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The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 27, 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

Jimmy McCabe, Emergency Communications Coordinator

Martha Collins, Administrative Assistant/Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT:

Barry Ayers

Johnny Beamer

Peyton Coe

Josh Crigger

Wendy Dove

Jim & Dee Ennis

Junior Eversole

Mike Forrest

Charlie Foster

Daniel, David, Don, Sarah Goode

Lori Gynn

Steve & Leigh Ann Irvin

Michael & Stephen Jackson

Gus Kincer

David Manley

Linda Meyer

David, Nichole, Paeton, Kendall Phillippi

Gretchen & Tatum Robinson

Danny Suthers

Debbie Turner

Reece Vaught

Jeff Wright

approximately 10 others

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

County Attorney Scot Farthing provided the invocation and Supervisor Cook led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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PRESENTATION OF SPORTS RESOLUTIONS

Supervisor Smith congratulated Kolby King of the Fort Chiswell High School Swim Team on his outstanding achievement and presented him with the following resolution:

**WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2020-15
A RESOLUTION HONORING
KOLBY KING
OF THE FORT CHISWELL HIGH SCHOOL
SWIM TEAM**

WHEREAS, Fort Chiswell High School Sophomore Kolby King completed a very successful 2019-2020 swim season; and,

WHEREAS, Kolby advanced to the 2019-2020 Virginia High School League State Class 1A/2A Swim & Dive Championship in Richmond, Virginia on February 20, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, Kolby defeated the competition capturing the 2019-2020 VHSL 1A/2A State Championship title in the 500-yard Freestyle with a time of 5:01.71; and,

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors presents this resolution to Kolby King in recognition of his 2019-2020 Swimming 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 27th day of April 2021.

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to adopt Resolution 2020-15 honoring Kolby King of the Fort Chiswell High School Swim Team.

The vote was unanimous.

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Supervisor Cook congratulated the George Wythe High School Girls 200-Yard Freestyle Relay Swim Team and presented them with the following resolution:

WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2020-16
A RESOLUTION HONORING
THE GEORGE WYTHE HIGH SCHOOL
200-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY SWIM TEAM

WHEREAS, the George Wythe High School 200-yard Freestyle Relay Team, consisting of sophomore Tatum Robinson, junior Lauren Puckett, senior Gabrianna Gomez and sophomore Morgan Dalton completed a very successful 2019-2020 season; and,

WHEREAS, the George Wythe High School 200-yard Freestyle Relay Team advanced to the 2019-2020 Virginia High School League State Class 1A/2A Swim & Dive Championship in Richmond, Virginia on February 20, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the George Wythe High School 200-Yard Freestyle Relay Team defeated the competition capturing the 2019-2020 VHSL 1A/2A State Championship title with a time of 1:48.31; and,

WHEREAS, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors officially commends Tatum Robinson, Lauren Puckett, Gabrianna Gomez and Morgan Dalton for their outstanding dedication, athletic ability, and sportsmanship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors presents this resolution to the Relay Team in recognition of its 2019-2020 Swimming 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 27th day of April 2021.

Supervisor Cook made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to adopt Resolution 2020-16 honoring the George Wythe High School 200-Yard Freestyle Relay Swim Team.

The vote was unanimous.

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Chair Vaught congratulated Tatum Robinson of the George Wythe High School Swim Team on her outstanding achievement and presented her with the following resolutions:

**WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2020-17
A RESOLUTION HONORING
TATUM ROBINSON
OF THE GEORGE WYTHE HIGH SCHOOL
SWIM TEAM**

WHEREAS, George Wythe High School Sophomore Tatum Robinson completed a very successful 2019-2020 swim season; and,

WHEREAS, Tatum advanced to the 2019-2020 Virginia High School League State Class 1A/2A Swim & Dive Championship in Richmond, Virginia on February 20, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, Tatum defeated the competition capturing two individual 2019-2020 VHSL 1A/2A State Championship titles:

***200 Meter Individual Medley with a time of 2:10.42
100 Breast Stroke with a time of 1:08.84***

WHEREAS, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors officially commends Tatum Robinson for her outstanding dedication, athletic ability, and sportsmanship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors presents this resolution to Tatum Robinson in recognition of her 2019-2020 Swimming 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 27th day of April 2021.

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to adopt Resolution 2020-17 honoring Tatum Robinson of the George Wythe Swim Team.

The vote was unanimous.

**WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2021-13
A RESOLUTION HONORING
TATUM ROBINSON
OF THE GEORGE WYTHE HIGH SCHOOL
SWIM TEAM**

WHEREAS, George Wythe High School junior Tatum Robinson completed a very successful 2020-2021 swim season; and,

WHEREAS, Tatum advanced to the 2020-2021 Virginia High School League State Class 1A/2A Swim & Dive Championship in Christiansburg, Virginia, on March 6, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, Tatum defeated the competition capturing two individual 2020-2021 VHSL 1A/2A State Championship titles:

200 Meter Individual Medley with a time of 2:09.73
100 Butterfly with a time of 57.92

WHEREAS, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors officially commends Tatum Robinson for her dedication to excellence for which we all should strive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors presents this resolution to Tatum Robinson in recognition of her 2020-2021 Swimming State Championship titles; 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 27th day of April, 2021.

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to adopt Resolution 2021-13 honoring Tatum Robinson of the George Wythe Swim Team.

The vote was unanimous.

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Supervisor Terry congratulated the George Wythe Golf Team and their coaches on their outstanding achievement and presented them with the following resolution:

WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2021-14
A RESOLUTION HONORING THE
GEORGE WYTHE HIGH SCHOOL GOLF TEAM

WHEREAS, the George Wythe High School Golf Team completed a spectacular 2020-2021 season; and,

WHEREAS, the George Wythe High School Golf Team advanced to the Virginia High School League's Group 1A State Championship at River Course in Radford, Virginia on April 19, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, the George Wythe High School Golf Team scored a total of 304, defeating runner-up Castlewood by 46 strokes, and earning George Wythe it's fifth Virginia High School League 1A State Golf Championship in six years; and,

WHEREAS, senior Peyton Coe won the Virginia High School League's Class 1A individual championship with a score of 69; and,

WHEREAS, Benson Blevins shot a 73, Daniel Goode a 77, Paeton Phillippi an 85, Reece Vaught 115, Josh Crigger 121, with Stephen Jackson serving as alternate; and,

WHEREAS, Peyton Coe, Benson Blevins, Daniel Goode and Paeton Phillippi were all named to the 1A All-State Golf Team; and,

WHEREAS, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors officially commends the 2020-2021 George Wythe High School Golf Team comprised of Benson Blevins, Peyton Coe, Josh Crigger, Daniel Goode, Stephen Jackson, Paeton Phillippi, Reece Vaught and Coaches Johnny Beamer, Danny Suthers and Wendy Dove for their exemplary season and dedication to excellence for which we all should strive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors presents this Resolution to the George Wythe High School Golf Team in recognition and appreciation of their achievements; 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 27th day of April, 2021.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to adopt Resolution 2021-14 honoring the George Wythe Golf Team.

The vote was unanimous.

Chair Vaught added that Coach Johnny Beamer is the winningest coach in the history of George Wythe High School, and the Chair also commended all the parents for their support and involvement in their kids' success.

CITIZENS' TIME

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

1. New River Issues – Mr. Jeff Wright appeared before the Board and stated “I just want to give a brief opening statement and to give some supporters back here a couple of our talking points. What I’m getting ready to say, I’m not placating you guys; I mean it from the bottom of my heart. I’ve worked around and in local government for 34 ½ years. It’s a tough job. Most of the people that come in front of you, they’re busting about something or bringing up a concern to you. I know there are a few diplomats still left out there, but you guys get the brunt of it. Come budget time, I’ve been in closed-door budget meetings, sometimes it gets ugly and people say nasty things and people don’t talk for 20 years to each other – kind of silly. But I want you to know I appreciate what you do. Local government is a tough spot sometimes. So, I mean that. I want to mention just a couple people real quick; I know Stephen, he may have a little tougher job sometimes because he gets stuck in the middle of everybody. You got the Board of Supervisors, you got the citizens, you got budget and all this stuff. So, you know, maybe he has to take heat as did all his predecessors. Two people that I want to note; my supervisor, Coy McRoberts, and Jamie (Smith). Forgive me for calling you all by first names; I apologize for breaking protocol. But I’ve worked with everybody so long, it’s hard. I think I know everybody pretty well except maybe Gene. But probably over a decade ago, a decade and a half, my Mom, she was retiring from the school system. They run into some bureaucratic paperwork glitches. My Mom called Coy McRoberts – boom, it got fixed. I’ve never forgotten that. I appreciate you, brother. Jamie, you’ve been through some unspeakable tragedy. I cannot imagine. I just want to say I appreciate you persevering, doing your civic duty, keeping your nose to the grindstone. So, I’m thinking about you.

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We're going to talk about the industrial farm and then the bank erosion thing. The bank erosion on New River is the most easily fixable problem. So, if you'll forgive me, we'll reverse it and we'll talk about that one first. Let me back up just a little bit. I'm friends with some of you guys on social media and when I tag you in these posts, I don't want you to think that I'm cheap-shotting or gouging or whatever; I'm not like that. I'm a big chain-of-command guy and I know that the brass, which is you all, you don't like to be caught off guard. And if you have a heads up on what's coming, topic wise, you can at least get your wheels turned on what questions to ask or if you have any resources or anything like that. So, when I tag you on something or we got pictures and photos, I want you to know that I'm not poking the bees nest because I respect you guys. But I'm just kind of giving you the courtesy and the heads up. Forgive me if I get a little worked up over a couple of these topics; we've been dealing with them for a few years.

The boat ramp at Austinville – bad. We're having a lot of bank erosion. I talked to one of the old-time farmers yesterday. He's run a small farm in Austinville for roughly 60 years, or a little less. He feels that the majority of landholders that have riverbank/riverfront property has lost about six feet of property. I know my Dad has lost 30-40 feet of property. I'm not an ecologist. I'm not a hydrologist. But I think it's kind of common sense. It's because of the constant sloshing and constant boat traffic. We don't have problems with a lot of the natives. We don't have problems with kayaks, john boats, small prop driven. Most people know how to act. But we're having a lot of jet-propulsion boats, and this is no exaggeration; you're welcome to come and sit on the bank one day at the house; they routinely run 30-40, maybe approaching 50, miles per hour. It's mind blowing - out of a really small motor. And when they go by, you can stand on the bank and watch the bank evaporate, literally. They can do more damage in 15 minutes than a flood can do in two days - no joke. And we have problems with float planes, jet skis, party barges with double outboard motors – huge Mercury outboard motors. It's just destroying the banks. A little disclaimer, not that there's anything wrong with this; everybody knows my politics in this room; I'm a conservative. But on the flip side of the coin, I'm not a radical Sierra Club kind of guy but I am a pretty strong environmentalist. That is my disclaimer. And ever since the boat ramp, the boat traffic, there's no blue herrings, there's no little green herrings, there's no egrets, there's no wading birds. It's gone. I watched an eagle attempt to build a nest a couple weeks ago, a week or so ago, up about 300 yards up above Austinville bridge, jet boats scared it – it flies off and drops his stuff. We're loving the New River to death in Austinville and here's where you guys come in if you are willing to do so. I've talked to the Game Commission. I

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don't really want to name those guys but Benjamin Boyette, he's a young Game Warden that I have a lot of faith in and he did provide me with this information. Let me back up. Some of the haters they think that because me or my family, or some of my neighbors and friends own property on New River that we're kind of selfish. We're not. The river is for everybody to enjoy. We're not implying to keep anybody away but what I suggested at the time, after I caught a lot of heat, was a no wake zone, just like at the lake, just like at the beach, wherever. A no wake zone and a speed limit. And Ben, the Game Warden, said that can be facilitated but not by a citizen; it has to be inquired upon and facilitated by the local governing body – that's you guys. So, I'm asking for you to think about it, talk about it, help us out if you can. We need a speed limit. A no wake zone would be really good. At least from, you might want to jot these two names down; this is just my recommendation; I'm a layman; I'm clueless on the specs but having been a life-long resident, I think maybe I'm qualified enough to say this; from Indian Branch, also known as the Lime Branch, to the mouth of Cripple Creek. You say *'Hey man, that's a long stretch, you know, that's a two or three-mile stretch'*. Well, that's where all the boats come and a lot of these folks are non-native. They come from North Carolina. They come from northern Virginia. They come from surrounding counties. We don't have a lot of problems with some of the local people, although there are a couple local people with jet props that wreak total havoc, but that's a conversation for another day. Indian Branch a/k/a Lime Branch to the mouth of Cripple Creek, that would be a good starting place. That's where several farms are. That's where some recreational property is; where people camp out just on it and, as a matter of irony, and this is the last thing that I'll say about the erosion, you know the Assessor came to my house the other day. He's a nice guy. He takes five minutes; he looks around and does his thing you know and, generally, as any local government evolution, your property taxes going to go up every few years. And I'm sitting there thinking, I was kind of in a bad mood that day, hadn't slept real well, and that's the day they were wreaking havoc in front of my house on the river and I thought *'my property taxes are about to go up and I'm losing land'*. So, I'm paying more on less. And so sometimes it comes down to a little bit of principle. Sometimes it comes down to safety. One of my neighbors, I could name him, I know Coy knows him, he turned a lawn mower over. The bank collapsed on him last year. We're getting a lot of undercut banks. He was in Roanoke Hospital. He about checked out from what I gather – had a long recovery. Lawn mower fell on top of him after he was on his back in the river. So that's that. But if you guys could check into that, local government entity requesting a no wake or speed limit, we would be more than appreciative.

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The second item - more complex. Let me put out a disclaimer first. Well, let me tell you the second item first. I won't name the farm. We all know who it is. I'll refer to it as the industrial farm. It's on both sides of Walton Furnace Road. About twice a year they spray it; I will assume with Roundup as it kills it overnight. I will refer you to my Facebook page to look at the photos today. It seems that every time they spray, last year they sprayed with helicopters, there were clouds of this stuff; and on the days they sprayed with helicopters, I go out on my deck and there are hundreds of dead bees. And I live, as the crow flies, a mile away. But there's bees making little bitty circles and doing their thing and then they're dead the next day, and they're piled up all over the house. They spray twice a year, generally, and this past week they sprayed; it killed hundreds of acres. I'm not a farmer - I can't judge hundreds versus thousands; I just know it's a lot. Then we had a half an inch of rain. Then some of my neighbors called me and said '*Hey man, there's a bunch of dead fish in Mill Creek.*' If this was flat land in Kansas, I mean it's bad enough, but it's a watershed. You got Buddle Branch and Mill Creek running right through the middle of this farm. The confluence of these little streams, are two or three little streams; you'd have to walk them or look at them on a little - it may show up on Google or if there's two of them that's small - two of them that's pretty large. You got a confluence and then near Fincastle Lane you have another confluence. Then it goes into a river channel probably as wide as the conference room and it enters New River maybe one to two hundred yards away from the Wythe County water intake. And so all of this herbicide is going straight - and when it rains and floods, you can see the path of the water because it's a different color. You know it picks up sediment, and it's kind of cool; you can stand on Austinville Bridge and you can see how one stream tracks within another; how there're different water temperatures and consistencies. So what happens, you can see where this channel comes out and depending on the flow rate, the most is - it has to do with the flow rate of the river. If it's strong, it'll keep it back a little bit. If it's down, the creek will have more velocity and really put it probably in the intake. But some of that is subjective. So, I have a few neighbors call me every time this happens. That's where we're at. I know that one of the neighbors has contacted maybe DEQ or the Department of Agriculture in Abingdon, and this is where I want to stop and put out a disclaimer. There've been posts on social media about '*Oh, the County's doing this to us.*' and '*Oh, the farm is doing this to us.*' and whatever. I don't think it's anybody's intention to kill the citizens. I don't think it's the Board's ignoring of the problem. I don't think it's the farm's intention but you got a synergistic effect. Maybe the County and the County folks, I think Coy might have been around when they started doing the water project and none of the rest of you were. I think sometimes it's a case of

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you just don't anticipate some of these problems, and they crop up, and that's why we have local government. Initially, it's no one's fault. It's not the County's fault. It's not the farm's fault. It's not anybody's fault. Now if the problem persists and persists and persists, then it becomes somebody's fault because then you don't have action. You have inaction. So, I would like for – it's a complex problem; I don't know what the solution is. I'll be frank with you. I don't know what the solution is. You got a huge landholder and a farm and you're going to tell him *'Hey, you can't farm.'* And then you got all this money, infrastructure money that's been invested into the pump house. You guys can't throw that away; I get it. But we can't be feeding the citizens Roundup. And when all the fish are dying, and there's no hellgrammites, there's no crawdads, there's no fish, something's wrong. You don't have to have a PhD to know that something is wrong. They spray probably a quarter to a third of this watershed and it's pretty sobering when you look at it. It probably wouldn't hurt, far be it from me to suggest to you guys how to run the show. That's not what's happening here. It probably wouldn't hurt after a good heavy rain to do some testing from the tap in some residences. I don't know how much it costs and who does it. I know there's a local lab in Christiansburg. A few of my neighbors have been concerned enough to say *'Hey, we're thinking about calling you people'*; maybe. I don't know. Let me make sure that I've covered some of the stuff. That's about the long and short of it."

Chair Vaught responded that last year the Board heard from Jim Atwell (VDACS) regarding same situation.

Mr. Bear added that after the issue was raised last year, he gave Mr. Wright contact information for Mr. Atwell.

Supervisor Smith recommended the water get checked especially if the fish are dead and habitat is suffering. Reed Creek should also be checked.

Mr. Wright continued "I didn't want to mention Reed Creek because – but I've had a couple people in the Reed Creek basin bring it up to me because they saw some of my photos. But I didn't want to speak for them because that's another creek and not the river. But yeah, it's a pervasive thing and I don't know, I mean other than, maybe this is total conjecture, but other than banning a spraying of Roundup, which is not realistic at this point, I don't know what the solution is."

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Chair Vaught mentioned that because the matter is regulated by another agency, the County can try and push them along but we are bound by the Code of Virginia.

Mr. Wright replied that "One of the Game Wardens, he was literally just pulling his hair out because some of the problems that he, normally you would think that he could address, codified language would not let him address. And I realize that maybe sometimes you guys want to be a little more aggressive on the approach but maybe you can't. Having said that, if there's any way to find a loophole or to address it from a ... change the paradigm, look outside the angle. I think it would be good. I'll leave you with this parting thought: I let this gentleman decide if he wants to say this publicly but I don't know if it's DEQ or Department of Agriculture, they supposedly put a monitor in one of the branches of the creek, maybe a few weeks or a month ago. You know where the Fincastle monument is on the curve? I think it's somewhere down there, like some little cross-stream monitor. I don't know the results. I don't know if they found any, and to be frank with you, I don't know that it even made a difference because we've had two floods; two pretty high-water events, and I suspect it would have took their apparatus out. So, anyway, that's the spiel."

Chair Vaught said it used to be just kayakers and fisherman out on the water. But apparently the State regulators haven't kept up with the increased traffic and activity, especially as it relates to speed boats.

Mr. Wright furthered "No exaggeration, there are days, and I enjoy this, I really do; I walk out on my deck sometimes early in the morning to have breakfast, eat a bowl of cereal in the summertime, literally, I've seen two hundred kayakers, multi-colored kayaks and kids and church groups and school people, 50, 20 going by at a time. And then I see the wild man in the airplane, and his buddy has a blue airplane, you know, I see them landing just beyond places where you see the kayakers. The jet skis – there were two guys under the bridge doing acrobatic stuff on jet skis, you know, diving, looping, whatever. Last week, there was a pretty large radio-controlled boat that was shooting a 20' roost, sounded like a two-stroke weed-eater rocking around, and when I saw that I thought about the two gentlemen that just crashed in Clater Lake and I know they had one fatality, maybe two. I don't know the details. But eventually, I'm afraid, besides the erosion thing, you've got safety issues. Now, the further you get away from the ramp, the odds go down but within an eighth of a mile of the ramp either way, it's bad. It's just like the Chairman says, there's a lot of floating debris. I will say

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this; some of the jet boats have a double hull. I have seen them go across the falls at 30 miles an hour. I have seen them hit logs. They're built for it. They hit it, they go airborne, they keep on rocking. So, it's really not a big deal for them."

Supervisor McRoberts believes it will only get worse, and that the farm in the corner where the creek and the river meet is on the market.

Mr. Wright added "I'm not pro-zoning. But considering Franklin County and Smith Mountain Lake just got another solar farm, what'd they announce it two days ago? You guys maybe end up having a headache with a solar farm coming. We probably need to start thinking down those terms because you're going to start seeing more recreational people. You're going to see solar farms, wind farms; we're going to start seeing some undesirable stuff start to creep in and my issue, or our issue, and some of the neighbors, I think it's maybe just a little foreshadowing."

The Chair asked Mr. Bear to work with the County Attorney to obtain information on a no wake zone.

PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

Supervisor Horney made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on April 27, 2021, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30109415-30109587, and one wire transfer, as follows:

EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS April 27, 2021

CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
30109415	04/13/2021	JP MORGAN CHASE BANK	\$ 165,918.38
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 04/13/2021			\$165,918.38

CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
30109416	04/21/2021	AGA	\$ 35.00
30109417	04/21/2021	APPALACHIAN POWER	8,724.05
30109418	04/21/2021	ATMOS ENERGY	70.55
30109419	04/21/2021	CENTURYLINK	52.76
30109420	04/21/2021	CENTURYLINK	98.97
30109421	04/21/2021	CENTURYLINK	125.72

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30109422	04/21/2021	CENTURYLINK	146.78
30109423	04/21/2021	CENTURYLINK	315.97
30109424	04/21/2021	CENTURYLINK	3,548.05
30109425	04/21/2021	CHOICE COMPUTER CENTER, I	2,339.20
30109426	04/21/2021	GREATAMERICA FINANCIAL SE	153.00
30109427	04/21/2021	MCI COMM SERVICE	36.29
30109428	04/21/2021	MCI COMM SERVICE	115.92
30109429	04/21/2021	MCI COMM SERVICE	696.09
30109430	04/21/2021	TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE	6,880.49
30109431	04/21/2021	VERIZON WIRELESS	1,521.12
30109432	04/21/2021	VERIZON WIRELESS	40.03
30109433	04/21/2021	VERIZON WIRELESS	120.15

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 04/21/2021			\$25,020.14
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CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
30109434	04/27/2021	CORE LOGIC	\$ 79.38
30109435	04/27/2021	CORELOGIC	105.84
30109436	04/27/2021	CORELOGIC	552.96
30109437	04/27/2021	CORELOGIC	574.02
30109438	04/27/2021	CORELOGIC	578.34
30109439	04/27/2021	CORELOGIC	706.32
30109440	04/27/2021	CORELOGIC	722.39
30109441	04/27/2021	CORELOGIC	936.90
30109442	04/27/2021	FIRST BANK & TRUST COMPAN	3,338.28
30109443	04/27/2021	LERETA LLC	206.82
30109444	04/27/2021	LERETA LLC	625.32
30109445	04/27/2021	AKER GEORGE W JR & ROWENA	18.90
30109446	04/27/2021	ALDERMAN DEANNA RENAE	20.00
30109447	04/27/2021	ALDERMAN DEANNA RENAE	20.00
30109448	04/27/2021	ALDERMAN DEANNA RENAE	20.00
30109449	04/27/2021	ALDERMAN DEANNA RENAE	20.00
30109450	04/27/2021	ALDERMAN DEANNA RENAE	20.00
30109451	04/27/2021	ALDERMAN DEANNA RENAE	20.00
30109452	04/27/2021	ALDERMAN DEANNA RENAE	20.00
30109453	04/27/2021	ALDERMAN DEANNA RENAE	40.00
30109454	04/27/2021	ARTRIP GAYLE	6.13
30109455	04/27/2021	BABCOCK KIMBERLY DENISE	20.00
30109456	04/27/2021	BEAVER JAMES DOUGLAS	5.06
30109457	04/27/2021	CHRISTOPHER MICALE	121.51

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30109458	04/27/2021	COLLINS LEONARD LEE	454.53
30109459	04/27/2021	COLLINS MICHAEL WAYNE	6.00
30109460	04/27/2021	COOK JOSEPH SIMON	5.54
30109461	04/27/2021	COOPER PENELOPE VERNON	13.66
30109462	04/27/2021	COOPER PENELOPE VERNON	36.32
30109463	04/27/2021	EADS GARLAND FLEMIN	16.96
30109464	04/27/2021	ELITE HOUSING SOLUTIONS I	467.10
30109465	04/27/2021	EPLEY LOUIS PAUL	9.00
30109466	04/27/2021	FOWLER REBECCA DUNFORD	640.98
30109467	04/27/2021	FUNK SHANNON DALTON	23.72
30109468	04/27/2021	HARRIMAN TRACEY LYNN	8.00
30109469	04/27/2021	HUGHES 3 RD ELLIS ROYAL	9.44
30109470	04/27/2021	IRVIN DEVIN HUNTER	6.06
30109471	04/27/2021	JUSTICE LINDA KAY	6.96
30109472	04/27/2021	KEITH ADAM BLAKE	6.13
30109473	04/27/2021	LEE DANNY	13.04
30109474	04/27/2021	LEE WILLIAM R	12.53
30109475	04/27/2021	MCCATHRAN DENEENA	29.45
30109476	04/27/2021	MCCATHRAN DENEENA	21.44
30109477	04/27/2021	MCGEE MICHAEL WAYNE	23.62
30109478	04/27/2021	MILLER BRITTANY ANN	10.44
30109479	04/27/2021	MONDAY SAMUEL J	20.00
30109480	04/27/2021	MOORE JR ROBERT BRENT	6.96
30109481	04/27/2021	MOORE WILLIAM J	49.11
30109482	04/27/2021	MORIN MICHELENE CHASE	337.24
30109483	04/27/2021	MORIN MICHELENE CHASE	391.73
30109484	04/27/2021	MULLINS BROOKLYNNE DANIEL	5.75
30109485	04/27/2021	NEFF BARBARA A	24.59
30109486	04/27/2021	PAULEY CHRISTOPHER F	15.51
30109487	04/27/2021	PENNINGTON DEBORAH SUSAN	20.00
30109488	04/27/2021	PIERCE UDEEN ABEGAIL	27.80
30109489	04/27/2021	PORTER RICKY TODD	49.28
30109490	04/27/2021	REMINES JR JAMES HOWARD	5.07
30109491	04/27/2021	REVIVE ELECTRONICS LLC	7.03
30109492	04/27/2021	ROBBINS III CHARLES JUNIO	7.83
30109493	04/27/2021	SHAVER CAROL	41.85
30109494	04/27/2021	SHERFY DANIEL KENT	44.56
30109495	04/27/2021	SHERFY DANIEL KENT	46.49
30109496	04/27/2021	SIMS LESLIE KAY	20.00

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30109497	04/27/2021	SPIKER KIRSTY DEAMBERLY	56.33
30109498	04/27/2021	STONE DEBRA DUNFORD	43.73
30109499	04/27/2021	STUDEBAKER CLARK STEVEN	135.69
30109500	04/27/2021	STURGILL BENJAMIN TYLER	118.33
30109501	04/27/2021	TREASURER OF WYTHE COUNTY	28.09
30109502	04/27/2021	WILSON ADAM L	25.92
30109503	04/27/2021	WILSON ADAM L	100.44
30109504	04/27/2021	WILSON TRACY PAUL	7.88
30109505	04/27/2021	WYATT ANGELA GAIL	13.03
30109506	04/27/2021	SUMMIT COMMUNITY BANK	61.90
30109507	04/27/2021	THE BANK OF MARION	93.86
30109508	04/27/2021	VANDERBILT MORTGAGE & FIN	10.88
30109509	04/27/2021	AMAZON	294.46
30109510	04/27/2021	AMERICAN BUSINESS FORMS I	3,780.52
30109511	04/27/2021	APPALACHIAN JUVENILE COMM	10,150.00
30109512	04/27/2021	APPALACHIAN POWER	3,317.04
30109513	04/27/2021	BARREN SPRINGS VOL FIRE D	4,719.24
30109514	04/27/2021	BKT UNIFORMS	617.86
30109515	04/27/2021	BRENTAG MID-SOUTH INC	2,137.49
30109516	04/27/2021	BROWN EXTERMINATING CO	940.00
30109517	04/27/2021	BULLDOG FIELD EQUIPMENT L	3,745.46
30109518	04/27/2021	BUSINESS CARD	701.70
30109519	04/27/2021	BUSINESS INFORMATION SYST	27.00
30109520	04/27/2021	CARILION HEALTHCARE CORP	690.00
30109521	04/27/2021	CARROLL COUNTY PSA	15,692.00
30109522	04/27/2021	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	2,046.91
30109523	04/27/2021	CENTURYLINK	39.98
30109524	04/27/2021	CENTURYLINK	52.01
30109525	04/27/2021	CENTURYLINK	497.88
30109526	04/27/2021	COLLINS AUTO REPAIR INC	60.00
30109527	04/27/2021	COMMONWEALTH ENGINEERING	748.51
30109528	04/27/2021	COMPLETE TRUCK SERVICE IN	3,078.42
30109529	04/27/2021	COMSONICS	158.00
30109530	04/27/2021	CSG SYSTEMS, INC	1,719.12
30109531	04/27/2021	CW WILLIAMS FIRE EQUIPMEN	21,200.00
30109532	04/27/2021	DELL MARKETING LP	1,859.97
30109533	04/27/2021	DEPT OF MOTOR VEHICLES	4,565.00
30109534	04/27/2021	DUKE'S PRINTING	864.89
30109535	04/27/2021	FIDELITY POWER SYSTEMS	586.05

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30109536	04/27/2021	FIRE RESCUE AND TACTICAL	1,515.02
30109537	04/27/2021	FOLEY COMPANY	110.00
30109538	04/27/2021	FP MAILING SOLUTIONS	135.00
30109539	04/27/2021	GALLS	1,099.12
30109540	04/27/2021	GENUINE PARTS COMPANY	92.89
30109541	04/27/2021	GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICE	249.00
30109542	04/27/2021	HARPER & CO	956.14
30109543	04/27/2021	HARPO'S HARDWARE & BLDG S	9.18
30109544	04/27/2021	HORNEY, B GENE JR	166.32
30109545	04/27/2021	IVANHOE FIRE DEPT	3,494.64
30109546	04/27/2021	JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE AUTH	100.36
30109547	04/27/2021	KING-MOORE INC	1,485.00
30109548	04/27/2021	MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVI	236.50
30109549	04/27/2021	MATTERN & CRAIG, INC	1,440.00
30109550	04/27/2021	MCROBERTS, COY L	197.12
30109551	04/27/2021	NATIONAL POOLS	1,621.90
30109552	04/27/2021	NEW RIVER VALLEY JUVENILE	7,750.00
30109553	04/27/2021	OWEN G DUNN CO	2,586.50
30109554	04/27/2021	PROFESSIONAL COMM SYSTEMS	402.15
30109555	04/27/2021	PROJECT LIFESAVER INC	150.00
30109556	04/27/2021	R&R ENTERPRISES INC	305.00
30109557	04/27/2021	RIDDELL	3,005.40
30109558	04/27/2021	SECURITY SCALE SERVICE	275.00
30109559	04/27/2021	SMITH, JAMIE	37.18
30109560	04/27/2021	SOUTHERN REFRIGERATION CO	42.52
30109561	04/27/2021	SOUTHERN STATES CARROLL C	59.99
30109562	04/27/2021	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	161.92
30109563	04/27/2021	SUNTRUST	36,881.92
30109564	04/27/2021	SURE-FLO INC	783.00
30109565	04/27/2021	THOMPSON TIRE	1,128.74
30109566	04/27/2021	THRASHER GROUPINC	62,900.00
30109567	04/27/2021	TRASHCANS UNLIMITED, LLC	3,483.30
30109568	04/27/2021	TRI COUNTY GLASS INC	670.90
30109569	04/27/2021	TRI-TECH FORENSICS INC	539.98
30109570	04/27/2021	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC	55,051.25
30109571	04/27/2021	UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA	100.00
30109572	04/27/2021	US SPECIALTY COATINGS	1,392.11
30109573	04/27/2021	USA BLUE BOOK	1,270.82
30109574	04/27/2021	V&M RECYCLING	4,601.10

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30109575	04/27/2021	VAUGHT, BRIAN	218.96
30109576	04/27/2021	VGFOA	125.00
30109577	04/27/2021	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYST	183.85
30109578	04/27/2021	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYST	869.35
30109579	04/27/2021	VIRGINIA PAVING	2,750.00
30109580	04/27/2021	VIRGINIA TECH	28,049.82
30109581	04/27/2021	VISION GOVERNMENT SOLUTIO	22,490.40
30109582	04/27/2021	VLGMA	245.96
30109583	04/27/2021	WYTHE CO WATER & WASTEWAT	71.63
30109584	04/27/2021	WYTHE OIL DISTRIBUTORS	540.25
30109585	04/27/2021	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	160.00
30109586	04/27/2021	WYTHEVILLE-WYTHE-BLAND	925.00
30109587	04/27/2021	XEROX	207.33
52121	04/27/2021	VACO/VML (wire transfer)	23,058.41
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 04/27/2021			\$373,088.41

TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 04/27/2021 **\$564,026.93**

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 April 13, 2021 minutes for approval.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to approve the April 13, 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 \$70,254,525 of which \$47,584,567 was in the General Fund Account at the end of March. Revenue for the month remained relatively stable.

Both the Chair and Mr. Bear commented that the percentage of real estate revenue is impressive.

When asked about Games of Skill revenue, Mrs. Guynn said her understanding is that the Games of Skill tax revenue was not renewed for the upcoming fiscal year.

2. Delinquent Taxes – The Treasurer reported that delinquent real estate notices will be going out in the next week or so. Personal property delinquent notices were sent out last month. The Treasurer's Office is looking at having a judicial tax sale (real estate) on June 29th, location to be determined. Currently, there are about 15 parcels so far. Mrs. Guynn continues to send delinquent real estate properties to the attorneys on a weekly basis, totaling approximately 130 properties thus far. If property taxes remain unpaid for more than two years, they become eligible for a judicial tax sale.

Next week, the Treasurer's Office will place DMV Stops for unpaid personal property taxes. Taxpayers were notified they had until April 30th to pay with the DMV Stops being placed on May 1st.

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Exit 77 Property – Supervisor Cook made a motion, as recommended by the Building & Grounds Committee, to revise the existing property line between parcels 43-26 and 43-26M to place the stormwater management facilities and conservation easement with the 43-26M property leased by the APEX Authority.

Mr. Bear explained that portions of the subject parcels were established for stormwater management when the barn construction and gravel parking were being planned. This proposal will revise the property line around the stormwater ponds and conservation easement, leaving a balance of property (east of the

easement) to market for sale (~45 acres), a northern tract of 29.5 acres and a southern tract of 14.7 acres. Mr. Bear said the parcels could be sold jointly or separately.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. PAYROLL – March 2021:

General County Fund	\$ 577,669.07
Police Activity Fund	48,875.39
Courthouse Security Fund	11,923.74
Water Department Fund	21,949.78
Wythe County Wastewater Fund	23,741.00
TOTAL	\$ 684,158.98

Check Numbers: 16198-16358; 16364-16526

Voucher Numbers: 2001085-2001098; 2001103-2001116

2. STATUS REPORTS:

- A. Animal Control – Arlan Dunford
- B. Building & Grounds/Solid Waste – Billy Bowers
- C. Building Inspection – Kyle Taylor
- D. Emergency Services – Jimmy McCabe
- E. Engineering – Johnny Kincer
- F. Finance – Regina Williams
- G. IT – Todd Catron
- H. Parks & Recreation – Kevin Williams
- I. Water & Wastewater – Don Crisp

3. PERSONNEL:

- A. Anderson, Nickolas – Transferred from Full to Part-time Dispatch, Effective March 16, 2021
- B. Atwell, Ethan – Hired, Full-time Deputy, Annual Salary \$31,939, Effective April 1, 2021
- C. Atwell, Frank – Hired, Full-time Deputy, Annual Salary \$31,939, Effective April 1, 2021
- D. Rose, Dalton – Hired, Full-time Deputy, Annual Salary \$31,939, Effective April 1, 2021

4. BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

- A. \$531.30 (32025-470030) – Speedwell Fire Department Auto Claim, 2001 Ford F-150 (VIN 0723)
- B. \$802.60 (3102-461250) – Sheriff Department Auto Claim, 2020 Dodge Durango (VIN 8994)

Supervisor Horney seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

VDOT SIX-YEAR PLAN (ANDY FOWLER JOINED BY PHONE)

Mr. Bear referenced the current Six-Year Plan included in the board package and said that there is funding to add about 3.5 miles (\$755,888) to the Plan. He also provided the Board with road options.

Mr. Fowler confirmed the County has 3.5 miles of additional roadway to be added to the Six-Year Plan. Historically, VDOT spends about \$220,000 per mile.

Supervisor Smith asked if the 2.4 miles on Conners Valley can be split up into sections rather than doing it all at once.

Mr. Fowler said yes, that they can do it in any increments. He also said that their inability to previously add Conners Valley Road to the Plan was due to drainage issues. However, VDOT has been using maintenance funds to work on one section at a time to rectify those drainage issues. While they will continue to work on improving drainage, Conners Valley Road is at a point now where it can be added to the Six-Year Plan. Mr. Fowler also said that VDOT can leave the cattle guards in place but they may have to provide signage at each end of cattle guard restricting traffic to one lane.

Chair Vaught asked that both Gap of Ridge (final .4 miles) and Scenic Trail (.4 miles that many use as a short cut) be added to the Plan.

Supervisor Smith commented that he would be okay with doing just one mile (or 1.2) of Conners Valley Road now which would allow others to add their roads.

Supervisor McRoberts' concern for Riverview Road is that there are six new houses and the road and ditches are pretty bad.

Mr. Fowler said that based on the traffic count of Riverview Road (420), that would be money well spent.

Supervisor McRoberts asked for a guardrail on Route 69 at the top of the hill near the Goins residence.

Mr. Fowler will send someone out to assess that area. He said that County Safety Money could be used for this, and he will let Mr. Bear know the outcome of their assessment.

Supervisor Smith said that Reed Creek Drive is in bad shape (road along the creek) and that it's especially dangerous for the school buses on that route, in particular, from 1414 to 1778 Reed Creek Drive.

Mr. Bear recommended a public hearing on May 25th; Mr. Fowler responded that VDOT needs to have all public hearings complete (and resolutions signed) by the end of May.

The Chair thanked Mr. Fowler and VDOT for the work they did on Gullion Ford Road, and for the prompt pickup of trash bags during the recent clean up.

Supervisor McRoberts thanked VDOT for the work done on Pope Road and asked when it will be completed.

Mr. Fowler responded that it's moving along well. All the pipes were installed, and after re-evaluation of the drainage near the Cox driveway, they determined best course of action is to cut the driveway and install two 36" pipes that will allow for much better flow; then they will fix the driveway. Mr. Fowler said they had to request another environmental permit in order to do this work but they continue to work on the road. They expect the permit in the next couple weeks. The Pope Road project should be complete mid-summer.

Supervisor Horney asked about the pothole on St. Peters Road (west of Jonas Town Road) and that a guardrail is needed on Dry Road about $\frac{3}{4}$ miles from Cedar Springs Road where there is quite a drop off.

(Mr. Fowler disconnected from the meeting.)

Mr. Bear will prepare a final draft of the road list for review at the next board meeting.

ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Hankins provided the following updates:

1. CAMA System (Mass Appraisal) – The beta install is complete and the final install expected on May 12. While the new system won't generate taxes this year, it should be fully functional by January 1st. Mr. Hankins extended thank to Mrs. Vaught and Mr. Dunford (IT) for their outstanding assistance.
2. Broadband Partnership – Responses to the RFQ/RFP are due May 3rd. The County will begin their evaluation and will then submit State funding application starting in June. Mr. Hankins hopes to get guidance from the Federal government as to specific uses of American Rescue Plan money.
3. Comprehensive Plan – The County staff will take the consultant on a tour throughout the County to assess and evaluate various areas.
4. Capital Improvements Plan ("CIP") – Mr. Hankins reported that he is waiting on Federal guidance relating to the American Rescue Plan before the CIP is finalized.

5. Public Information Officer – Mr. Hankins is pleased to announce that a new PIO will be starting work on May 10th.
6. CARES Act Projects – The County has wrapped up the Fire Department pick-up trucks with good publicity, ambulance purchases are complete, as is the Broadband study. There is ample PPE in storage and Mr. Hankins continues to distribute as needed.
7. Other – Mr. Hankins continues to provide COVID-19 updates, has prepared venue operations study for the budget, is working with Emergency Management Coordinator to evaluate fire apparatus, and is working on a new employee policies/handbook. There are some application grants currently out there, and Mr. Hankins has recently fulfilled a few FOIA requests. In addition, he just finished an article that will appear in the May newsletter of Virginia Local Government Managers Association on broadband access inequity. He also has participated in training and webinars.

Chair Vaught and others commended Mr. Hankins for a job well done in light of the short time he's been here. His efforts have allowed Mr. Bear to focus more of his time on economic development.

Supervisor Cook asked about the Broadband study and if the County is going to end up owning the cell towers.

Mr. Hankins replied that it's complicated and that each site will be individually negotiated. However, it will not hinder any of our current or future public safety needs.

Mr. Bear emphasized that the County does not want to be a broadband provider and that we have plenty of good providers from which to choose.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

1. Sheriff's Department – Mr. Bear stated the Sheriff's Department has submitted the following two requests:
 - a. Electronic Summons Transfer – to amend and appropriate \$662.16 for recently procured equipment for several of their vehicles.

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to amend and appropriate \$662.16 for electronic ticketing equipment, as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:	Brian W. Vaught	Ryan M. Lawson
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- b. Secondary Livescan Fingerprinting System – to amend and appropriate \$11,168 for the purchase of an additional fingerprinting system to be placed next to General District Courtroom to avoid having to bring subjects to the Sheriff's Office.

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to amend and appropriate \$11,168 for the fingerprinting system, as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:	Brian W. Vaught	Ryan M. Lawson
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2. General Registrar Appropriation – Mr. Bear explained that the Registrar has requested to amend and appropriate \$1,000 from the State's reimbursement for return postage costs for absentee voting.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to amend and appropriate \$1,000 for reimbursement of postage costs 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

3. County Bank Account – Approval is requested to add the Assistant County Administrator, Matt Hankins, to the county bank account with signature authority.

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney to add Mr. Hankins' name to the county bank account.

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. Appointments – Mr. Bear advised the following entities have appointments expiring on June 30th: Crossroads Regional Industrial Facility Authority ("CRIFA"), Wythe-Grayson Regional Library, and Wytheville Community College Board (two vacancies). The college has a long list of qualifications that must be met by appointees.

Chair Vaught was contacted about a vacancy on the Mountain Community Action Program ("MCAP") Board.

- a. Mountain Community Action Program – Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to appoint Katherine Hagwood to the MCAP 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
James D. "Jamie" Smith

Stacy A. Terry

NAYS: None

- b. Crossroads Regional Industrial Facility Authority – Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to reappoint Vice Chair Lawson to the CRIFA Board.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

- c. APEX Authority – Mr. Bear has not yet received confirmation about the potential vacancy on the Authority.
 - d. Wytheville Community College Board – Chair Vaught commented that it would be ideal to get someone who has agricultural experience if anyone knows of any individuals.
5. Rural Retreat Volunteer Emergency Services – Mr. Bear explained that RRVES requested their remaining allotment for FY21 (\$12,708.44) as well as an additional \$5,000 to help them with past due bills. Mr. McCabe met with the Captain and Chairman to review and discuss RRVES finances. It is recommended that members from the Board of Supervisors and County staff, meet with reps from the Town Council and RRVES to come up with a viable financial plan going forward.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to approve RRVES' request and issue a check in the amount of \$17,708.44, contingent upon receiving requested backup.

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 and Supervisor Terry agreed to participate in the meeting with RRVES. The Chair also recommends asking our congressman for assistance with Medicare's outstanding payments.

6. Amendment of V&M Contract for Minimum Wage Increase – Mr. Bear explained that in the contract/bid documents there is a clause allowing for amendments for minimum wage increases. He and Mr. Bowers met with Mr. Moore to discuss the amendment. They recommend approval of the amendment bringing the monthly rate of \$113,000 to \$118,696 for the remainder of this fiscal year then increasing to \$119,807 for first two quarters of next fiscal year, then \$124,845 for the next two quarters.

Vice Chair Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to approve the contract amendment with V&M, 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

7. Cigarette Tax Ordinance – Schedule Public Hearing – Mr. Bear stated that the proposed ordinance requires a public hearing. This ordinance is being considered by all localities in the Mount Rogers Cigarette Tax Board group. Basically, the tax is \$.02 per cigarette (\$.40 per pack). It is recommended the public hearing be held on May 25th.

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to set a public hearing on the proposed Cigarette Tax Ordinance for May 25, 2021 at 6:10 p.m.

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

8. Tax Levy for 2021 – Mr. Bear stated that there is no change to the tax levy in the coming year. However, a public hearing is required and he recommends setting it for May 25th. Due to several budgetary carryovers, as well as savings due to refinancing, the Board agreed not to increase taxes at this time.

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to set a public hearing on the Proposed Tax Levy for 2021 on May 25, 2021 at 6:05 p.m.

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

9. Budget and Water/Wastewater Rate Work Session – Mr. Bear mentioned there are a few budget items that have yet to be finalized. He recommended meeting on Tuesday, May 4th at 5:00 p.m.
10. Animal Control Inspection – Mr. Bear said this is for information only. It was a good inspection and staff, as well as volunteers, should be commended.
11. Austinville Wastewater Project – Mr. Bear explained this is a very old system with infiltration and exfiltration issues. Funding was obtained thru the VRA in the amount of \$810k, of which \$203k is a principal forgiveness note. The remainder is basically interest-free with the principal forgiveness. However, the work was bid out but unfortunately came in over budget. Mr. Bear explained that many contractors are busy with other large projects tying them up until 2022. As such, he recommends an extension of the VRA loan to allow the County time to renegotiate with contractors.

Vice Chair Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to request an extension of the VRA loan terms.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught Rolland R. Cook Ryan M. Lawson James D. "Jamie" Smith	Coy L. McRoberts B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr. Stacy A. Terry
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NAYS: None

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT

County Attorney Scot Farthing shared a list of his assignments with the Board. No questions or concerns were raised.

SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

1. St. Peters Road Catch Pond – Supervisor Horney said there is a strong and foul odor that, he believes, is coming from the dirt catch pond.

CLOSED MEETING

Vice Chair Lawson 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 Flow and Honey Bee).

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught Rolland R. Cook Ryan M. Lawson James D. "Jamie" Smith	Coy L. McRoberts B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr. Stacy A. Terry
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NAYS: None

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

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

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

Chair Vaught noted for the record that Supervisor Smith was not present for the entirety of the closed meeting.

RECESS

Vice Chair Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to recess until Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. for Budget and Water Rates Work Session.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

RECONVENE

The Board reconvened on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 5:15 p.m. in the Emergency Operations Center Conference Room, 290 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 Crisp, Water/Wastewater Director

Martha Collins, Administrative Assistant/Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT:

Elvan Peed, Peed & Bortz, LLC

BUDGET & WATER RATES WORK SESSION

The Board met to participate in a Water Rates Work Session and to review and discuss FY2022 Budget funding requests. The Board reached a consensus on recommending the following for the FY2022 budget:

1. Include Registrar's assistant as a full-time position.
2. Not including funding for part-time or full-time staff for fire department.
3. Operational budget revenue of \$13,500,000 local funds for school system.
4. Include full-time Assistant Recreation Specialist and increase RR Lake Part-time to \$35,000.
5. Recommend salary increases averaging 5% and increase in part-time pay for Courtroom Security to \$13 per hour and School Resource Officer to \$16 per hour.

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Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to adopt the revised FY22 budget calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Chair Vaught adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Brian W. Vaught, Chair