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The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 25, 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

Martha Collins, Administrative Assistant/Clerk

Scot Farthing, County Attorney

Matthew C. Hankins, Assistant County Administrator

Elizabeth Sweeney, Public Information Officer/Grants Writer

Regina Williams, Finance Director

OTHERS PRESENT:

Barry Ayers

Kim Ayers

Jim and Dee Ennis

Charlie Foster

Andy Fowler

Lori Guynn

Scott Jefferies

Lee Johnson

Richie Johnson

Gus Kincer

Tom Knopp

Zack Lester

David Manley

Linda Meyer

Dharmendra Patel

Madhav Raichura

Vishal Rana

Brenda Thomas

Kathy Vaught

approximately 15 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

Pastor Richie Johnson, First Church of Wytheville, provided the invocation and Supervisor Cook led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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PRESENTATION OF SPORTS RESOLUTIONS

Chair Vaught congratulated the George Wythe High School Girls Cross Country Team on their outstanding achievement. Although the championship team was unable to attend this meeting, the Chair read aloud the following resolution:

**WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2021-17
A RESOLUTION HONORING THE
GEORGE WYTHE HIGH SCHOOL
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM**

WHEREAS, the George Wythe High School Girls Cross Country Team completed a remarkable 2021 season; and,

WHEREAS, the George Wythe High School Girls Cross Country Team was the Mountain Empire District Champions and the Region 1C Champions; and,

WHEREAS, the George Wythe High School Girls Cross Country Team advanced to the Virginia High School League's Class 1 State Championship at Green Hill Park in Salem, Virginia on April 23, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, the George Wythe High School Girls Cross Country Team surpassed the competition earning the second Girls Cross Country State Championship title for George Wythe High School; and,

WHEREAS, runner Morgan Dalton finished with a time of 19:56 earning her the individual state championship title; and,

WHEREAS, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors officially commends the 2021 George Wythe High School Girls Cross Country Team comprised of Morgan Dalton, Lianna Dillon, Camryn Hardin, Maggie Minton, Kaleigh Temple, Kara Temple, and coaches Steve Gollither and Julia Tomiak for their exemplary season and display of outstanding dedication and athletic ability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors presents this Resolution to the George Wythe High School Girls Cross Country 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 25th day of May 2021.

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to adopt Resolution 2020-17 honoring the George Wythe High School Girls Cross Country Team.

The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING – CALENDAR YEAR 2021 PROPOSED TAX LEVY

County Administrator Stephen Bear announced that pursuant to Section 58.1-3007 of the Code of Virginia and amendments thereto, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing. The purpose of the public hearing is to give the citizens of Wythe County an opportunity to comment on the proposed tax levy for Calendar Year 2021.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia, at 6:05 p.m. or as soon thereafter practical. Any Wythe County citizen can also provide written comments prior to the meeting that will be entered into the official minutes of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors and summarized by the Chair or designee at the Board Meeting.

PROPOSED TAX LEVY 2021

Type	2018	2019	2020	Rate 2021	Rate Difference	Percent Increase
Real Estate	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.00	0.00
Tangible Personal Property	2.32	2.32	2.32	2.32	0.00	0.00
Machine and Tools	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	0.00	0.00
Merchants Capital	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.00	0.00

The proposed use of such taxes, when and if appropriated by the Wythe County Board of Supervisors, shall be to defray the County's charges incidental to or arising from the execution of lawful authority of the Board of Supervisors of Wythe County, Virginia.

Chair Vaught opened the public hearing for comments. However, hearing no comments from citizens, the Chairman closed the public hearing on the 2021 Proposed Tax Levy.

May 25, 2021**PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED FY22 COUNTY & SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET**

Mr. Bear announced that pursuant to Section 15.2-2506 of the Code of Virginia and amendments thereto, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing. The purpose of the public hearing is to give the citizens of Wythe County an opportunity to comment on the proposed County Budget (which includes the School Board Budget) for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia, at 6:00 p.m.

The budget synopsis is prepared and published for information and fiscal planning purposes only. The inclusion in the budget of any item or items does not constitute an obligation on the part of the Board of Supervisors of Wythe County to appropriate any funds for that item or purpose. There is no allocation or designation of any funds of this County for any purpose until there has been an appropriation for that purpose by the Wythe County Board of Supervisors.

The budget has been prepared on the basis of the estimates and requests submitted to the Board of Supervisors by the Constitutional officers, intergovernmental agencies, non-governmental agencies and department heads of Wythe County and review and amendments to those requests by the Board of Supervisors and staff.

The total expenditure budget for FY22 is \$85,456,195.

Mr. Bear further announced that pursuant to Section 15.2-2506 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, and amendments thereto, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing. The line-item expenditure portion of the advertisement is for planning purposes, however the total revenue and expenditures in total are as approved for advertisement.

The Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia at 6:00 p.m.

The purpose of the public hearing is to give the citizens of Wythe County an opportunity to comment on the proposed Wythe County School Board Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

The total proposed School Board budget for FY22 is \$50,306,793.

The Chairman opened the public hearing for comments.

1. Linda Meyer appeared before the Board and stated "Good evening, gentlemen. I just have a couple of questions. Let's see, on page 83; well, first of all, it was kind of difficult to find the budget on the County website. In previous years, it had been easier to navigate to be able to – it was in like the supervisors' packets and you had to go down and it was a whole bunch of stuff so it would be nice if it was a little bit easier. The Wythe Grayson Regional Library, there is no carryover and they're indicating, or you're indicating, that they're getting the same amount this year as they got last year but weren't they closed last year? And shouldn't there be some kind of a savings because they were not open? It just seems like it's a lot. \$325,000 and if they were closed a good portion of the year, there should have been, I would think in my household, there would have been a carryover anyway. Also, the Electoral Board, since 2017, it has gone up in the last five years approximately \$50,000 and that's a pretty big increase for one person and perhaps a part time. I was wondering what's cooking this year that it has gone up so much. In the paper it indicated it was almost a 33% increase? No? Anybody? No ideas?

Okay, another question. David, don't get angry at me. The Joint IDA also, there was no carryover in that and, in fact, it has gone up again and were they open the entire year and so on? Between the Joint IDA and the Virginia Industrial Advancement Alliance it's over \$500k the County is putting out and last year what has Wythe County gotten for that amount of money from these two organizations? The Industrial Alliance in 2020 was \$107k and this year they're indicating they want \$268k. That's a significant jump and do we have more development here that would hopefully offset that?

On page 92 we have APEX salaries. I thought we were pretty much closed up last year so we're \$135,000 and no carryovers in that either? I mean were these people actually putting in 40 hours a week and did their work end up making it better for this year? Do we have something going on every weekend, every week, and so on?

And also, the Cooperative Extension, they're looking for \$8,000 for agricultural supplies. Do they have a county garden or something? And eight grand, that's also another carryover and I mean how many seeds can you buy for \$8,000? And what are they doing for that amount of money? It was a little bit interesting.

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So, also, the Mount Rogers Health District is \$165,000 then we have another page is a Family Resource Center for \$3,750 and they're two separate accounts. I was wondering what the difference was from the Health District. Why isn't the Family Resource Center included in the Health District? Any ideas? Duh."

Chair Vaught commented that public hearings allow residents to come before the Board and speak, but it doesn't give them the right to be disrespectful. The Board does not engage citizens during this time and will respond to concerns afterwards.

Ms. Meyer continued "Okay that would be great, and also there's no salary schedule for employees and in previous years we have put that out and it's available to download and so on, and it's not on our website so we'd appreciate it if we could see the salary schedule for this year and last year. Thank you."

Hearing no further comments from citizens, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING – CIGARETTE TAX ORDINANCE

Mr. Bear announced that in compliance with the Code of Virginia and amendments thereto, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing to consider an ordinance entitled, "Cigarette Tax Ordinance of Wythe County, Virginia". The Board of Supervisors will hear comments from citizens concerning the proposed ordinance.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, at 6:10 p.m. in the Board Room of the Wythe County Office Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia.

The Chairman opened the public hearing for comments.

1. Vishal Rana appeared before the Board and stated "Good evening, Board. How are you? Sir, I represent a very small country store business in the middle of Carroll County and Pulaski County. What my request to you is that if the tax goes up, we have been impacted by COVID pretty hard last year, this year we are not even keeping up with any of the business lost that happened last year. The tax increase is going to impact us pretty hard on our businesses because of – my business belongs to the very poor family that lives in Barren Springs. It's a very small town in Wythe County and it's going to be very hard on all my customers will be just like a mile away from my other county businesses. So I'm afraid that

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I'm going to have to shut down my business if the tax goes up on the cigarettes, sir. Thank you."

2. Dharmendra Patel appeared before the Board and stated "I own two businesses in Wythe County; one is the Exxon in Fort Chiswell right off Exit 80 and one we just opened one store in Rural Retreat last year at the Crossroads, so I have two stores in Wythe County. I'm along with some of the business owners that are part of the community here and we try to work with the community to provide services that's beneficial to the residents of the community, you know like I mean say our stores last year we drove like charity for rescue out of the Rural Retreat and we donated almost \$12-13,000 through our businesses, so we try to be part of the community as well and do good for our citizens you know. So, I just wanted to point out that, I'm not going to say what is going to be the impact of COVID, I mean impact of increasing on the cigarette tax, because I'm sure some other people will talk about that as well. It's obvious that if you increase the cigarette taxes, business will move to a next state or next county that has lower taxes, especially because we get a lot of business up and down 81, people traveling from New York to Florida, they buy a lot of cigarettes. But what I want you to also talk about is take into consideration cigarette sales has been going down year over year like in 2017 there was a sales, the Wythe County we sold about 440,000 cartons over the year, by 2020 it has gone down to 330,000 so it went down by 25 percent so like that's because the prices have been going up and up and up and it's cigarettes are getting out of fashion you know so increasing another four dollars I think like that will be a detrimental impact on cigarette purchases, people who are traveling on interstate they'll go to next county or next state as I say, so it will even come down from 300,000. So, what you have to look at is like overall, it's a million dollar, less than a million-dollar revenue is that going to make a big impact to your budget, right? That's one thing that I want you to consider. On top of that, second thing is the timing, like we just came out of COVID. All the businesses, I mean like people were not traveling on 81 up and down so our gas stations, convenience stores, there were hardly any customers coming in, you know, so businesses are hard like they are just beginning to recover from the COVID impact. On top of that, you take like state government just increase the federal tax, I mean the gasoline tax, minimum wages went up from \$7.25 to \$9.50. We are all for that, I mean the minimum wage increase was for the lowest of the poor people, like people who are like suffering financially, right, so that is the best thing that we could have done to give them better, like more money to get a better life. But then on the other hand,

we are increasing the gasoline tax, we are increasing the cigarette tax, and who does it impact? Those people at the bottom. It impacts them more. I mean people like us, like maybe \$50 a month extra may not impact that much but to those people that's a lot of money, right? On one hand we are giving them more money and on the other hand like we are taking more money like business people are suffering because we have to pay more in terms of salary so businesses are not making more profit. The people who are supposed to benefit from this minimum wage increase, they are not benefiting because they're paying more taxes here and more taxes there and everything else, you know. So at the end of the day, it's the government getting more and more money out of the taxes, I think, that that's the bottom line, you know, because salaries go up, people will be paying more social security tax and every other taxes with higher salary and then like cigarette tax is up, gasoline tax is up, this tax is up, that tax is up - it's like it's a never-ending cycle because people who are broke on Thursday afternoon, they will still be broke even if you are making 35% more in minimum wages, right? So then what's going - where is it going to end after two or three years like people are going to think that okay like, hey, we really need to - we need to increase our minimum wage because where we got to, that's not sufficient, right? And then the cycle keeps going on and on and on. Somebody got to break the chain, guys. I mean like it's getting harder and harder to do business and, on top of that, everything has gotten expensive. I mean you just go to groceries for - things have like doubled, tripled since last year. I mean, go to Lowe's - timber went up from \$307 dollars a ton to \$1,500 a ton. So where is it going to end? So, what I would like to request you is take really a hard look and say is that four extra dollars that is going to turn into less than a million dollar for the company, is it worth it? Is it worth it for your consumers, people at the bottom? Is it worth for the people, I mean like I'm sure some convenience stores it will run them out of business. There is not enough business because people are going next door or people can't afford they'll smoke - - or they'll go to alternative solutions where there is not as much tax, right? So, I'd like you to request, I'd like to request you to seriously consider and discuss with surrounding counties and say like *Is it really worth it?* You know, questioning yourselves. I mean like it's impacting everybody but more to the people at the bottom, you know. So, with that if you have any questions, I can answer that. Thank you."

3. Madhav Raichura appeared before the Board and stated "My name is Madhav Raichura. I'm a single store owner in Rural Retreat area. I would like not to add anything to Mr. Dharmendra Patel, but I would like seriously to the supervisors

who consider that - please look out for us small businesses so we can survive and grow in the Wythe County. I really appreciate your time. Thank you very much.”

Chair Vaught commented that because some of these stores are in Rural Retreat, the owners should consider attending one of their town council meetings.

Hearing no further comments from citizens, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

VDOT SECONDARY SIX-YEAR PLAN

Mr. Bear announced that The Virginia Department of Transportation and the Board of Supervisors of Wythe County, in accordance with Section 33.2-331 of the Code of Virginia, will conduct a joint public hearing in the Board Room of the Wythe County Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia 24382 at 6:00 p.m. on May 25, 2021. The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comment on the proposed Secondary Six-Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2021/22 through 2026/27 in Wythe County and on the Secondary System Construction Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/22. Copies of the proposed Plan and Budget may be reviewed at the Wytheville Residency Office of the Virginia Department of Transportation, located at 2843 Chapman Road, Wytheville, Virginia 24382 or at the Wythe County offices located at 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia 24382.

All projects in the Secondary Six-Year Plan that are eligible for federal funds will be included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), which documents how Virginia will obligate federal transportation funds.

The Chairman opened the public hearing for comments.

1. Tom Knopp appeared before the Board and stated “Good evening. Myself and my wife recently moved to Wythe County from North Carolina about a year and a half ago. Specifically, we moved to Rural Retreat and we live on Porter Road. It is a gravel road and since we’ve been there, it seems like traffic has increased two fold over. And it always seems like every few months, VDOT is out there either repairing potholes, washouts, or ruts in the road. So, I’d just like to request that Porter Road be added to the Six-Year Plan for consideration of paving, because I think it would probably in the long-run pay for itself because of all the maintenance you guys put out on the road.”

Mr. Bear confirmed that .27 miles of Porter Road (from Sharons Drive) is currently on the Six-Year Plan, which includes the portion in front of Mr. Knopp's residence.

Hearing no further comments from citizens, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

SIX-YEAR PLAN RESOLUTIONS

1. Conners Valley Road Resolution 2021-19 – Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to adopt Resolution 2021-19 as follows:

WYTHE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION 2021-19

The Board of Supervisors of Wythe County, Virginia, in regular meeting on the 25th day of May 2021, adopted the following:

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-332 of the *Code of Virginia*, permits the hard surfacing of certain unpaved roads deemed to qualify for designation as a Rural Rustic Road; and

WHEREAS, any such road must be located in a low-density development area and have not more than 1,500 vehicles per day; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Wythe County, Virginia ("Board") desires to consider whether 1.2 miles of Conners Valley Road from Route 11, should be designated a Rural Rustic Road; and

WHEREAS, the Board is unaware of pending development that will significantly affect the existing traffic on this road; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that this road should be so designated due to its qualifying characteristics; and

WHEREAS, this road is in the Board's Six-Year Plan for improvements to the secondary system of State highways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board hereby designates this road a Rural Rustic Road, and requests that the Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation concur in this designation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board requests that this road be hard surfaced and, to the fullest extent prudent, be improved within the existing right-of-way and ditch-lines to preserve as much as possible the adjacent trees, vegetation, side slopes, and rural rustic character along the road in their current state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Virginia Department of Transportation Residency Administrator.

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. Gap of Ridge Road Resolution 2021-20 – Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to adopt Resolution 2021-20 as follows:

**WYTHE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESOLUTION 2021-20**

The Board of Supervisors of Wythe County, Virginia, in regular meeting on the 25th day of May 2021, adopted the following:

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-332 of the *Code of Virginia*, permits the hard surfacing of certain unpaved roads deemed to qualify for designation as a Rural Rustic Road; and

WHEREAS, any such road must be located in a low-density development area and have not more than 1,500 vehicles per day; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Wythe County, Virginia ("Board") desires to consider whether .4 miles of Gap of Ridge Road from Route 680, should be designated a Rural Rustic Road; and

WHEREAS, the Board is unaware of pending development that will significantly affect the existing traffic on this road; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that this road should be so designated due to its qualifying characteristics; and

WHEREAS, this road is in the Board's Six-Year Plan for improvements to the secondary system of State highways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board hereby designates this road a Rural Rustic Road, and requests that the Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation concur in this designation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board requests that this road be hard surfaced and, to the fullest extent prudent, be improved within the existing right-of-way and ditch-lines to preserve as much as possible the adjacent trees, vegetation, side slopes, and rural rustic character along the road in their current state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Virginia Department of Transportation Residency Administrator.

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. Porter Road Resolution 2021-21 – Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to adopt Resolution 2021-21 as follows:

**WYTHE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESOLUTION 2021-21**

The Board of Supervisors of Wythe County, Virginia, in regular meeting on the 25th day of May 2021, adopted the following:

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-332 of the *Code of Virginia*, permits the hard surfacing of certain unpaved roads deemed to qualify for designation as a Rural Rustic Road; and

WHEREAS, any such road must be located in a low-density development area and have not more than 1,500 vehicles per day; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Wythe County, Virginia ("Board") desires to consider whether .27 miles of Porter Road from Route 670, should be designated a Rural Rustic Road; and

WHEREAS, the Board is unaware of pending development that will significantly affect the existing traffic on this road; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that this road should be so designated due to its qualifying characteristics; and

WHEREAS, this road is in the Board's Six-Year Plan for improvements to the secondary system of State highways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board hereby designates this road a Rural Rustic Road, and requests that the Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation concur in this designation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board requests that this road be hard surfaced and, to the fullest extent prudent, be improved within the existing right-of-way and ditch-lines to preserve as much as possible the adjacent trees, vegetation, side slopes, and rural rustic character along the road in their current state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Virginia Department of Transportation Residency Administrator.

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. Bluebird Road Resolution 2021-22 – Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to adopt Resolution 2021-22 as follows:

**WYTHE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESOLUTION 2021-22**

The Board of Supervisors of Wythe County, Virginia, in regular meeting on the 25th day of May 2021, adopted the following:

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-332 of the *Code of Virginia*, permits the hard surfacing of certain unpaved roads deemed to qualify for designation as a Rural Rustic Road; and

WHEREAS, any such road must be located in a low-density development area and have not more than 1,500 vehicles per day; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Wythe County, Virginia ("Board") desires to consider whether .08 miles of Bluebird Road From: Route 732 To: Route 742, should be designated a Rural Rustic Road; and

WHEREAS, the Board is unaware of pending development that will significantly affect the existing traffic on this road; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that this road should be so designated due to its qualifying characteristics; and

WHEREAS, this road is in the Board's Six-Year Plan for improvements to the secondary system of State highways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board hereby designates this road a Rural Rustic Road, and requests that the Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation concur in this designation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board requests that this road be hard surfaced and, to the fullest extent prudent, be improved within the existing right-of-way and ditch-lines to preserve as much as possible the adjacent trees, vegetation, side slopes, and rural rustic character along the road in their current state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Virginia Department of Transportation Residency Administrator.

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

5. Poplar Drive Resolution 2021-23 – Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to adopt Resolution 2021-23 as follows:

**WYTHE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESOLUTION 2021-23**

The Board of Supervisors of Wythe County, Virginia, in regular meeting on the 25th day of May 2021, adopted the following:

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-332 of the *Code of Virginia*, permits the hard surfacing of certain unpaved roads deemed to qualify for designation as a Rural Rustic Road; and

WHEREAS, any such road must be located in a low-density development area and have not more than 1,500 vehicles per day; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Wythe County, Virginia ("Board") desires to consider whether .12 miles of Poplar Drive From: Route 733 To: Dead End, should be designated a Rural Rustic Road; and

WHEREAS, the Board is unaware of pending development that will significantly affect the existing traffic on this road; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that this road should be so designated due to its qualifying characteristics; and

WHEREAS, this road is in the Board's Six-Year Plan for improvements to the secondary system of State highways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board hereby designates this road a Rural Rustic Road, and requests that the Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation concur in this designation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board requests that this road be hard surfaced and, to the fullest extent prudent, be improved within the existing right-of-way and ditch-lines to preserve as much as possible the adjacent trees, vegetation, side slopes, and rural rustic character along the road in their current state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Virginia Department of Transportation Residency Administrator.

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

6. Riverview Road Resolution 2021-24 – Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to adopt Resolution 2021-24 as follows:

**WYTHE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESOLUTION 2021-24**

The Board of Supervisors of Wythe County, Virginia, in regular meeting on the 25th day of May 2021, adopted the following:

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-332 of the *Code of Virginia*, permits the hard surfacing of certain unpaved roads deemed to qualify for designation as a Rural Rustic Road; and

WHEREAS, any such road must be located in a low-density development area and have not more than 1,500 vehicles per day; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Wythe County, Virginia ("Board") desires to consider whether .6 miles of Riverview Road From: Route 94 To: Route 742, should be designated a Rural Rustic Road; and

WHEREAS, the Board is unaware of pending development that will significantly affect the existing traffic on this road; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that this road should be so designated due to its qualifying characteristics; and

WHEREAS, this road is in the Board's Six-Year Plan for improvements to the secondary system of State highways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board hereby designates this road a Rural Rustic Road, and requests that the Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation concur in this designation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board requests that this road be hard surfaced and, to the fullest extent prudent, be improved within the existing right-of-way and ditch-lines to preserve as much as possible the adjacent trees, vegetation, side slopes, and rural rustic character along the road in their current state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Virginia Department of Transportation Residency Administrator.

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. Edgewood Road Resolution 2021-25 – Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to adopt Resolution 2021-25 as follows:

**WYTHE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESOLUTION 2021-25**

The Board of Supervisors of Wythe County, Virginia, in regular meeting on the 25th day of May 2021, adopted the following:

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-332 of the *Code of Virginia*, permits the hard surfacing of certain unpaved roads deemed to qualify for designation as a Rural Rustic Road; and

WHEREAS, any such road must be located in a low-density development area and have not more than 1,500 vehicles per day; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Wythe County, Virginia ("Board") desires to consider whether .15 miles of Edgewood Road From: Route 21 To: Dead End, should be designated a Rural Rustic Road; and

WHEREAS, the Board is unaware of pending development that will significantly affect the existing traffic on this road; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that this road should be so designated due to its qualifying characteristics; and

WHEREAS, this road is in the Board's Six-Year Plan for improvements to the secondary system of State highways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board hereby designates this road a Rural Rustic Road, and requests that the Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation concur in this designation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board requests that this road be hard surfaced and, to the fullest extent prudent, be improved within the existing right-of-way and ditch-lines to preserve as much as possible the adjacent trees, vegetation, side slopes, and rural rustic character along the road in their current state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Virginia Department of Transportation Residency Administrator.

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. Scenic Trail Resolution 2021-26 – Vice Chair Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to adopt Resolution 2021-26 as follows:

**WYTHE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESOLUTION 2021-26**

The Board of Supervisors of Wythe County, Virginia, in regular meeting on the 25th day of May 2021, adopted the following:

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-332 of the *Code of Virginia*, permits the hard surfacing of certain unpaved roads deemed to qualify for designation as a Rural Rustic Road; and

WHEREAS, any such road must be located in a low-density development area and have not more than 1,500 vehicles per day; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Wythe County, Virginia ("Board") desires to consider whether .4 miles of Scenic Trail from Route 625/674, should be designated a Rural Rustic Road; and

WHEREAS, the Board is unaware of pending development that will significantly affect the existing traffic on this road; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that this road should be so designated due to its qualifying characteristics; and

WHEREAS, this road is in the Board's Six-Year Plan for improvements to the secondary system of State highways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board hereby designates this road a Rural Rustic Road, and requests that the Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation concur in this designation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board requests that this road be hard surfaced and, to the fullest extent prudent, be improved within the existing right-of-way and ditch-lines to preserve as much as possible the adjacent trees, vegetation, side slopes, and rural rustic character along the road in their current state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Virginia Department of Transportation Residency Administrator.

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. Six-Year Plan Resolution 2021-18 – Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to adopt Resolution 2021-18 as follows:

WYTHE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2021-18

WHEREAS, Sections 33.1-23 and 33.1-23.4 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, provide the opportunity for each county to work with the

Virginia Department of Transportation in developing a Secondary Six-Year Road Plan; and

WHEREAS, this Board had previously agreed to assist in the preparation of this Plan, in accordance with the Virginia Department of Transportation policies and procedures, and participated in a public hearing on the proposed Plan (2021/22 through 2026/27), as well as the Construction Priority List (2021/22) on May 25, 2021, after duly advertised so that all citizens of the County had the opportunity to participate in said hearing and to make comments and recommendations concerning the proposed Plan and Priority List; and

WHEREAS, Andy Fowler of the Virginia Department of Transportation, participated with the Board and recommended approval of the Six-Year Plan for Secondary Roads (2021/22 through 2026/27) and the Construction Priority List (2021/22) for Wythe County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors voted on May 25, 2021 to approve Six-Year Plan for Secondary Roads and Priority List as attached;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that since said Plan appears to be in the best interest of the Secondary Road System in Wythe County and of the citizens residing on the Secondary System, said Secondary Six-Year Plan (2021/22 through 2026/27) and Construction Priority List (2021/22) are hereby approved as presented at the May 25, 2021 Board of Supervisors' meeting.

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 MATTERS

Supervisor Terry extended his thanks to Mr. Fowler for partnering so well with us to provide better roads for our citizens.

Supervisor Horney asked about the guard rail and if VDOT looked at Dry Road. He also thanked him for all they do.

Mr. Fowler responded that they are looking into that, and they are working on scheduling the cleaning of sediment basins below the feedlot on St. Peters Road. They should also be finished paving Back Road by the end of summer.

Supervisor McRoberts said he will probably be the happiest man in the world when the work on Pope Road is finished.

Chair Vaught also thanked Mr. Fowler and his staff for all they do and their quick responses. The Chair asked if there is any money at all leftover this year, could they put some pavement down on Pine Glade Road from Don Heldreth's farm to a mile or two down the road. That portion is incredibly rough.

Mr. Fowler will check to see if it's on the paving schedule.

Vice Chair Lawson sent an email regarding the intersection of Queens Knob and Rich Dale Road, and to her surprise, the Town fixed it the next day.

Mr. Fowler said it's on their paving patching schedule, and they will full-width patch from the intersection of Fairview Road back 100 feet.

Vice Chair also thanked Mr. Fowler and VDOT for taking care of Cove Road throughout the winter (water coming off the mountain that freezes). She and the other residents appreciate the quick turnaround.

Supervisor Cook said he had nothing to add. When he has requests, he forwards them to Mr. Bear and within a day or so, it's taken care of, so thank you!

Supervisor Smith started by saying thank you to Mr. Fowler for all his efforts and quick turnaround. But residents continue to complain about the speed on Rt. 94 from the intersection of Fort Chiswell Road to St. Paul Church.

Mr. Fowler asked if the County has digital speed limit signs that can be placed there? Their traffic studies have not been sufficient enough to drop the speed limit in that area.

Chief Deputy Foster replied they do have them and can most certainly use them to try and cut down on the speeding. They did increase their enforcement in that area, but it resulted in very few tickets.

Supervisor Smith also mentioned that Crimson Lane has an issue with water pooling in the center of the road causing erosion of the pavement. He would also like an update on Orion Drive.

Mr. Bear said it had been approved, is on the list, but he believes it's been moved out to 2024 or 2025.

Supervisor Smith mentioned the residents on Smith Drive (off Miller's Creek) are asking for gravel but he told them we couldn't because it is a private drive. They are interested in pursuing revenue sharing if at all possible. There are 14+ homes there.

Mr. Bear said there are three public meetings scheduled over the next couple of weeks (South Crest, Muskrat, Pine Brook and one other near Sheffey) to discuss revenue sharing process and transportation districts.

Supervisor Horney asked about Cripple Creek Road and why they paved 300-400 feet then left about a 10-foot strip, and then started paving again.

Mr. Fowler explained that, per the contract, they can only patch up to 500'.

Chair Vaught referenced Rt. 100 and wondered what type of work was being done with a blow torch.

Mr. Fowler is not sure exactly what they were doing out there but he mentioned a new technique that when they patch, they can reheat the existing pavement so that it blends better/smoothier.

Mr. Bear asked for assistance from VDOT with mowing and trash pickup in Progress Park, preferably by the end of next week.

CITIZENS' TIME

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

1. WCPS Graduations – Dr. Scott Jefferies appeared before the Board and stated "I just wanted to real quickly say to you all this evening just thanks for your support and attendance at the graduation ceremonies that we had last weekend. It was great to see you all out there that attended and to celebrate the Class of 2021, as well as Ms. Guynn, Sheriff Foster. I know you guys are busy people. On behalf of the school system, we also got Ms. Johnson and the other board members,

express their thanks as well just for coming out and supporting our students here and so I just want to say thanks, thanks for all you do and thanks for celebrating the Class of 2021. We couldn't have asked for better weather. It was great seeing everybody there. Their ceremonies were wonderful. We have a lot to be proud of in the school division, and the Class of 2021 certainly falls in line with that. I just want to express my thanks. That's all."

Chair Vaught joked about two of the schools' ceremonies being on the same night and that he couldn't wear the same colors to both. Seriously, though, he said they were all very well planned. He added that thoughts and prayers are with the gentleman who fell on Thursday, and he thanked Ms. Johnson for utilizing her excellent nursing skills in that situation.

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

PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

Supervisor Cook inquired about the vehicle supplies and what exactly it was for.

Mr. Bear responded the expenses are for fuel cards for the Sheriff's Office and other County departments. He is unaware if any of those invoices are outstanding and he indicated that some of the increase could be the result of increased fuel costs.

Supervisor Horney made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on May 25, 2021, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30109674-30109761, and one wire transfer, as follows:

EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS May 25, 2021

CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
30109674	05/14/2021	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$ 28,182.60
30109675	05/14/2021	CENTURYLINK	126.28
30109676	05/14/2021	CENTURYLINK	331.11
30109677	05/14/2021	US CELLULAR	1,244.94
30109678	05/14/2021	WYTHE CO WATER & WASTEWAT	334.21
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 05/14/2021			\$30,219.14

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CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
(wire)	05/19/2021	VIRGINIA RESOURCES AUTHOR	\$ 3,418.77
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 05/19/2021			\$3,418.77

CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
30109679	05/25/2021	AMAZON	\$ 648.02
30109680	05/25/2021	APPALACHIAN JUVENILE COMM	6,300.00
30109681	05/25/2021	APPALACHIAN POWER	738.01
30109682	05/25/2021	BIG WALKER SWCD	2,000.00
30109683	05/25/2021	BKT UNIFORMS	50.94
30109684	05/25/2021	BLUE RIDGE ANALYTICAL, LL	1,320.00
30109685	05/25/2021	BROWN EXTERMINATING CO	520.00
30109686	05/25/2021	CARILION HEALTHCARE CORP	60.00
30109687	05/25/2021	CAVALIER SUPPLY CO	1,688.25
30109688	05/25/2021	CENTURYLINK	39.98
30109689	05/25/2021	CENTURYLINK	52.76
30109690	05/25/2021	CENTURYLINK	98.97
30109691	05/25/2021	CENTURYLINK	125.72
30109692	05/25/2021	CENTURYLINK	146.78
30109693	05/25/2021	CENTURYLINK	249.10
30109694	05/25/2021	CENTURYLINK	315.97
30109695	05/25/2021	CENTURYLINK	3,548.05
30109696	05/25/2021	CITIZENS TELEPHONE COOP	979.95
30109697	05/25/2021	COM TEC	50.00
30109698	05/25/2021	COMMONWEALTH DOCUMENT MGT	93.00
30109699	05/25/2021	COMMUNITY ANIMAL CLINIC I	125.00
30109700	05/25/2021	COULTER'S FLORIST INC	124.00
30109701	05/25/2021	CSG SYSTEMS, INC	1,739.25
30109702	05/25/2021	DAVENPORT & COMPANY LLC	5,600.00
30109703	05/25/2021	DISTRICT THREE	12,404.00
30109704	05/25/2021	EEIS-ELEVATOR EQUIP INSPE	450.00
30109705	05/25/2021	ESP	8,159.04
30109706	05/25/2021	FARTHING, SCOT S	6,200.00
30109707	05/25/2021	FIRE RESCUE AND TACTICAL	223.90
30109708	05/25/2021	FRANKLIN MILLER INC	471.00
30109709	05/25/2021	GALLS	405.49
30109710	05/25/2021	GENUINE PARTS COMPANY	44.98
30109711	05/25/2021	GREATAMERICA FINANCIAL SE	179.00
30109712	05/25/2021	HARPO'S HARDWARE & BLDG S	67.32

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30109713	05/25/2021	INNOCORP LTD	1,850.00
30109714	05/25/2021	INSTRUMENT CALIBRATION	104.00
30109715	05/25/2021	JERRY B PETERS SALES INC	1,495.00
30109716	05/25/2021	KETCHUM MFG CO INC	145.71
30109717	05/25/2021	LEAD MINES RESCUE SQUAD	13,612.72
30109718	05/25/2021	LOWE'S	341.47
30109719	05/25/2021	MANSFIELD OIL CO	14,710.45
30109720	05/25/2021	MATTERN & CRAIG, INC	720.00
30109721	05/25/2021	MCI COMM SERVICE	38.04
30109722	05/25/2021	MCI COMM SERVICE	137.88
30109723	05/25/2021	MCI COMM SERVICE	701.68
30109724	05/25/2021	MEADE TRACTOR	13.99
30109725	05/25/2021	MEREDITH'S GARAGE	93.00
30109726	05/25/2021	MOUNT ROGERS PLANNING DIS	4,682.79
30109727	05/25/2021	NEW RIVER VALLEY JUVENILE	7,500.00
30109728	05/25/2021	NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL	160,669.20
30109729	05/25/2021	OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDIC	60.00
30109730	05/25/2021	DARLENE LANG	82.36
30109731	05/25/2021	EDWARD GALLAGHER	30.00
30109732	05/25/2021	NATIONAL EMERGENCY NUMBER	142.00
30109733	05/25/2021	RANDY MITCHELL	49.44
30109734	05/25/2021	RICHARD AND MEAGAN ROBINS	483.84
30109735	05/25/2021	PAPER CLIP	4,510.78
30109736	05/25/2021	PAPER CLIP / 2	598.80
30109737	05/25/2021	PEED & BORTZ LLC	23,950.00
30109738	05/25/2021	PIONEER COLLISION CENTER	1,802.60
30109739	05/25/2021	PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATIO	6,581.39
30109740	05/25/2021	PROFESSIONAL COMM SYSTEMS	1,880.00
30109741	05/25/2021	R&C TOWING & REPAIR CO	305.00
30109742	05/25/2021	R&R ENTERPRISES INC	60.00
30109743	05/25/2021	S&W FERTILIZER	28.00
30109744	05/25/2021	SALEM STONE	904.56
30109745	05/25/2021	SMOKIN' GUNS	2,699.21
30109746	05/25/2021	THOMPSON TIRE	364.22
30109747	05/25/2021	THREE RIVERS MEDIA CORP	660.00
30109748	05/25/2021	TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE	5,950.00
30109749	05/25/2021	TWO WAY RADIO	948.11
30109750	05/25/2021	VERIZON WIRELESS	40.01
30109751	05/25/2021	VERIZON WIRELESS	120.07

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30109752	05/25/2021	VERIZON WIRELESS	1,520.93
30109753	05/25/2021	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYST	140.88
30109754	05/25/2021	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYSTEMS	858.19
30109755	05/25/2021	VIRGINIA ELECTRIC SUPPLY,	430.11
30109756	05/25/2021	VITA	243.22
30109757	05/25/2021	WILLIAMS, KEVIN	102.96
30109758	05/25/2021	WYTHE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOO	192.29
30109759	05/25/2021	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	1,669.63
30109760	05/25/2021	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	503.95
30109761	05/25/2021	XEROX	186.67
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 05/25/2021			\$320,133.63

TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 05/25/2021 **\$353,771.54**

Supervisor Cook 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 May 11, 2021 minutes for approval.

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to approve the May 11, 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

APPOINTMENTS

As a reminder, Mr. Bear said there are vacancies coming up on June 30th for Wytheville Community College and the APEX Authority.

Chair Vaught mentioned that Ms. Ayers has expressed interest in serving on the New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, Lori Guynn, first said what a pleasure it was attending all the graduations last week. In particular, she marvels at what the students at the Tech Center are able to achieve and finds it truly impressive with all the certifications they attain. Kudos to them.

Ms. Guynn reported on the following:

1. Revenue Statement – Mrs. Guynn reported that the Consolidated Account was comprised of \$63,518,856 of which \$46,206,039 was in the General Fund Account at the end of April.
2. Delinquent Taxes – The Treasurer reported that at the end of April, the combined collection rate for real estate and personal property was 96.1%. They have since added DMV Stops (approximately 1,900 stops). Ms. Guynn mentioned some miscommunication by DMV between the Town of Wytheville and the County. But overall, she said the DMV Stops are a good collection tool.
Ms. Guynn announced that the collection attorneys are finalizing information for the tax sales and they're currently looking at dates/location for the sale. One is coming up on June 29th at 2pm at 4th Street Civic Center (12 parcels for sale). Two properties are in Rural Retreat (one near high school and the other near the raceway), one in the Town of Wytheville, with others in Max Meadows, Ramsey Mountain Road, Stone Drive, Brock Avenue, Fox Mountain, Old Bank Lot and Powder Mill Road. The Treasurer hopes that by this time next year (or even this fall), they'll be ready for another sale of new properties turned over.

Supervisor Smith asked if Ms. Guynn could email him the list of properties for sale. She will send the list to all of the board.

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Lead Mines Rescue Squad Building – Supervisor Cook made a motion, as recommended by the Building & Grounds Committee, to advertise the base bid

for the Lead Mines Rescue Squad building addition with a bid additive for the remodel and construction of the office and sleeping quarters.

Mr. Bear explained that the base bid is for the metal building with two bays and garage. The bid additive is to convert the existing northern bay to proposed bunk house for men, and proposed bunk house for women; office area, kitchen, restroom. While there is concern about the costs of materials, if bids come in too high, they will have to consider other alternatives.

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 McRoberts made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

1. PAYROLL – April 2021:

General County Fund	\$ 609,859.29
Police Activity Fund	60,477.22
Courthouse Security Fund	14,343.24
Water Department Fund	23,559.69
Wythe County Wastewater Fund	25,008.31
TOTAL	\$ 733,247.75

Check Numbers: 15533-16873; 16879-16883

Voucher Numbers: 2001121-2001152; 2001157-2001158

2. STATUS REPORTS:

- A. Animal Control – Arlan Dunford
- B. Building Inspection – Kyle Taylor
- C. Emergency Services – Jimmy McCabe
- D. Engineering – Johnny Kincer

- E. Finance – Regina Williams
- F. IT – Todd Catron
- G. Solid Waste – Billy Bowers
- H. Water/Wastewater – Don Crisp

3. PERSONNEL:

- A. Hunley, Brandi – Resigned, Full-time Dispatch, Effective April 20, 2021
- B. Greer, Angela – Resigned, Full-Time Water/Wastewater Administrative Assistant, Effective April 29, 2021
- C. Wright, Sandra – Resigned, Full-time Custodian, Effective April 30, 2021
- D. Dunford, Timothy – Merit Increase, Full-time Custodian, Annual Salary \$23,509, Effective May 1, 2021
- E. Sweeney, Elizabeth – Hired, Full-time Public Information Officer, Annual Salary \$34,000, Effective May 10, 2021

4. BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

- A. \$11,493.03 (3202-457292) – Hazmat Recovery
- B. \$460.25 (3202-457292) – Hazmat Recovery
- C. \$1,520.00 (3202-457292) – Hazmat Recovery

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

Mr. Bear added that Mr. McCabe's efforts should be commended for the hazmat recovery totaling over \$13k.

PETITION FOR WRIT OF SPECIAL ELECTION – SHERIFF VACANCY

Mr. Bear stated that the County Attorney has drafted required language for the resolution and associated legal documentation.

County Attorney Scot Farthing commented that the Board needs to authorize the filing of the petition for a special election. It must be filed 90 days prior to the November election.

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to approve the filing of Petition for Writ of Special Election as presented.

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
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VA DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS – REDISTRICTING WAIVER REQUEST

Mr. Bear explained that under Virginia Code (provisions 24.2-307) localities must obtain a waiver from the requirement that there not be split precincts. We, therefore, have to request a waiver for the precincts of Rural Retreat, West Wytheville, East Wytheville (Town Boundary Split) and West Wytheville (19th Senate Boundary split).

Mr. Bear said that when redistricting is done later this year for the Senate district, that will eliminate the split Senate district. But for the town elections, no precinct will ever be entirely a town; therefore, until or unless the language in the Code is changed, we will have to request a waiver every year.

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to approve the redistricting waiver request for the split precincts.

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

CHILDREN'S SERVICES ACT (CSA) SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING REQUEST

Mr. Bear said that CSA budgeting is always an unknown because you never know in advance what situations will arise. It's just a "best guess" as to what the year ahead will bring so this request is not unusual by any means.

Ms. Brenda Thomas, DSS Administrative Analyst, explained that at the end of April, the total expenditures for CSA were \$1.7M. This includes pool funding, CSA administrative funding for this fiscal year and three months from last year. CSA budget allocation for the past few years has remained around \$606k which includes the pool money and administrative funding, etc. Ms. Thomas stated that additional local funding was requested last year. In addition, there will be a children's maintenance increase starting in July and air adoption subsidies, as well as increases in the annual supplemental clothing, for which they have no control.

Mr. Bear referenced the data showing local funding requirement which is leaving them short approximately \$125,718 for this fiscal year. Mr. Bear confirmed that this comes out of the General Fund, and that DSS will be requesting State and Federal matching funds.

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to amend and appropriate \$125,718 to the local Children's Services Act funding.

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 commented on the recent protests at DSS. For the past two years that he's been on the DSS Board, there have been many closed sessions relating to children and adoptions. It is a shame the way DSS staff are treated and talked about publicly when we/they can't disclose any of the confidential details. He wished the public could know

the “real” story. The Chair said that he has witnessed DSS staff break down in tears over some of the situations they are faced with and the manner in which the public crucifies them is not right. He is extremely appreciative of Ms. Ayers and Ms. Thomas and all the DSS staff for what they do and the criticisms they are forced to endure.

Ms. Kimberly Ayers appreciated the Chair’s comments and responded that the past couple of years have been pretty rough and social media is making it even more difficult. But the DSS staff are amazing and she welcomes the Board to come speak with them any time. While they have very difficult decisions to make, it’s impossible for them to make everyone happy. She greatly appreciates the support of the DSS Board, this Board and County Administration.

Mr. Bear reiterated what the Chair stated, and added that through his attendance at the CMPT meetings, they are not always pleasant. What the staff have to deal with day in and day out is incredibly difficult and they do a tremendous job.

Chair Vaught also mentioned that years ago, it was very difficult to get a CSA worker out after normal business hours. But now, when they are called, they go no matter the hour.

ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Hankins provided the following updates:

1. CAMA System (Mass Appraisal) – Mr. Hankins reported that the system is nearly complete and he praised the efforts of the Commissioner and Mr. Catron (IT), and the folks at Wampler & Eanes.
2. Broadband Partnership – Staff are currently conducting reviews and anticipate scheduling interviews in mid-June. With ARPA funding available, they are reviewing guidelines relating to acceptable use of that funding, and are reaching out to Delegate Campbell for additional direction.
3. Public Information Officer – Mr. Hankins has been training the new PIO who is a “ball of energy”. Ms. Sweeney is responsible for the uptick in our social media presence. The Rural Retreat Lake opening alone has generated more activity than ever before.
4. Comprehensive Plan – The survey is underway and has been posted online. Mr. Hankins asked everyone to please share on their social media. To date, 150 responses have been received.

5. Four-for-Life Funds – Mr. Hankins reported that notification of funding for FY22 has been received but that it is down slightly over last year.
6. Virginia Local Government Managers Association – Mr. Hankins has been nominated for a two-year term (and intends to serve) on the Board of Directors of the VLGMA.
7. Out of the Office – Mr. Hankins mentioned that he will be out of the office tomorrow as he is closing on a home in Wythe County.

Chair Vaught congratulated Mr. Hankins on the VLGMA appointment, and on his home purchase.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

1. Adoption of Tax Levy for Calendar Year 2021 – Mr. Bear stated that since there were no comments from this evening’s public hearing, and since there is no increase to the tax levy, he recommends the Board adopt.

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to adopt the Calendar Year 2021 Tax Levy as advertised.

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. Commonwealth’s Attorney Fund Transfer Request – Mr. Bear explained that the Commonwealth’s Attorney has requested authorization to transfer of \$540.00 from the State Asset Forfeiture Funds to the General Fund and amend and appropriate the following amounts:

2201-461100 Office Supplies	\$300.00
2201-464010 Books & Subscriptions	\$240.00

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to approve the Commonwealth's Attorney Fund Transfer Request of \$540.00 and to amend and appropriate same.

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. Registrar Clarification – Mr. Bear said that Mr. Counts wanted to clarify his budget request as it relates to part-time funds. There is \$8,000 of part-time money in his budget that is needed for poll workers for the 45-day early voting period, so that \$8,000 should go back into his budget. The Board can consider this during their final budget review.
4. STS Group North America – Mr. Bear previously shared the resolution with the Board for their review. He said meetings/discussions were held with counsel, JIDA, and other banking professionals to review STS resolutions for JIDA and for the Board of Supervisors. The resolution for the Board of Supervisors to adopt will indicate its commitment and approval of the JIDA borrowing \$19.2M to assist STS with their location in Wythe County. That resolution also references the Support Agreement which has also been reviewed by counsel and the other financial professionals. The proposed closing date is June 2nd at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Farthing said they had many discussions about specific language but finally came to an agreement. He feels this is a good document for the County in that it protects our interests and clarifies the moral obligation to support JIDA.

Supervisor Cook made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry to adopt the Resolution for the Board of Supervisors of Wythe County for the Industrial Development Revenue Note of \$19.2M and authorize the Chair or Vice Chair to execute the document.

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

5. Cigarette Tax Ordinance – Mr. Bear explained that the ordinance is the result of many years of work by the Wythe County Board of Supervisors, County staff and VACo. Many other localities throughout Virginia have had the authority to tax cigarettes but Wythe County has not. He said we have lobbied for a long time to have equal taxing which will help fund necessary government services. Finally, the General Assembly approved for counties to implement a cigarette tax effective July 1, 2021 and Wythe County joined the newly formed Mount Rogers Cigarette Tax Board. Mr. Bear also said that Bland County has adopted the cigarette tax, Washington and Smyth counties are in the process, and Pulaski County is considering joining the Mount Rogers Cigarette Tax Board. The tax rate is \$.40 per pack and does not affect chewing tobacco, snuff or e-cigarettes.

(The Board took a 5-minute recess.)

Vice Chair Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to adopt the Cigarette Tax Ordinance as presented.

Chair Vaught said he does not like raising taxes but it's becoming increasingly more difficult to stretch County dollars. The gentleman who spoke before referenced 349,000 cartons with a \$4 tax per carton which comes to \$1.39M. The Chair believes those numbers came from a lobbying group who also referenced in one of their communications the \$5M Wythe County is getting from the ARPA. However, that money cannot be used on lost revenue.

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

Mr. Bear said that materials relating to the American Rescue Plan Act and the VDH 2020 Excellence in Waterworks Operations are for informational purposes. But he wanted everyone to know that our two primary water sources were recognized for their achievements.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT

County Attorney Scot Farthing commented that regarding the fence law, he has researched the subject and, unfortunately, this law cannot be a referendum (Dillon's Rule). However, the Board can hold a hearing for public comment, but placing it on a ballot is not permissible.

The Chair asked how Pulaski County was able to put a tax increase on a ballot and Mr. Farthing clarified that it was a bond for the school that was placed on the ballot.

SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

1. Parks & Recreation – Supervisor Cook voiced concern about opening Rural Retreat pool without lifeguards, and he fears potential liability.

Mr. Hankins responded that Mr. Farthing has reviewed the agreement with the pool attendants who are all working to be certified. Because of the depth of the pool, they feel there is limited liability.

Mr. Bear added that the County's insurance provider was contacted and they reviewed the situation and indicated we just need to post appropriate signage. They have little concern with liability at this point. In an effort to attract lifeguards, the County has agreed to pay for their certification.

2. Fence In / Fence Out – Supervisor Terry mentioned receiving a communication from a resident complaining about cattle roaming and causing damage.
3. Linda Meyer Comments – Supervisor Terry is disappointed that Ms. Meyer left the meeting but hopes that she will read these minutes. As to her comments about David Manley and the JIDA, he feels Wythe County is getting a good return on their investment, especially when you consider the STS Group, Klockner expansion, Treager Grills etc.
4. Disrespectfulness – Supervisor Terry also raised an issue that has been going on far too long, and that is Ms. Meyer addressing the Board as "gentlemen" when

there is a female on the Board. Mrs. Lawson, Vice Chair, deserves the same amount of respect that the other board members receive. Supervisor Terry said this is unacceptable.

5. County Administration Office – Chair Vaught asked if the front office is open and Mr. Bear confirmed that it is open.
6. Linda Meyer Comments – Chair Vaught is unsure what documentation Ms. Meyer was looking at but the library had a \$20k carryover due to last year's closure and their budget was reduced by \$10k (same reduction for Grayson County). The APEX salaries are a pass-through cost. The Family Resource Center and Mount Rogers are two distinct and separate agencies who have nothing to do with each other. The Extension Office \$8k budget request is for an invasive weeds program which has been going on for years, and finally, the Electoral Board request includes the Registrar's salary, the majority of which is picked up by the State.

The Chair also stated that during public hearings and citizens' time, the Board does not engage or respond to comments unless they have questions or require clarification. That time is for the public to speak and the Board, if they desire, will address citizens comments later in the meeting.

Chair Vaught is extremely pleased with the accomplishments of the JIDA and VIAA as evidenced by the new factory in Progress Park and expansion of existing businesses.

Mr. Bear clarified the \$100k added to the JIDA budget is out of revenue reimbursement, per the 5-year agreement with the company, so that would be added back in.

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.5, Prospective Business or Industry (Project Glove).

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to return to open meeting.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

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

**RESOLUTION
CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

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

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

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

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

RECESS

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to recess until Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. to Review Public Hearing Comments.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

RECONVENE

The Board reconvened on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian W. Vaught, Chair
Rolland R. Cook
B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ryan M. Lawson, Vice Chair

STAFF PRESENT:

Stephen D. Bear, County Administrator
Martha Collins, Administrative Assistant/Clerk
Matthew C. Hankins, Assistant County Administrator
Regina Williams, Finance Director

PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS

The Board reviewed and discussed comments made by citizens at the May 25, 2021 public hearings.

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 (Specific Personnel Salaries) and Section 2.2-3711-A.5, Prospective New Business or Industry (Project Glove).

The vote on the motion was unanimous with one absent.

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

The vote on the motion was unanimous with one absent.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ryan M. Lawson

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Chair Vaught adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:20 p.m.

Brian W. Vaught, Chair