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The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 30, 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

Regina Williams, Finance Director

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lennon Counts

Michael Duncan

Jim & Dee Ennis

Charlie Foster

Lori Guynn

Roger Hedrick

David Manley

Linda Meyer

Todd & Tammy Porter

Kathy Vaught

Jeff Wright

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 Todd Porter, Life Changers Christian Center, provided the invocation and Supervisor Cook led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS' TIME

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

1. APEX, SROs, Various Other – Mr. Jeff Wright appeared before the Board and stated "Since we have several people, I'll try to keep it really brief and talk really fast. Got a lot of stuff in a small window. Got a lot of notes that look like a three

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year old has written. I'm not here to talk about the river bank or any of that stuff. I'm not here to fuss about the APEX Center. I know that's a sticking point for a lot of the citizens in Wythe County and you guys whatever. I usually like to give an opening statement, in the end a few disclaimers, and then we jump into the meat and potatoes of it. So, I'll give my opening statement.

I busted you guys pretty hard on social media, that's no secret, and I just want you to know this is how I feel. Politics is politics. I get worked up over the money part of it. Might get in a fist fight over the APEX Center but if you call me at 2:00 in the morning, your car broke down, I'll come and get you. Or if you was hungry I'd be like '*Hey, let's go to Applebee's.*' But I do get passionate about the first, second and fourth amendment and taxes. So, that's why I'm here. Politics – it's a rough and tumble sport and if you can't take a few licks, you're probably in the wrong business, and I say that to myself. If I'm going to be mouthy and vocal, I realize that I'm open – it's open season, and there's a target for me too. I don't begrudge anybody who wants to engage or say that, anything about me in that regard.

The second thing I wanted to dispel is that I am anti-APEX. I am NOT anti-APEX. I am anti poor planning; I am anti non-planning. I am anti saying the budget is going to be X and then it turns out to be Y, Z, Z prime, Z squared, and we keep on going. That's what I get worked up over. I really, ultimately, wanted to see – I think everybody wants to see the APEX succeed. If you like your county and you choose to stay home and live in Wythe County, you like to support your local officials, you want to see them succeed. So, a lot of people, they got a axe to grind, they just want to fuss at the County all the time. That's not the case but I do feel when a bad decision is made that leads to a cascade of decisions that impact the taxpaying citizenry, I think sometimes you got to put the brakes on and you got to say '*Whoa, we need to re-evaluate; we need to go back to square one., or we need to change the paradigm and think of something different here.*' Past boards have made bad decisions. We got, years ago we got hornswoggled by Duke Energy. You had this pipeline come through the County; they bought a lot of land. I had several acquaintances that had to sell their house. I know people that dug multiple wells and Duke dangled the carrot and the Board fell for it. A few years later if I'm not mistaken, I'm speaking in generalities here, but generalities matter if you're trying to tell the truth. We built a six-figure elevator on the side of a building only to tear it down within a couple years and build a new building. And so we knew that money was going to get spent and the building got torn down. So, there's examples throughout local government

history of waste, of poor planning, and foreknowledge of the result of the poor planning. So here we are with the APEX Center. We got this pink elephant. We keep throwing money at it. I had some reservations about even showing up tonight but I've had several people, I don't know why they think I'm supposed to be the proxy spokesman but, I mean, it is what it is. You know I hear a lot of people say *'Hey, they're pro APEX Center.'* Well, guess what? There's a lot of people who are anti-APEX Center, from the standpoint of the money. But people don't like to confront the board members. I think people in Wythe County are generally good folks and they don't like confrontation, so they don't want to come up and say *'Hey man, I don't buy that.'* So okay, I'll be the bad guy. What happened here a few weeks ago, I think, was a bad thing. When some of you guys held the budget hostage and hooked it to the regular budget, that was not cool, and I think anybody that pays attention to politics and government, you know better than that. Because that's what they do in Washington, D.C. Hey man, that's pork spending. We're wanting to tack that on to that bill to get this. Morally, that's not right. Ryan made a motion to separate because it's a contentious subject, it's an open-ended subject, but everybody want to tack it on, not everybody, want to tack it on to the budget. It aint right and if you keep that up, there's going to be a group of citizens that huddle up and they're going to get bent out of shape. That's just how it is. I really didn't get too focused on the APEX Center. I'll tell you what got me going here a couple years ago. We thought the School Resource Officers was going to get taken out of the schools. And so, correct me if I'm wrong, we had to have a property tax increase, just a itty-bitty one, you know, hey, we need School Resource Officers. Okay, I get it. But, we're also playing the APEX game over here. Would we have had to have a property tax increase if we hadn't have been trying to juggle this APEX mess? I don't know. I think this incremental property tax increase is directly tied to wasteful projects like the APEX. And so here we go. So last time you guys met, four to three, going to go \$200k plus, we're going to throw that at the APEX again. And that's basically just going to keep the doors open and electricity on. If I'm understanding some of my research, the assistant says you'll need \$2-5M to get this thing up to snuff. Gonna have to concrete the floor, you gonna have to pave outside, you gonna have to do infrastructure inside the building. There's something, and I don't claim to know all the answers, but there are some things that seem self-evident to me - and if I go too long, somebody just say 'wind it down' and I'll wrap it up real quick. Some things are self-evident. If you had put this thing at Exit 60, Exit 73, Exit 80 on a nice flat piece of property, with room to expand, a 90-degree entrance, a couple traffic lights, you wouldn't hear old Jeffrey say one word, especially because I think just those factors alone would

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have helped the APEX Center. But we've got this horse barn on this weirdo hill behind a truck stop, on a dirty road going to a sand plant. It didn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that's a bad location, man. So, some of the APEX stuff, it aint the APEX fault, necessarily. It'd be great if we could get a couple Chinook helicopters and pick it up and put it on a good piece of property. And I think that would solve a lot of problems. But that's not realistic. And I've heard some folks make the argument, 'Hey, COVID killed it.' That's true, to a degree. But on the flip side, I think a lot of supporters are using COVID as a cover now. They're saying *'Hey, once everybody gets vaccinated, we can have events there again. Life's gonna be good. We're gonna rock on.'* That's not gonna happen. You still got Exit 77 with two angular entrances. If you had Garth Brooks down there, you'd have traffic backed up from Wytheville to Grahams Forge. You'd have to have exponential resources to control that. It was a doomed project and I just think that somebody's got to have the courage to say that. This last \$200k plus bucks, and I haven't even talked to Charlie about this, I just use him as an example; you got the Sheriff's Office bleeding personnel and that \$200k would have went somewhere good to either subsidize some deputies or do a little retention. It would make a difference. So, the priorities seem a little bit out of kilter and we're paying taxes on it. So, there's a few other points that I probably should make but I don't feel like this is the proper forum. I mean, I'm just a citizen. I don't want to come up here, pointing fingers and acting like a hoodlum, you know, all that stuff. Some of the stuff probably needs to be a Q&A if there's ever a future hearing on it, I'll be here. Because I'm sure there are certain things that you guys discuss behind the scenes and with the APEX board that I'm not privy to, and there's no sense in me commenting on things that I don't know.

I will say this going forward, if you're going to spend our money on the APEX, there needs to be a two-year financial plan, there needs to be a two-year strategic plan, there needs to be a five-year financial plan, and there needs to be a five-year strategic plan. If you're going to do this against the wishes of a huge chunk of taxpayers, you need to tell them what you're doing. That is just a law of governance from the top to the bottom. That's not me demanding it, that's not me kicking up dust, that's just how it is. And anytime, whether it's the APEX Center, whether it's some other project in the future, when it gets to these levels of contention, and that's probably too strong of a word but it is what it is. You have to have public hearings, and you have to separate them, and you have to vote on them, and you have to get public input. And I don't know that that happened for this go-around. It's not right. So, I'm afraid that if COVID would go away today, that the future of the APEX still wouldn't be that bright. But that is

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total conjecture and time will tell. But I would ask for plans going forward to be publicly produced because we can't just keep doing what we're doing; no plan, open-endedness, no nothing. And if it continues, there's probably going to be some FOIAs start flying and you know depositions somewhere down the road because – man, I hate to even make this statement, you guys were voted in as agents of change. You guys were voted in for responsibility, and Jamie, I aint giving you a free pass on this one but I understand you're probably in a pickle because a lot of your constituents use the APEX. I know some APEX board folks, they live in your district, they're good friends of mine. And I took a little heat so it's hard to be – like I said last time, it's hard to be in local politics and I don't want you guys to think that I take you for granted or I'm trying to poke a bee's nest. But somebody's got to speak up for the citizens and responsible spending. So, having said that mouth full, I would just ask if we're gonna do this for another year, \$200k+, get us a plan. Make something happen, and have the courage, if it's not gonna work, I mean who knows – this COVID Delta variant could take off again and they'd shut down half the state and we're gonna be right back where we're at. I mean, maybe, coulda, woulda. I don't know. But get us a plan, let's look forward, quit throwing money at it trying to get something to stick to the wall, because peoples willing to take it up a notch. I love you guys, I appreciate you; I don't take what you do for granted. It's a hard job being in local governance and if I bust on you, it's all about the taxes. It's not about you. Thank you all."

2. Critical Race Theory and Local News – Ms. Linda Meyer appeared before the Board and stated "Linda Lacey is not able to be here this evening and she just wanted me to distribute this to you. She wrote an article that was in the paper last week under Viewpoint and it's about the critical race theory baloney that we're dealing with and so I'm handing this out to you guys and hopefully you will read it. She is a veteran and an educator and so on and so forth and that's her opinion."
3. Transgender Students in School – Ms. Meyer continued "I had sent you guys last week the resolution from the Carroll County Board of Supervisors regarding the Department of Education's model policies for the treatment of transgender students in Virginia schools. I have copies of that. We're hoping that you guys, hopefully you got it, and we can also get this resolution for the benefit of Wythe County schools and residents and backup Carroll County and a lot of the other counties. This is really, really important. We need to get this on the agenda. All the Whereases are here. You can see what Carroll County did and this is being circulated to other counties too, and we need it to get to the Virginia Association

of Counties and hopefully they will back it up for the benefit of all our school children.”

- 4. Critical Rate Theory – Ms. Meyer continued “Here is an article from the Epoch Times about critical rate theory and is it, in fact, a violation of the Civil Rights Act and the Constitution. I only have a couple of copies and, hopefully, you can copy it and get it to you guys so you can see what’s cooking as far as critical race theory goes and our Constitution and illegal or not.”

- 5. Local News – Ms. Meyer continued “Then there’s the last thing; this is really fast. We have a Wythe County newspaper. We’ve had it for a while and it could be a whole lot better. This is information about how can we save local communities, making our newspapers better. There must be somebody that has initiative, and a little ingenuity. We have a local community college. Do they, in fact, have a journalism program? And perhaps we should look at it for the benefit of all residents of Wythe County so we can get the word out so people can know and we can utilize a much better form of communication like we had years ago. So, I’d appreciate your look at that, thinking about it, and perhaps you know people, persons or somebodies that are willing to do a respectable job of getting all the news into Wythe County. Right now we have the Pulaski Patriot; it’s an online forum. It comes out every Friday and boy does it – it wipes everything out. Everything is on there. It’s a wonderful publication and it’s digital and they do some paper stuff too and they hand them out at different places. It could happen here in Wythe County if there’s somebody that had the initiative. Thank you so much.”

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

PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on June 30, 2021, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30109856-30110068, and one wire transfer, as follows:

**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT
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CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
30109856	06/15/2021	AMAZON	\$ 948.07
30109857	06/15/2021	APPALACHIAN POWER	28,090.06

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30109858	06/15/2021	CENTURYLINK	39.98
30109859	06/15/2021	CENTURYLINK	126.28
30109860	06/15/2021	CENTURYLINK	135.64
30109861	06/15/2021	CENTURYLINK	331.11
30109862	06/15/2021	QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC	766.84
30109863	06/15/2021	THRASHER GROUP INC	47,700.00
30109864	06/15/2021	TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE	6,342.86
30109865	06/15/2021	US CELLULAR	1,244.94
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 06/15/2021			\$85,725.78

CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
(wire)	06/22/2021	SUNTRUST	\$ 36,881.92
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 06/22/2021			\$36,881.92

CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
30109866	06/30/2021	CORELOGIC	\$ 284.58
30109867	06/30/2021	CORELOGIC	703.08
30109868	06/30/2021	ARNOLD DEBBIE K	166.70
30109869	06/30/2021	CROCKETT JR DONALD BAYES	9.98
30109870	06/30/2021	DEPOT DESIGNS OF RURAL RE	21.07
30109871	06/30/2021	DEPOT DESIGNS OF RURAL RE	87.78
30109872	06/30/2021	GRAVELY THOMAS L	223.91
30109873	06/30/2021	IRVIN CONSTRUCTION SERVIC	1,822.13
30109874	06/30/2021	KIGER CONNIE MICHELLE	66.13
30109875	06/30/2021	LYALL KELSEY DENAE	7.68
30109876	06/30/2021	MARTIN MATTHEW S	625.32
30109877	06/30/2021	MCCRAY ALIYA ROCHELLE	20.00
30109878	06/30/2021	STROUPE SIDNEY HOWARD	10.00
30109879	06/30/2021	TAYLOR ROBERT EUGENE	71.28
30109880	06/30/2021	TREASURER OF WYTHE COUNTY	38.49
30109881	06/30/2021	VT INC TRUSTEE WOLT	20.00
30109882	06/30/2021	ALL AROUND SPORTING GOODS	1,305.00
30109883	06/30/2021	ALPHA & OMEGA REPAR SERVI	3,888.08
30109884	06/30/2021	AMAZON	738.11
30109885	06/30/2021	AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSO	361.00
30109886	06/30/2021	ANDERSON, REVA W	165.00
30109887	06/30/2021	APPALACHIAN JUVENILE COMM	11,375.00
30109888	06/30/2021	APPALACHIAN POWER	477.34
30109889	06/30/2021	AUTOMOTIVE RENTALS INC	1,556.07

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30109890	06/30/2021	AYERS & SONS SEPTIC LLC	687.00
30109891	06/30/2021	BARREN SPRINGS VOL FIRE D	6,426.21
30109892	06/30/2021	BKT UNIFORMS	629.61
30109893	06/30/2021	BLUE RIDGE ANALYTICAL, LL	1,205.00
30109894	06/30/2021	BOB HUFF	289.00
30109895	06/30/2021	BOXLEY	2,275.00
30109896	06/30/2021	BRENNTAG MID-SOUTH INC	2,868.82
30109897	06/30/2021	BRIDGES, JOANN	165.00
30109898	06/30/2021	BROWN EXTERMINATING CO	420.00
30109899	06/30/2021	BSN SPORTS INC	660.53
30109900	06/30/2021	BUSINESS CARD	1,292.87
30109901	06/30/2021	BUSINESS INFORMATION SYST	42.81
30109902	06/30/2021	BW WILSON PAPER CO	2,623.89
30109903	06/30/2021	CAMPBELL, JACQUELINE H	165.00
30109904	06/30/2021	CARILION HEALTHCARE CORP	100.00
30109905	06/30/2021	CARTER MACHINERY CO INC	8,302.19
30109906	06/30/2021	CASSELL, MARY B	210.00
30109907	06/30/2021	CATRON, G W	134.56
30109908	06/30/2021	CAVALIER SUPPLY CO	2,504.29
30109909	06/30/2021	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	3,377.72
30109910	06/30/2021	CENTURYLINK/DAMAGE CLAIMS	52.76
30109911	06/30/2021	CENTURYLINK/DAMAGE CLAIMS	98.97
30109912	06/30/2021	CENTURYLINK/DAMAGE CLAIMS	125.72
30109913	06/30/2021	CENTURYLINK/DAMAGE CLAIMS	146.78
30109914	06/30/2021	CENTURYLINK/DAMAGE CLAIMS	249.10
30109915	06/30/2021	CENTURYLINK/DAMAGE CLAIMS	310.07
30109916	06/30/2021	CENTURYLINK/DAMAGE CLAIMS	3,548.05
30109917	06/30/2021	CHARLES PORTER EXCAVATING	1,100.00
30109918	06/30/2021	CLEARWATER INC	39,760.00
30109919	06/30/2021	CLINE, DEBRA B	210.00
30109920	06/30/2021	CLIPPARD, EURAL D	155.00
30109921	06/30/2021	COLLINS AUTO REPAIR INC	83.51
30109922	06/30/2021	COMMONWEALTH DOCUMENT MGT	1,530.00
30109923	06/30/2021	COMMONWEALTH ENGINEERING	2,886.98
30109924	06/30/2021	PAUL WIDENER	3,518.73
30109925	06/30/2021	COMMUNITY ANIMAL CLINIC I	232.85
30109926	06/30/2021	COMPTON, PATRICIA W.	400.00
30109927	06/30/2021	COPENHAVER, JANET F	240.16
30109928	06/30/2021	CORE&MAIN LP	2,886.50

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30109929	06/30/2021	CREATIVE GLASS INC	212.09
30109930	06/30/2021	CSG SYSTEMS, INC	1,723.60
30109931	06/30/2021	DALY COMPUTERS	5,406.00
30109932	06/30/2021	DELL MARKETING LP	1,085.91
30109933	06/30/2021	DEPOT DESIGNS OF RURAL RE	240.00
30109934	06/30/2021	DEPT OF MOTOR VEHICLES	4,250.00
30109935	06/30/2021	DESIGN NINE INC	1,468.75
30109936	06/30/2021	DISHON, PATRICIA TICKLE	165.00
30109937	06/30/2021	DUKE'S PRINTING	328.00
30109938	06/30/2021	DUNAGAN, KEITH	326.89
30109939	06/30/2021	DUNFORD, JEAN R	155.00
30109940	06/30/2021	EDMONDS, BETTY F	165.00
30109941	06/30/2021	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWA	1,956.40
30109942	06/30/2021	ENTERPRISE FM TRUST	46,515.12
30109943	06/30/2021	ESRI	4,300.00
30109944	06/30/2021	EVERGREEN ACTIVITY CENTER	110.00
30109945	06/30/2021	F&R ELECTRIC INC	10,741.00
30109946	06/30/2021	FARMER'S MULCH AND ROCK O	420.00
30109947	06/30/2021	FARTHING, SCOT S	6,230.00
30109948	06/30/2021	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES #5	8,284.98
30109949	06/30/2021	FIRE RESCUE AND TACTICAL	1,400.21
30109950	06/30/2021	GALLS	451.42
30109951	06/30/2021	GENUINE PARTS COMPANY	278.89
30109952	06/30/2021	WRANGLER HOLDCO CORP	319.19
30109953	06/30/2021	GREATAMERICA FINANCIAL SE	153.00
30109954	06/30/2021	GREATER VISION CUSTOMS	1,995.00
30109955	06/30/2021	GRIFFEYE INC	1,790.00
30109956	06/30/2021	HALL, PATTY U	165.00
30109957	06/30/2021	HARPO'S HARDWARE & BLDG S	511.24
30109958	06/30/2021	HARRIS, KAREN G	210.00
30109959	06/30/2021	HASH, JOEL L JR	210.00
30109960	06/30/2021	HEIDI D. LYALL	100.80
30109961	06/30/2021	HERSHEY CREAMERY CO	378.00
30109962	06/30/2021	HOME DEPOT PRO	2,234.12
30109963	06/30/2021	HOUSE OF DOORS INC	2,675.00
30109964	06/30/2021	HURT & PROFFITT INC	3,000.00
30109965	06/30/2021	HY-TEST INC	294.00
30109966	06/30/2021	ID NETWORKS	11,168.00
30109967	06/30/2021	IVANHOE FIRE DEPT	4,305.38

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30109968	06/30/2021	JASON'S AUTO SERVICE	637.96
30109969	06/30/2021	JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE AUTH	8.84
30109970	06/30/2021	JONES, SANDRA V	235.52
30109971	06/30/2021	JZ SIGNS	228.50
30109972	06/30/2021	KING, CHRIS C	80.64
30109973	06/30/2021	KING-MOORE INC	9,412.00
30109974	06/30/2021	KUSTOM SIGNALS	5,088.00
30109975	06/30/2021	LANDSCAPE SUPPLY	1,084.40
30109976	06/30/2021	MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVI	2,080.00
30109977	06/30/2021	LEAD MINES RESCUE SQUAD	42,801.12
30109978	06/30/2021	LEXISNEXIS	129.43
30109979	06/30/2021	LEXISNEXIS	724.00
30109980	06/30/2021	LINDSEY, PATSY D	210.00
30109981	06/30/2021	LOWE'S	2,341.84
30109982	06/30/2021	MANLEY, HOWARD	155.00
30109983	06/30/2021	MATTHEW BENDER & CO INC	76.68
30109984	06/30/2021	MCI COMM SERVICE	38.73
30109985	06/30/2021	MCI COMM SERVICE	95.27
30109986	06/30/2021	MCI COMM SERVICE	831.74
30109987	06/30/2021	MEADE TRACTOR	103.51
30109988	06/30/2021	MEREDITH'S GARAGE	83.15
30109989	06/30/2021	MIDKIFF, DAVID P	100.80
30109990	06/30/2021	MILLER, JERRY G	210.00
30109991	06/30/2021	MILO C COCKERHAM INC	974.80
30109992	06/30/2021	NATIONAL POOLS	666.40
30109993	06/30/2021	NEW RIVER VALLEY JUVENILE	7,750.00
30109994	06/30/2021	NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL	169,178.25
30109995	06/30/2021	NEWBERRY, ALBERT L	165.00
30109996	06/30/2021	ANNABELL HAMMAN	165.00
30109997	06/30/2021	B&B REAL ESTATE PARTNERS	5,000.00
30109998	06/30/2021	BETH COCHRAN	165.00
30109999	06/30/2021	BOBBY EPPERSON	94.75
30110000	06/30/2021	BRIDGET SPENDER	165.00
30110001	06/30/2021	CHARLES KINZER	20.00
30110002	06/30/2021	CHARLIE JONES	165.00
30110003	06/30/2021	ED STORIE	59.85
30110004	06/30/2021	GRAYSON BOWERS	222.76
30110005	06/30/2021	HELEN KEENE	155.00
30110006	06/30/2021	JACOB TOOMEY	20.00

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30110007	06/30/2021	LINDA LESTER	21.46
30110008	06/30/2021	NOLA HILLENBURG	165.00
30110009	06/30/2021	ORDERS CONSTRUCTION CO	731.12
30110010	06/30/2021	PAM SAYLOR	20.00
30110011	06/30/2021	SANDY YATES	149.60
30110012	06/30/2021	OWEN G DUNN CO	294.70
30110013	06/30/2021	PAPER CLIP	1,043.56
30110014	06/30/2021	PENTAIR AQUATIC ECO-SYSTE	1,078.41
30110015	06/30/2021	PITNEY BOWES	274.65
30110016	06/30/2021	PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATIO	18,489.48
30110017	06/30/2021	R&R ENTERPRISES INC	330.00
30110018	06/30/2021	RENTAL HUB INC	350.00
30110019	06/30/2021	ROBINSON FARMER COX ASSOC	4,000.00
30110020	06/30/2021	ROCIC	300.00
30110021	06/30/2021	RURAL RETREAT AUTO PARTS	9.99
30110022	06/30/2021	SALEM STONE	1,012.56
30110023	06/30/2021	SAWYERS, MARTHA A	233.20
30110024	06/30/2021	SEGRA	33.62
30110025	06/30/2021	SHEFFEY, SANDRA M	165.00
30110026	06/30/2021	SIRCHIE FINGER PRINT LABO	73.50
30110027	06/30/2021	SMYTHERS-STITT, ANNA E	236.68
30110028	06/30/2021	SOUTHERN REFRIGERATION CO	1,435.31
30110029	06/30/2021	SOUTHERN STATES CARROLL C	39.99
30110030	06/30/2021	SPEEDWELL FIRE DEPT	14,268.12
30110031	06/30/2021	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	878.72
30110032	06/30/2021	STRICKLAND, CAITLEN	165.00
30110034	06/30/2021	TESLA ELECTRIC SERV	963.79
30110035	06/30/2021	TESSCO INC	3,438.74
30110036	06/30/2021	THOMPSON TIRE	2,161.67
30110037	06/30/2021	TIDEWATER FLEET SUPPLY LL	362.25
30110038	06/30/2021	TOWN OF RURAL RETREAT	28,000.00
30110039	06/30/2021	TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY	119.94
30110040	06/30/2021	TRI CITIES/SW VA REGIONAL	1,736.10
30110041	06/30/2021	TRI CITIES/SW VA REGIONAL	467.20
30110042	06/30/2021	TRI COUNTY GLASS INC	305.00
30110043	06/30/2021	TRUCKVAULT INC	103.60
30110044	06/30/2021	TWO WAY RADIO	5,882.00
30110045	06/30/2021	UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA	1,810.00
30110046	06/30/2021	UPS STORE 5065	13.28

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30110047	06/30/2021	VERIZON WIRELESS	120.07
30110048	06/30/2021	VERIZON WIRELESS	40.07
30110049	06/30/2021	VERIZON WIRELESS	1,520.97
30110050	06/30/2021	VIARS, DAVID G	233.20
30110051	06/30/2021	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYST	133.83
30110052	06/30/2021	VIRGINIA ELECTRIC SUPPLY,	22.09
30110053	06/30/2021	VIRGINIA TECH	14,024.92
30110054	06/30/2021	VISION GOVERNMENT SOLUTIO	22,490.40
30110055	06/30/2021	VUPS	74.55
30110056	06/30/2021	WALK, ROBERT H	107.52
30110057	06/30/2021	WAMPLER EANES APPRAISAL G	12,195.00
30110058	06/30/2021	WEAVER, ROSE DITH S	165.00
30110059	06/30/2021	WILLIAMS, MARY ANN	165.00
30110060	06/30/2021	WILSON BAIT & TACKLE INC	322.80
30110061	06/30/2021	WILSON, DOUGLAS E	53.20
30110062	06/30/2021	WYTHE CO WATER & WASTEWAT	106.30
30110063	06/30/2021	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	1,323.81
30110064	06/30/2021	WYTHEVILLE METALS	565.00
30110065	06/30/2021	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	4,340.89
30110066	06/30/2021	XEROX	197.55
30110067	06/30/2021	SCOTT THAYER	165.00
30110068	06/30/2021	SHERI REPASS	165.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 06/30/2021 **\$643,100.75**

TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 06/30/2021 **\$765,708.45**

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

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

NAYS: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board was presented with the June 8, 2021 minutes for approval.

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Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to approve the June 8, 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

Mr. Bear mentioned that vacancies exist on the APEX Authority and Wytheville Community College Board, if anyone has recommendations.

Supervisor Smith stated that Jamie Wyatt is interested in serving on the APEX Authority. Supervisor Smith also believes that Barry Arnold wants to remain on the Authority.

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to appoint Jamie Wyatt to the APEX Authority.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

Mr. Bear commented that he has a couple of potential candidates for the Wytheville Community College Board who he will reach out to.

COMMISSIONER

Mr. Bear expressed interest in having someone from Reassessment come and update the Board at our next meeting. Mrs. Vaught will reach out to them.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Convenience Centers – Holiday Closures – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to approve closing the Convenience Centers on Sunday, July 4th and Monday, July 5th.

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Mr. Bear added that the Tazewell Landfill will be closed on July 5th which means our transfer station has nowhere to bring trash to. In addition, V&M is going to be closed on July 4th and July 5th.

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. HBC CPAs Audit Preparation Proposal – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to authorize staff to enter into agreement with HBC CPAs to provide pre-auditing services per the recommendation of Robinson Farmer Cox.

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. Treasurer's Office FY21 Budget Amendment Request – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to amend and appropriate \$2,080 from DMV Stop Fees Revenue 11003-319027 to Professional Services 1213-430150 in order to pay May DMV invoice.

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. Virginia Public Authorities Agreement – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to authorize staff to enter into VA Public Authorities Agreement to purchase electricity from APCO at discounted rates.

Mr. Bear explained that we have always been a part of the VA Association of Counties and VA Public Authority Program that provides us discounted rates. He did note that, while it doesn't pertain to us at the present, there is language in the agreement relating to solar panels and how APCO handles that.

Chair Vaught said at the last School Board meeting, they approved \$2,430 to VML/VACO AEP Steering Committee. He asked if that's the same thing and, if so, are they double-dipping County funds?

Mr. Bear said the Steering Committee that oversees the program, bills all entities a portion of the overall costs to oversee the program; those costs are primarily legal fees.

Based on the legal/service fees billed, the Chair wonders if this program is still advantageous to the County (discounts vs fees billed).

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. FY21 Carryover Requests – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to approve the carryover requests as presented for FY21 (referenced pages 146-148 of the board package).

Supervisor McRoberts asked about the \$23k vehicle, and Mr. Bear responded that the \$23k is a carryover to go towards a vehicle for County Administration, and the current County Administration vehicle will go to Building Inspection.

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Mr. Bear referenced Mr. Hankins' memo requesting an additional carryover for \$32k for Rural Retreat Volunteer Emergency Services ("RRVES").

Mr. Hankins explained RRVES requested the unspent funds be carried over to FY22 specifically for payroll support. Staff recommends this carryover but not distribute until sufficient documentation is provided.

Supervisor Terry said he is a big supporter of fire and rescue ("F&R"), but stipulations need to be in place before funds are turned over. He said there are monthly F&R Committee meetings and seldom do representatives from RRVES attend. He strongly feels that if any of the fire and rescue agencies are encountering financial or other issues, they need to attend these meetings for assistance rectifying the problem(s). Communication and accountability are key to everyone's success. Supervisor Terry also mentioned two members of the RRVES board who were "extremely disrespectful".

Mr. Roger Hedrick, RRVES, appeared before the Board and stated "Up until this year, the RRVES has not asked the County for a dime. We have taken steps for accountability. When COVID hit, we had over \$100k in the bank. Since then, if we hadn't gotten money out of our savings, which we had for emergency fund, and if the Town hadn't given us \$20k and the County given us \$5k, we would not be able to make current payroll. I'm not asking for a handout. I'm asking for support for this department because we will give you documentation on this spending of this \$32k. It will be strictly used for payroll and operational supplies only. And we'd like to have a new line created to we can get this money and keep this organization going. I know we've only had two meetings . . . but we had another one last night, myself and the liaison from the Town Council working on these problems and we're going to do everything we can to solve them. But until we get our calls up, and get some revenue coming in, we're gonna need some support. I know it's been given to other rescue squads in the past. Rural Retreat has never asked for a dime. So now we're asking for this to carryover to help us operate until we can get back on our feet. We're going to make some billing changes, and we're going to make some other changes. And due to COVID, we had 69 calls in January, November we had zero. You got a payroll of \$20k+ a month, you don't have any money coming in, you cannot survive."

Supervisor Terry said he believes there were more than zero calls in the month of November.

Mr. Hankins said the report from Dispatch indicates there were 69 calls for RRVES in November. They reviewed the insurance billing statement that Mr. Hedrick provided, and it indicates that the zero calls for November were actually the number of calls denied by insurance for that month. There were 421 calls that were denied in 2020 that could be rebilled, and Mr. Hankins said we would be happy to help you work through that.

Mr. Hedrick continued that "Mr. Duncan has contacted our insurance company. They will be coming to show us what we can do to shape what the rest of the state's doing on billing, to see if we need to raise our billing rates. We are taking steps to try and get there but until we get there, we're going to need some help. I'd like to have a new line item added to our budget with this carryover of \$32k and we'll submit paperwork to prove what it's being used for."

Chair Vaught commented that communication is key. He also wanted to clarify that the County has provided annual funding through the budget to RRVES.

Mr. Hedrick responded "We had \$40k left over the top of our budget amount that we never used. We never use our total budget amount every year, am I right there, Mr. Bear?"

Mr. Bear responded that he is correct.

Mr. Hedrick added "But we're trying to hold it lean and mean. But until these things pick up, and we can get with the billing company and get it straightened out, we're gonna need some help."

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to add \$32k to FY21 Carryovers along with a separate line item and will require supporting documentation for all funding requests.

Vice Chair Lawson asked if there is an urgent need?

Mr. Hedrick responded "Right now we've got enough to make maybe two months payroll. We will not ask for that money unless we absolutely have to have it. I'll guarantee that because I'm the Chairman of the Board, and I'm learning every day."

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Mr. Michael Duncan, Rural Retreat Town Council, mentioned possibly hiring a part-time accountant until they can get the reporting process on track to help both RRVES and the County.

Mr. Bear clarified that if funding is provided for payroll, it will not be a reimbursable expense. The supporting documentation should detail what they are proposing to pay.

Mr. Hedrick responded "Right now, according to our finances last night, we are good for maybe two months if nothing else comes in. After that, we're broke again and for y'all's information, I think I told you we pulled \$25k out of the emergency fund we had, the Town of Rural Retreat gave us \$20k and the County gave us \$5k. That was \$45-50k. We're down to \$40k now. We have had some money come in, but we are taking steps. We've changed a few things to make this operation a little more profitable than it has been. Like I said, end of the year 2020, we had over \$100k in the bank. What, two months ago it was down less than \$20k and that's because of reduced cost and payment. Does anybody have any other questions for me?"

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. Lead Mines Rescue Squad – Jackson Building – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to approve payment of \$1,000 out of the General Fund for water connection fee for the LMRS Jackson building.

Mr. Bear explained that the rescue squad used to get water from Jackson Memorial Elementary School waterline. However, due to a substantial leak between the school building and the subject building, a separate meter and waterline was then established to serve the school. LMRS is using the Jackson Building for some of their water projects and would like to get water service back on. The water connection fee is \$1,000 and staff recommend paying this out of the General Fund.

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

1. PAYROLL – May 2021:

General County Fund	\$	576,446.82
Police Activity Fund		60,276.73
Courthouse Security Fund		11,905.70
Water Department Fund		20,444.60
Wythe County Wastewater Fund		23,802.60
TOTAL	\$	692,876.45

Check Numbers: 16890-17061; 17067-17239

Voucher Numbers: 2001163-2001175; 2001180-2001192

2. STATUS REPORTS:

- A. Animal Control – Arlan Dunford
- B. Building Inspection – Kyle Taylor
- C. Finance – Regina Williams
- D. Parks & Recreation – Kevin Williams
- E. Planning Commission – Michelle Cassell

3. PERSONNEL:

- A. Wilson, Ashlyn – Probationary Period Ended, Full-time Dispatch, Annual Salary \$27,000, Effective April 1, 2021
- B. Umberger, Hunter – Hired, Full-time Dispatch, Annual Salary \$26,000, Effective June 9, 2021

C. Queen, Eric – Discharged, Full-time Deputy, Effective June 2, 2021

4. BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

A. \$2,000.00 (3505-443040) – Radio Purchase by Smyth County

B. \$703.76 (3202-457292) – Hazmat Recovery

C. \$180.00 (35052-470030) – Over Payment on Fire Trucks

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

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

NAYS: None

LEAD MINES RESCUE SQUAD BUILDING BIDS

Mr. Bear explained bids were due last Friday for the LMRS expansion. As a reminder, this Board just approved a carryover of \$44,800 for LMRS so we have \$294,800 that is required for this project.

Mr. Hankins added that the bids came in under budget with the low bidder (turn key) being Colt W. Simmons, who the County has worked with before. Staff recommends authorizing County Administrator to enter into construction contract to require construction bond and give notice to proceed.

Chair Vaught asked about timing of the construction.

Mr. Hankins responded that it depends on delivery of the metal building. He will get an update from the contractor once we have notice to proceed.

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts, to authorize entering into contact with the low bidder Colt Simmons for the Lead Mines Rescue Squad Building.

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

FY22 FIRST QUARTER APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Bear stated that the only difference in the handout he provided is the carryover for the Commissioner for \$29,987 that was incorrectly listed under Public Information Officer. Also before them is the approved budget, the carryover amounts (minus RRVES), and first quarter appropriations. If the Board wishes to appropriate now the \$32k for RRVES, then we will need to add that amount, or we hold and appropriate later.

Supervisor McRoberts asked if part-time help at Max Meadows Fire Department is in the budget.

Mr. Bear confirmed that it is included in the approved budget.

Supervisor McRoberts wanted it known that he is not for that and said that we could be "opening up a can of worms" by doing that. He has two fire departments in his district and he certainly doesn't want them to be angered by this.

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to approve the FY22 First Quarter Appropriations for \$28,960,498 and to add \$32k for Rural Retreat Volunteer Emergency Services.

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

ABSTRACT OF VOTES JUNE 8, 2021 PRIMARY – MR. LENNON COUNTS

Mr. Lennon Counts, Registrar, first wanted to thank the Board for the approved budget and for the full-time position (previously part-time).

Mr. Counts reported that the June primary was very slow, with only 422 votes. However, they did use all eleven precincts, while the largest precinct was absentee. They used 34 officers of elections throughout the County, and Ben (Building & Grounds Department) assisted with set up and break down and his efforts were much appreciated.

Mr. Counts hopes to be able to use the old courthouse building again for early voting in September. He doesn't believe his office would be able to accommodate the anticipated turnout.

Regarding campaign signs, the law considers early voting locations as polling places; thus, nothing prohibits candidates from putting up their signs. Mr. Counts said that the Board of Supervisors could pass an ordinance prohibiting campaign signs on courthouse property. Mr. Counts spoke with Judge Showalter and he is agreeable to entering an order prohibiting campaign signage (early voting is 45 days long).

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, authorizing the County Administrator to submit a request to Judge Showalter to enter an order prohibiting campaign signage on the courthouse property.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

Vice Chair Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to accept the Abstract of Votes for the June 8, 2021 Primary.

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 \$69,149,206 of which \$46,643,027 was in the General Fund Account at the end of May.

This evening the Treasurer's Office closed out the month of June so that the Finance Department can do their part closing out the year and opening the new fiscal year. Collections (tax only) through today are at 97% of what they billed, and Mrs. Guynn is extremely proud of her staff. Overall, it has been a very good collection year in spite of the pandemic.

Regarding DMV Stops, they have collected over \$500k (tax only). Dog tag collections have resulted in over \$18k this year, normally less than \$5,000 a year.

2. Delinquent Taxes – The Treasurer reported that they had a tax sale yesterday and sold eight parcels for a total of \$118k. Of the properties sold, she expects to receive about \$38k in tax, penalty and interest. It is her goal to have two tax sales next year in April and August. Mrs. Guynn went on to explain the tax sale process and that the County does not get to keep the proceeds from these sales which usually go to heirs of the properties. The County typically gets just the tax, penalty and interest on the properties.

Mrs. Guynn announced the Treasurer's Office will be on limited operations the next two days to allow Finance to close out the month of June as well as fiscal year 2021. Although her staff will be there, they will be unable to take payments in the system.

ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Hankins provided the Board with a written report and highlighted the following:

1. Capital Improvements – Mr. Hankins mentioned they are still working on this and that they need to include revenue sharing roads in the plan.
2. Broadband Partnership – Mr. Hankins reported they continue to work with contract provider on language for the broadband partnership, then will forward to the attorneys for final review. He hopes to have something for the Board to review by end of July.
3. Comprehensive Plan – Survey responses are still coming in and Mr. Hankins said that over 400 have been received so far. The goal is to get over 700 surveys for good, solid data.
4. County Administration – Mr. Hankins mentioned the new organizational chart and that he is meeting with everyone who reports to him now. He also reported

some changes coming to FOIA relating to when we can and cannot charge people making requests. When finalized, we will update our website accordingly.

5. Senior Tax Exemption – The Town of Wytheville, in their June newsletter, mentioned the elderly/handicapped tax exemption. Unfortunately, this was published after the deadline (May 1st) had passed, so residents were understandably upset. The Commissioner’s Office will seek to increase and improve notifications next year of this tax exemption.
6. Grants – The Town of Wytheville Tourism Office helped develop the popular trails brochure and our PIO has put in a grant for renewing the brochure. We should hear something in July about the grant application. Mr. Hankins also reported that we have finally been approved for SRO continuation grants for both George Wythe and Fort Chiswell schools. Regarding Four for Life grant funding, we have been notified how much we will eligible for.
7. COVID-19 Updates – Mr. Hankins stopped reporting these numbers on June 4th as the State discontinued sending data.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

1. VDOT Economic Development Access (EDA) Program – Mr. Bear explained that we need to extend our CD through June 2025 in order to meet VDOT requirements. This is for the access road from Gator Lane to Lot 24.

Supervisor Cook made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to authorize County Administrator and Treasurer to extend the terms of the CD to July 1, 2025.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

2. FY21 Year-End Report and Appropriations – Mr. Bear stated that the total unspent budget amount for County operations is \$2.2M. That amount does not include the schools or DSS as they are still receiving revenue through today. In the FY21 Year-End Report, action is needed to amend and appropriate the FY21 Required Appropriations in the amount of \$3,159.

Vice Chair Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to approve the FY21 Required Appropriations of \$3,159 and to amend and appropriate same to the respective budgets.

Chair Vaught asked about \$116,250 in APEX payroll not spent. He would like to give credit where credit is due.

Mr. Bear said that is a pass-through amount but of the total APEX payroll budgeted last year, they only spent \$87k and had \$116,250 unspent.

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 further explained that at the request of our auditors (13th Period Transactions), it was recommended that we transfer any appropriations between departments to cover any over expenditures caused by year-end postings.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, authorizing County Administrator to make interdepartmental transfers for any FY21 over expenditures.

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. American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") – For informational purposes, Mr. Bear stated that the first round of funding has been received. Use and priority of those funds (~\$2.6M) can be discussed at the next meeting.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Scot Farthing, County Attorney, received communication today from counsel representing us in the opioid litigation, specifically, the Purdue Pharma bankruptcy and their proposed payment plan for which we need to vote. Our counsel recommends we vote "yes" on the proposed plan, and Mr. Farthing agrees. However, it is unclear just how they calculate the amount of money we will receive.

Vice Chair Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to authorize County Attorney to vote "yes" on Purdue Pharma's bankruptcy plan.

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. Farthing also reported on a complaint made by a DSS person who wanted to file a grievance through the County. However, DSS is governed by the State not the County. As such, Mr. Farthing sent a letter to the complainant informing them of this.

SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

1. Ivanhoe Brush Truck – Supervisor Smith mentioned that Ivanhoe Fire Department reached out to him saying the pump on their brush truck has ceased up.

Mr. Hankins indicated that Mr. McCabe is aware and is currently working on it. Right now, the pump is probably worth more than the truck itself so they will need to weigh the cost of repair/replacement.

2. Progress Park Hunting – Supervisor Smith understands we were working with DGIF on opening up hunting in Progress Park.

Mr. Bear responded that he, Mr. Hankins and Mr. Williams had recently discussed this but he's not sure whether DGIF has responded yet.

Supervisor Smith did speak with Mr. Bassinger (DGIF) and he recommends running it for bow season only. He also had a good recommendation on a "buddy system".

3. Route 69 Guardrail – Supervisor McRoberts asked for an update.

Mr. Bear replied that VDOT is going to do work there to build the road up in order to install a guardrail.

4. Water/Wastewater Department – Chair Vaught said that Mr. Crisp wanted to thank the entire Board for all their work this past year and years prior, that the turnover in his department has been significantly reduced due to salary adjustments. Mr. Crisp is very grateful.

5. Building & Grounds Department – Chair Vaught wanted to recognize Mr. Bowers and his staff for the great work they've done all around the County and that it's the best he's seen it look in 20 years. Also, the gentleman who did the work on the cannon did an excellent job and should be praised, particularly for the fast turnaround.

6. New Phone System – Chair Vaught said that although he was a big proponent of a new phone system, it has been quite a disappointment. He asked that Mr. Bear get with Mr. Catron and have him go to each department and fix the problems.

Mr. Bear said that Mr. Catron feels the phone system is adequate but the company we purchased it from and the setup was not adequate. He is working directly with the phone company itself for assistance. Mr. Catron, along with many of our staff, are not satisfied with the phone system either.

CLOSED MEETING

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to enter into Closed Meeting under Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711-A.5, Prospective Business or Industry (Project Glove).

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

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

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

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

RESOLUTION CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge,

(i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the Wythe County Board of Supervisors.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

It was announced that there will be no committee meetings next week. Given the 4th of July holiday, the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, July 6th.

COUNTY PICNIC

It was announced that the County picnic will be on July 30th at Foster Falls.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Chair Vaught adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:07 p.m.

Brian W. Vaught, Chair