like that. I know it's important to the tax base, I know it's important to the quality of life, the growth of Wythe County. From my experience, and again I've watched local governments for a long time and been involved with it in the past and still kind of involved with public policy with the housing and food security work we do. You know I think there are three reasons why an international company like STS Group Ag will come here. I think they like the quality of life, I think they like the schools and I think they know there's an employment base they can put to work and make a profit. There are other factors you know, the tax base incentives are big deals too but the handout was something that I put on our e-blast that came out just yesterday, we do it weekly, and the top bumper sticker image is something that we created back before HOPE was known as HOPE and we were still known as Mountain Shelter, that was a bumper sticker that my then 5 year old daughter drew a little picture of a house and we borrowed the image, the phrase, 'Houses: Where jobs go at the end of the day.' We put these on bumper stickers and they got actually picked up by the West Virginia Housing Agency and by Tennessee Housing Authority; they've all asked for permission or we printed extra ones for them to distribute but that little message says a lot about y'all's job in trying to get more jobs here. So last week, when the announcement was made by the Governor's office and when I saw it on social media, I made the comment on the JIDA page 'I guess this means we need to build 120 new houses.' As you said a while ago, the real estate market inventory is extremely low; you talk about putting a house on the market, a house in your neighborhood, there were four offers practically before the announcement was made and they were more than what it was listed at. The real estate market is really crazy right now and so I don't think 120 people will be moving here for these new 120 jobs. I think you'll be able to grow them from people in Wythe County. But the next plant, we have this huge critical shortage of housing in Wythe County and it's not just upper-end housing or even middle-end housing; I have a statement in here that the housing programs we administer for the homeless, the homeless numbers have gone through the roof in the past year because of the pandemic. Through last summer, we had 45 homeless households in three different motels in Wythe County. Pre-pandemic, we might have had one or two households that were homeless that we were supporting in a motel. Those 45, and today it's about 15, we have funding to pay for their deposit and move-in rent in an apartment or house or trailer in Wythe County. They can't find a place to move. We're spending precious dollars on motel rates at about \$45-50 a night where if we could pay the deposit and move-in rent and we're even able to offer some other landlord incentives, if we can move those people out, they can do a whole lot better than they're doing

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in a motel. Statistics show that, that homeless families do better when you're in a house, not a shelter. So, there's a huge housing shortage. I don't know much about y'all's public hearing you're having right now and I understand I'm the only speaker but I looked at the tax maps and I haven't done any kind of engineering work or don't know anything about what can be done but I just want to plant the seed for you all to think about, if you've got surplus land and if you're interested in growing new jobs, I think it would go a long way toward solving multiple problems if some of that land could be given to, not just HOPE but, the Housing Authority in Wytheville or with other covenants that make it affordable, then you're going to be able to show the next prospect for the mega-site, Lot 24 down there, or anybody else that y'all are concerned about the infrastructure supporting those jobs. Where jobs go at the end of the day – is a house. That's where those folks lay their heads at night. So, I'm happy to make this an ongoing conversation; if we can get together and brainstorm about some of this, I don't imagine that we'll hash it out and resolve it tonight but I would hope that we could towards some kind of resolution that would build more homes."

With no one else signed up to speak, the Chair closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Bear commented that no action is warranted at this time. He did state that before any parcel can be conveyed, a public hearing must be held, so this satisfies that requirement.

PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

Supervisor Terry made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on April 13, 2021, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30109261-30109414 as follows:

EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS April 13, 2021

CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
30109261	04/01/2021	AMAZON	\$ 78.76
30109262	04/01/2021	APPALACHIAN POWER	1,407.34
30109263	04/01/2021	BUSINESS CARD	11,112.32
30109264	04/01/2021	CENTURYLINK	52.76
30109265	04/01/2021	CENTURYLINK	98.97
30109266	04/01/2021	CENTURYLINK	125.58

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30109267	04/01/2021	CENTURYLINK	146.50
30109268	04/01/2021	CENTURYLINK	347.27
30109269	04/01/2021	CENTURYLINK	3,548.05
30109270	04/01/2021	CENTURYLINK	4,871.59
30109271	04/01/2021	GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SE	306.00
30109272	04/01/2021	NEW RIVER REGIONAL WATER	54,627.22
30109273	04/01/2021	PITNEY BOWES INC	128.97
30109274	04/01/2021	US CELLULAR	1,244.94
30109275	04/01/2021	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYST	724.75
30109276	04/01/2021	WYTHE CO WATER & WASTEWAT	256.03
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 04/01/2021			\$79,077.05

CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
30109277	04/13/2021	ALLEN THOMAS R	\$ 8.81
30109278	04/13/2021	ALLEN THOMAS R	21.84
30109279	04/13/2021	AVENUE 365 LENDER SVCS LL	50.06
30109280	04/13/2021	COLLINS LEONARD LEE	429.30
30109281	04/13/2021	CRIGGER DELMAR	67.57
30109282	04/13/2021	CROCKETT FREDERICK BLAKE	27.05
30109283	04/13/2021	CROCKETT FREDERICK BLAKE	47.43
30109284	04/13/2021	DARLINGTON DONALD C JR	819.18
30109285	04/13/2021	DENNIS DAYL WILLIAM &	20.48
30109286	04/13/2021	DORSEY JESSICA K	24.47
30109287	04/13/2021	ENGLISH CONSTRUCTION COMP	12.29
30109288	04/13/2021	FIELD ELIZABETH T	54.00
30109289	04/13/2021	FLOWERS SUSAN HUGHES	14.42
30109290	04/13/2021	GALLIMORE DAVID G	475.00
30109291	04/13/2021	GARDNER INC	70.00
30109292	04/13/2021	GINNY CORPORATION	170.10
30109293	04/13/2021	GRIFFEY EMILY SUZANNE BLE	17.66
30109294	04/13/2021	GUYNN JR DAVID FRANKLIN	9.80
30109295	04/13/2021	KING RUBY S	58.15
30109296	04/13/2021	KING RUBY S	58.34
30109297	04/13/2021	MARTIN CONNIE B	43.16
30109298	04/13/2021	MARTIN CONNIE B	46.02
30109299	04/13/2021	MARTIN CONNIE B	46.94
30109300	04/13/2021	PHILLIPPI FRANK O'DELL	16.96
30109301	04/13/2021	PHILLIPPI RICHARD E	9.00
30109302	04/13/2021	POINT BROADBAND FIBER	18.11

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30109303	04/13/2021	PUCKETT ZACHARY TYLER	54.47
30109304	04/13/2021	RAICHE PET SUPPLIES PLUS	6.03
30109305	04/13/2021	RAICHE PET SUPPLIES PLUS	20.78
30109306	04/13/2021	RITTER JUDITH C	151.43
30109307	04/13/2021	ROSEWOOD MEMORIAL GARDENS	147.86
30109308	04/13/2021	SAIN JAMES J	64.80
30109309	04/13/2021	SANGSTER ROBERT R	106.98
30109310	04/13/2021	SAYERS TIMOTHY DAVID	132.72
30109311	04/13/2021	SHUMATE HARRY KELLY	35.72
30109312	04/13/2021	SPANGLER RAMONA WILLIAMS	170.54
30109313	04/13/2021	TAYLOR MARGARET	15.56
30109314	04/13/2021	VAN HANG THANH	44.76
30109315	04/13/2021	WHALEN CONNIE ARNOLD	84.52
30109316	04/13/2021	WHITT CRISTINA MAY	6.47
30109317	04/13/2021	WHITT CRISTINA MAY	11.99
30109318	04/13/2021	WILKINSON ROCKY LEE	20.09
30109319	04/13/2021	WILKINSON ROCKY LEE	22.63
30109320	04/13/2021	WILSON LIVING TRUST	256.17
30109321	04/13/2021	WOODZELL LESLIE KAY	15.26
30109322	04/13/2021	WRIGHT JAMES E JR	481.84
30109323	04/13/2021	WRIGHT KATHERINE LYN	28.67
30109324	04/13/2021	103 TOWING & RECOVERY LLC	125.00
30109325	04/13/2021	AMAZON	1,286.48
30109326	04/13/2021	AMERICAN MINE RESEARCH IN	1,875.00
30109327	04/13/2021	APPALACHIAN POWER	21,895.84
30109328	04/13/2021	AXON ENTERPRISE INC	3,720.00
30109329	04/13/2021	BSN SPORTS INC	949.42
30109330	04/13/2021	CAVALIER SUPPLY CO	116.00
30109331	04/13/2021	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	1,268.67
30109332	04/13/2021	CENTURYLINK	49.99
30109333	04/13/2021	CENTURYLINK	51.87
30109334	04/13/2021	CENTURYLINK	67.82
30109335	04/13/2021	CENTURYLINK	126.28
30109336	04/13/2021	CENTURYLINK	331.11
30109337	04/13/2021	CITIZENS TELEPHONE COOP	979.95
30109338	04/13/2021	COLLINS AUTO REPAIR INC	2,348.53
30109339	04/13/2021	COMMUNITY ANIMAL CLINIC I	50.00
30109340	04/13/2021	COMPLETE TRUCK SERVICE IN	1,831.20
30109341	04/13/2021	CORE&MAIN LP	5,446.71

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30109342	04/13/2021	CW WARTHEN	1,474.83
30109343	04/13/2021	DEPOT DESIGNS OF RURAL RE	97.50
30109344	04/13/2021	TREASURER OF VIRGINIA	786.52
30109345	04/13/2021	DIVERSIFIED INTEGRATION I	1,705.00
30109346	04/13/2021	DUKE'S PRINTING	85.00
30109347	04/13/2021	ENTERPRISE FM TRUST	145,823.27
30109348	04/13/2021	F&R ELECTRIC INC	4,225.00
30109349	04/13/2021	FASTENAL	280.54
30109350	04/13/2021	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES #5	2,069.93
30109351	04/13/2021	FIRE RESCUE AND TACTICAL	246.87
30109352	04/13/2021	FN WHOLESALE LIGHTING & S	234.15
30109353	04/13/2021	GALLS	1,144.45
30109354	04/13/2021	GENUINE PARTS COMPANY	614.51
30109355	04/13/2021	HUFF FORD	184.00
30109356	04/13/2021	ID NETWORKS	2,317.00
30109357	04/13/2021	JASON'S AUTO SERVICE	40.00
30109358	04/13/2021	JOHNSON CONTROLS	500.00
30109359	04/13/2021	JOINT IDA OF WYTHE COUNTY	64,792.75
30109360	04/13/2021	JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE AUTH	48,992.24
30109361	04/13/2021	JP COOKE CO	199.63
30109362	04/13/2021	JP MORGAN CHASE BANK	179,579.08
30109363	04/13/2021	KC AUTOMOTIVE	286.32
30109364	04/13/2021	KING-MOORE INC	1,079.00
30109365	04/13/2021	LEXISNEXIS	217.00
30109366	04/13/2021	LEXISNEXIS	724.00
30109367	04/13/2021	LOWE'S	2,209.83
30109368	04/13/2021	MATTERN & CRAIG, INC	720.00
30109369	04/13/2021	MXN CORPORATION	4,686.40
30109370	04/13/2021	QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC	628.70
30109371	04/13/2021	NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL	326,695.95
30109372	04/13/2021	NEW RIVER-HIGHLANDS RC&D	250.00
30109373	04/13/2021	JOHN S HUMPHREY	198.00
30109374	04/13/2021	VIRGINIA LABOR LAW POSTER	99.50
30109375	04/13/2021	PAPER CLIP	1,479.04
30109376	04/13/2021	PARTNERSHIP SCREENING INT	29.80
30109377	04/13/2021	PIONEER COLLISION CENTER	6,128.80
30109378	04/13/2021	PITNEY BOWES INC	80.74
30109379	04/13/2021	PROTECT YOUTH SPORTS	287.10
30109380	04/13/2021	R&R ENTERPRISES INC	535.00

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30109381	04/13/2021	RIDDELL	516.21
30109382	04/13/2021	ROANOKE TIMES	813.28
30109383	04/13/2021	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	2,282.00
30109384	04/13/2021	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	2,514.00
30109385	04/13/2021	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	11,572.00
30109386	04/13/2021	RURAL RETREAT VOL EMERG S	2,124.27
30109387	04/13/2021	SALEM STONE	464.99
30109388	04/13/2021	SMYTH WYTHE AIRPORT COMMI	13,430.00
30109389	04/13/2021	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	59.99
30109390	04/13/2021	SOUTHWESTERN VA GAS SERVI	2,351.15
30109391	04/13/2021	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	306.48
30109392	04/13/2021	SVAM	500.00
30109393	04/13/2021	TOWN POLICE SUPPLY	4,516.54
30109394	04/13/2021	TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNA	82.90
30109395	04/13/2021	TRI CITIES/SW VA REGIONAL	1,202.80
30109396	04/13/2021	TRI-TECH FORENSICS INC	104.45
30109397	04/13/2021	UNIFIRST CORP	98.56
30109398	04/13/2021	V&M RECYCLING	63,632.47
30109399	04/13/2021	VA DEPT OF AGRI & CONSUME	40.50
30109400	04/13/2021	VERIZON WIRELESS	1,520.72
30109401	04/13/2021	VGFOA	175.00
30109402	04/13/2021	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYST	477.23
30109403	04/13/2021	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYST	74.82
30109404	04/13/2021	VISION GOVERNMENT SOLUTIO	29,987.20
30109405	04/13/2021	VITA	145.26
30109406	04/13/2021	VUPS	70.35
30109407	04/13/2021	W.S. DARLEY & CO	3,790.13
30109408	04/13/2021	WAMPLER EANES APPRAISAL G	9,756.00
30109409	04/13/2021	WORDSPRINT	391.00
30109410	04/13/2021	WYTHE CO HEALTH DEPT	91,541.50
30109411	04/13/2021	WYTHE CO WATER & WASTEWAT	372.15
30109412	04/13/2021	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	204.99
30109413	04/13/2021	WYTHE-GRAYSON REGIONAL LI	81,113.75
30109414	04/13/2021	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	1,600.62
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 04/13/2021			\$1,176,595.06

TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 04/13/2021 **\$1,255,672.11**

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

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

NAYS: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to approve the March 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

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Bear mentioned that at the next meeting, the Board will need to address some appointments, two of which are on the Wytheville Community College Board.

PASSENGER RAIL EXTENSION – SUPPORT RESOLUTION

Mr. Bear explained that the General Assembly approved a study for extending the passenger rail to Southwest Virginia, and that Senator Pillion and Delegate Austin have asked for local support. With the potential for new infrastructure funding, this rail extension could prove very beneficial for our area and points south.

RESOLUTION 2021-12
ENDORING AND SUPPORTING PASSENGER
RAIL EXTENSION THROUGH SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia has initiated a study of passenger rail transportation west of Roanoke, a study

welcome to Southwest Virginia residents and businesses who would use passenger rail for business and leisure travel if available; and

WHEREAS, as the interstate transportation hub of western Virginia, Wythe County witnesses firsthand the enormity and complexity of challenges facing transportation planners who work to balance transportation development, construction and maintenance costs with the long-term needs of communities, citizens and corporations; and

WHEREAS, due to its location, Wythe County is well-suited to serve as a rail hub for the region, and the study should consider Max Meadows, Rural Retreat or Wytheville as a host site for a regional passenger rail station to meet the needs of regional commuters; and

WHEREAS, decreasing passenger vehicle traffic on our interstates is a logical means to increase safety and efficiency in transportation; and

WHEREAS, Wythe County looks forward to partnering with its neighboring counties throughout Southwest Virginia in a regional effort boosting our available opportunities to diversify transportation choices; and

WHEREAS, the considered judgment of this elected body holds our regional economic and cultural needs demand additional transportation solutions to decrease traffic on already-congested highways, expand tourist access to our region, create in-commuting opportunities supporting regional business and industry expansion, increase opportunity for safer travel and offer consumers broader transportation options.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this thirteenth day of April, 2021, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors does hereby unanimously and fully endorse the completion of passenger rail through Southwest Virginia, requesting expeditious action and study by the Secretary of Transportation, who should issue a timely report to permit action by the 2022 General Assembly session.

Supervisor Cook made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to adopt Resolution 2021-12 Endorsing and Supporting Passenger Rail Extension Through Southwest Virginia.

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

COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING ADDITION

Mr. Bear presented the Board with the proposal from the Lane Group for the County office building addition. Mr. Kincer, County Engineer, has been working closely with the Treasurer and Commissioner on the layout. Approval is recommended of Lane's agreement with the working drawings and building/contract negotiation fee, minus the construction administration which the County Engineer will provide.

Vice Chair Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to approve the proposal submitted by Lane Group for A/E services, excluding construction administration.

Mr. Bear said the timeline would be 150 days for the working phase, then advertising, then a one-year construction period. Total time to completion would be just under two years.

Supervisor Horney asked if this plan would meet our needs.

Mr. Bear said yes, and in addition to satisfying both the Treasurer and Commissioner, it would also allow for 4-5 administration staff to move from the Social Services building into the new addition. The cost for Lane Group services is \$97k, and the total project cost is estimated at \$3.5M (current construction pricing).

Supervisor Cook asked if we could hold off for a bit and see if construction costs go down.

Mr. Bear said it would be about 6-7 months before this would go out for bid. We hope by then costs will have come down but, if not, we can postpone the project.

Supervisor Smith said it's difficult for him to support this right now when so many people are in need of water.

Mr. Bear mentioned that the County has already borrowed the money for construction of this project.

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

NAYS: James D. "Jamie" Smith

COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETINGS

Mr. Bear commented that this is for informational purposes only. In the past, he has gone to their in-person meetings, but they are conducting the meeting virtually due to COVID. The meeting will be on Tuesday, April 27th at 4:00 p.m. if anyone is interested in attending. Mr. Bear also mentioned that this is the group that approved the connector road out to Progress Park, and that they are currently looking at the exits on 81 and 77.

MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT – FIRE AND EMS

Mr. Bear explained that County Attorney has assisted with this agreement and that it hasn't been updated since 2010. This updated mutual aid agreement will incorporate Wytheville Fire & Rescue.

Vice Chair Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement for Fire and EMS Services Between the County of Wythe and the Towns of Wytheville and Rural Retreat, Virginia.

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

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Mr. Bear stated that Mrs. Collins has been working very diligently on surplus vehicles and other equipment, and they request the following be declared surplus and sold on GovDeals:

Gehl Manure Spreader
Curtis 8' Snow Plow
8' Truck Bed Cover
2615 Legend 15' Bush Hog
Bobcat Textron walk behind Mower
AGCO 6680 Tractor with Quicke 340 Loader
Kubota B1700 Tractor with Koyker 110 Loader
Olympian Generator

In addition, Chief Deputy Foster has a Ford Taurus he would like declared as surplus and sold.

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to declare the items on Mrs. Collins' list as surplus and post for sale on GovDeals.com.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to declare the Sheriff's Department Ford Taurus as surplus and post for sale on GovDeals.com.

The motion passed with five ayes and two abstentions.

Mr. Bear commended Mrs. Collins for all the work she's done to surplus and sell the vehicles and other equipment.

NON-MEDICAL TRANSPORT

Chair Vaught mentioned that Mr. Tolliver from Abingdon Ambulance Service is interested in establishing a non-designated emergency response transport, similar to our agreement with Richardson.

Mr. Bear indicated that he is working on Mr. Tolliver's request and will have something soon for the Board to review.

WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Richardson Vehicle Damage – Supervisor Horney made a motion, as recommended by the Water Committee, to reimburse Whitney Richardson an additional \$96.74 for a replacement tire.

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

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Transfer of Funds – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to transfer the following amounts from the Exit 77 Road Project to the Progress Park Connector Road project and to authorize payment of the same amount.

Amount:	Transfer from:	Transfer to:
\$1,982,406	8115-470061	4100-470035 \$2,000,000
\$17,594	8115-489924	

Mr. Bear explained that the County previously borrowed \$2M for the Exit 77 road and lots project. However, the Board later decided not proceed with the project. Because the County owes VDOT \$4.3M for the Project Park connector road project, it makes sense to move those funds to pay VDOT and bring the balance owed down to \$2.3M. The balance will be due in either 2024 or 2025.

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. Surplus Vehicles – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to declare the following vehicles surplus and sell to Enterprise:

2007 Ford Explorer 1FMEU73E17UB87970
2008 Ford Explorer 1FMEU73E08UA03250

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Brian W. Vaught Ryan M. Lawson

3. DMV Stop Fees – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to amend and appropriate \$10,000 from DMV Stop Fees line item 11003-319027 to 1213-430150.

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

4. Transfer of Funds for Turnout Gear – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to transfer \$358,225 from 9000-470240 (Barren Springs Community Center) to 9000-470215 (Fire Equipment) for the purchase of turnout gear.

Supervisor McRoberts asked if and when these funds will be put back in the BSCC account.

Mr. Bear responded that \$350k is in next year's budget for the turnout gear. The turnout gear is currently under a procurement contract that expires on May 1st, so it would need to be ordered before that date. The County has not been able to secure any grant funding to help pay for the gear. The \$350k that is in next year's budget, would go towards the BSCC project.

Chair Vaught clarified that the community center project is not dead, and when appropriate land is found, the project will begin moving forward.

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

SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

1. Counts Drug Stores – Supervisor Smith said many people are concerned with CVS buying out Counts Drug Stores, particularly, the one attached to the Fort Chiswell medical center. Citizens want to know if there's anything the County can do to keep the pharmacy open.

Chair Vaught said he will speak with the pharmacist at Martin's Pharmacy to gauge any interest in a Fort Chiswell location.

2. Reed Creek Drive – Supervisor Smith mentioned that between 1414 and 1778 Reed Creek Drive, the road is in pretty bad shape.
3. Lots for Sale Near APEX – Supervisor Smith commented that at last night's Farm Bureau meeting, people asked if and when the County is going to sell the lots beside the APEX.
4. Farm Bureau – Supervisor Smith said several people at the Farm Bureau meeting raised concerned that we may be losing a lot of the agricultural/farming industry. They would like to know what plans we have to attract and invest more in this industry.

5. Trash – Supervisor Cook asked for an update on his previous requests.

Mr. Bear replied that Mr. Dunford has visited the properties of concern and is working with both land owners to rectify the situation. It appears that some of the trash has already been burned, and many junk vehicles have already been removed.

6. Trash – Supervisor Smith clarified for Mr. Bear that his prior trash request in Grahams Forge is specifically located at the south side of the swinging bridge over Reed Creek.

7. Shady River Drive – Supervisor McRoberts mentioned that the State has only addressed halfway up to the top of the hill and nothing more, and that the rest of the road needs to be taken care of.

8. Counts Drug Stores – Supervisor McRoberts also received calls from concerned citizens about the pharmacy closing in Fort Chiswell.

9. St. Peter's Road – Supervisor Horney asked for update from VDOT about the catch-ponds.

Mr. Bear confirmed that one area is holding quite a bit of water and sediment, but the other (on the far side) appeared fine. However, he has asked VDOT to assess the situation and, if at all possible, to clean it up.

10. Porter Road – Supervisor Horney received a request to have this road paved. Because it is not eligible for six-year plan, what other options are there?

Mr. Bear will look into whether just a portion of the road can be done. VDOT will also provide an updated list of roads for review at our April 27th meeting, including what is eligible and what funding options may be available. He also said that formation of a tax district may be a possibility.

11. Trash Pickup at Rural Retreat Lake – Supervisor Terry thanked Mr. Hankins for addressing this issue.

12. Gap of the Ridge Road – Supervisor Terry mentioned that the residents have concerns about wash-out areas on the road.

13. Social Media Comments – Supervisor Terry wanted to clarify that the comments and opinions he voiced were on his personal social media as a citizen and not as a Board member. He made no mention about transgenders. He posted Ms. Patrick’s letter because he said he has an issue with her statement that God doesn’t belong in government or school. He emphatically stated that he will always stand for God, and use his seat and voice for God whether people like it or not.
14. Rural Retreat & Max Meadows Fire Departments – Chair Vaught shared a letter he received from RRVFD thanking the Board for the truck and the turnout gear washer/dryer. Max Meadows also extended their thanks for same.
15. Trash Pickup – Chair Vaught asked Mr. Bear for any suggestions he may have to get trusties to help with the trash pickup.

Mr. Bear responded that, other than pushing for this at the regular NRVRJA meetings, he doesn’t know what else can be done. He did say that Mr. Hankins is advertising the countywide trash pickup day and, hopefully, that will help.

Chief Deputy Foster believes we have a skeleton crew helping us on Mondays and Tuesdays, but he will reach out to his contact at the jail to confirm.

Supervisor Smith mentioned the gentleman who is interested in helping in order to satisfy mandated community service. The gentleman filled out an application and brought it to VDOT’s local office but, apparently, they had no knowledge of his situation or how to proceed. Supervisor Smith said he will follow-up with VDOT because he knows the man is eager to work off those hours.

16. Countywide Cleanup Day – Chair Vaught asked about the community cleanup and said that if anyone is picking up on 21, he would like to get some flashing lights and signs out there for safety. He also said it would be great if we could get some community groups to participate.

Mr. Hankins indicated that although the community cleanup runs from April 17-24, he expects more people to participate if it’s just a one-day event. He is currently advertising an April 17th *Down Wythe Litter* event.

CLOSED MEETING

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to enter into Closed Meeting under Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711-A.1, Discussion of Personnel Matters, and Section 2.2-3711-A.5, Prospective Business or Industry (Project Flow and Project Tin Foil).

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

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

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

Upon returning to open meeting, Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, 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

OTHER MEETINGS

Mr. Bear commented that the Board of Supervisors will meet with the School Board on Thursday, April 22nd at 6:00 p.m. for a work session. Regarding the County budget, he emailed updated numbers to the Board. The Board scheduled a budget work session for Thursday, April 22nd at 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Bear also mentioned that the Water Committee looked at a rate structure and long-term plan, and a meeting will be scheduled as soon as the budget is finalized. Mr. Bear added that he will follow-up with Mr. Utt and Mr. Weaver regarding the interconnect.

SURPLUS TRUCKS

Mr. Hankins said they put in the request for a surplus truck from AEP but he is not sure if and when we'll get one - but the request is in. He has also asked for same from the railroad.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Mr. Hankins said, regarding Comprehensive Plan, staff will have a kickoff meeting with the consultant on Thursday, then they will meet with Planning Commission and take it from there.

RECESS

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to recess until Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. for a Budget Work Session.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

RECONVENE

The Board reconvened on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian W. Vaught, Chair Coy L. McRoberts
Rolland R. Cook James D. "Jamie" Smith

B.G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.

Stacy A. Terry

MEMBER ABSENT:

Ryan M. Lawson, Vice Chair

STAFF PRESENT:

Stephen D. Bear, County Administrator

Matthew C. Hankins, Assistant County Administrator

Martha Collins, Administrative Assistant/Clerk

BUDGET WORK SESSION

The Board met to review and discuss Fiscal Year 22 Budget funding requests.

RECESS

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to recess until Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. for a Joint Budget Work Session with the Wythe County School Board.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

RECONVENE

The Board reconvened on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 6:00 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

Matthew C. Hankins, Assistant County Administrator

Martha Collins, Administrative Assistant/Clerk

SCHOOL BOARD PRESENT:

Peggy A. Waggy, Chair

Don L. Goode

Ann H. Manley, Vice Chair

Lee H. Johnson

Tonya M. Freeman

Stephen R. Sage

Chalmer L. Frye

SCHOOL BOARD STAFF PRESENT:

Nicki Blankenship
Brad Haga

Scott L. Jefferies
G. Wesley Poole

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kim Aker
Denise Davis
Stacy Dixon
Alan Freeman
Amber Gravley
Megan Patrick

Eric Queen
Lynn Rosenbaum
Millie Rothrock
Frances Watson
and two others

CALL TO ORDER

Both Chair Vaught and Chair Wagy determined that a quorum was present from each of their Boards and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA

Vice Chair Manley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sage, to approve the agenda from the School Board. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

BUDGET WORK SESSION – SCHOOL BOARD

Introductory comments were made by County Administrator Stephen Bear and Wythe County Schools Superintendent Dr. Scott Jefferies. Following those introductions, the Board of Supervisors and the Wythe County School Board reviewed and discussed the Fiscal Year 22 Budget funding request.

RECESS

Chair Wagy called the School Board to recess to the School Board Office.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Chair Vaught adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:38 p.m.

Brian W. Vaught, Chair