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The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 10, 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

Matthew C. Hankins, Assistant County Administrator

Jimmy McCabe, Emergency Management Coordinator

Regina Williams, Finance Director

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lucas Arnold

Barry Ayers

Derrick Ball

Tim Blair

Roy Cox

Dee Ennis

Charlie Foster

Andy Kegley

Gus Kincer

Linda Meyer

Dickie Morgan

Jared Price

Bill Showman

Shawna Shannon

Rebecca Snavelly

Zack 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 Bill Showman, UMC-Lead Mines Circuit, provided the invocation and Supervisor Cook led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING – FY22 BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR ARPA FUNDS

Chair Vaught read that notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 15.2-2507 of the Code of Virginia and amendments thereto, that the Wythe County Board of Supervisors intends to consider an amendment to increase the FY22 budget in the amount of

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\$5,571,531 in Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recover Funds through the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA"). Eligible uses for these funds are: Public Health/Covid Impacts, Revenue Loss/Negative Economic Impacts, Essential Worker Support, Infrastructure (Water, Wastewater, Broadband, etc.).

A public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at 6:05 p.m., or as soon as practicable thereafter, in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, Virginia 24382 to hear public comment on the proposed budget amendment.

Mr. Bear commented that all localities across the nation were provided funding through ARPA. However, the amount Wythe County would receive, was unknown until the time the budget was being adopted. Therefore, per Virginia Code, a public hearing must be held in order to amend the budget.

Chair Vaught opened the public hearing for comments.

1. Mr. Andy Kegley appeared before the Board and stated "Good afternoon. Thank you for the opportunity. I do want to speak on behalf of that word 'infrastructure' and it's a big word that's getting a lot of attention today. Today, the Congress, or half the Congress, has passed the infrastructure bill. So, I think at the end of the day, as the country climbs out from where we've been for the last fifteen/sixteen months, opportunities like what Congress is doing today and like what you all have before you with this \$5.5M, is an opportunity that doesn't happen very often and the needs for a good, wise investment are many. I want to suggest a couple things about infrastructure investment and I want to suggest a couple things about maybe more citizen input than just a public hearing with one person speaking. I note that a draft, I'm not sure whether the letter was in the agenda, talks about \$3M for utility funds, potentially. So, utilities are something that's kind of near and dear to our work at HOPE. As you know, evictions have been put on hold; I think now they've been extended for another 60 days. It's been a rollercoaster ride watching evictions in the moratorium. Utility disconnects have been governed by General Assembly Act and when the Governor lifted the Emergency Order on June 30th, that said after 60 days utilities could start enacting terminations on utility accounts. The General Assembly yesterday put \$120M into a fund for utility relief. It's really unclear how much of that will be available for Appalachian Power consumers/customers. None of it's available for Dominion Power which is the biggest utility in the state. And it's unclear when those funds will become available. If August 31st is when AEP can start doing

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disconnects, people could quite likely be having their power turned off very shortly while there are pots of money sitting out there potentially available. So, I don't know what was envisioned with a part of the set aside for utilities but I think working with DSS, Mountain Cap or us at HOPE, maybe a plan for some kind of emergency relief for some kind of targeted audience, senior citizens, those disabled. If you're living in a rent-based on income, and you get a termination notice, you'll be evicted. It's like if you're at Northwinds and you get a termination notice, you can't pay the bill, you'll be evicted. So that's one consideration I ask you all to think about.

I note too in the language from the Federal memo that you all got that some of this can be used for equity-focused services and that includes investment in housing. As you know, I've talked with you all many times over the years about the need for more affordable housing. There are a couple things that are kind of on the horizon but anything that can go into fixing housing, is going to fix a lot of other problems that you all have too about economic development and growth. I would ask, like I said a moment ago, that you all consider setting aside some of these funds and bring together a committee of potential stakeholders from the County, like I said DSS, Mountain Cap, HOPE, Public Housing Authority, and some others to talk about maybe a more specific use and how they might be plugged into a capital improvement plan with more input, more planning and then a better product at the end of the day. So, thank you for your time and good luck."

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

CITIZENS' TIME

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

1. Pope Road - Thank You – Mr. Roy Cox appeared before the Board and stated "Well Mr. Vaught, I've been waiting for this meeting for a long time and it has come. And I thank each and every one of you guys/girls up there for the help you did. Pope Road is now a better road, a good road, no dust, no mud, and I appreciate each and every one of you. You got the job done, and I want to say a special thanks to Andy Fowler and Pam Heath. They took care of the pipes, they seen the problem, a lot of water coming on, and my pipe wouldn't handle it. So, they went and changed it and put a bigger pipe; that problem's took care of. So, what else can I say, buddy? I am happy. I appreciate each and every one of you. Thank you very much."

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2. Public Water – Mr. Tim Blair appeared before the Board and stated “I’m trying to get public water out on my land. And I’m having trouble getting it. I went to New River Trail about getting a permit to bore a hole underneath the Trail and he tells me it’s going to cost me \$1,000 to get a permit. And if I go that route, I want to put a meter on my side. But I’d like to run it out the road out to where Jimmy Allen, out past my house. I would hook onto it and my daughter would hook onto it. And that’s why I ask you all to help.”

The Chair asked where Mr. Blair’s property is located.

Mr. Blair responded “It’s on River Bluff Drive. My property runs parallel with the New River Trail. I got two houses there; my son lives in one house. I’m giving my daughter my land on the end out there; there’s no right of way through it and I’m trying to get a right of way through it. Used to be out there, and New River Trail says it aint gonna happen. So I’m fighting that. Anyway, I come over here and ask for y’all to help. I’d like to run it out the road and I will hook onto it and my daughter will hook onto it.”

Mr. Bear added that the Water Committee briefly considered this at their last meeting. Next meeting is Tuesday, August 17th at 9:30 a.m. and he asked Mr. Blair to attend so they can review together in more detail.

Mr. Blair replied “I can be there. That’s all I got to say. But I can’t buy 800 feet of pipeline, you know. That’s public utility.”

3. Comprehensive Plan – Ms. Linda Meyer appeared before the Board and stated “I just have a question which you probably won’t answer but I’ll ask it anyway. I have reviewed our Comprehensive Plan and I think it’s pretty good and I think our Planning Commission does a pretty good job of keeping it updated and so on. I, personally, don’t think it’s deficient our outdated. I was really curious the cost of what Wythe Connect, the cost of that, for those four or five people doing their seminars and their work and is there a limit on that expenditure. And another curiosity is the VA Department of Emergency Management that says this has to be done, are they again is that a government agency overstepping in Wythe County planning with possible mandates and edicts? That is a concern and we hope that is addressed.”
4. Fencing Ordinance (Cattle) – Ms. Rebecca Snavelly appeared before the Board and stated “Good evening. I’m Rebecca Snavelly. I live at Carterville Heights in the Max Meadows area, Fort Chiswell District. Here is my problem - our whole

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neighborhood. But as I look around, I see my cohorts didn't back me up. We have a problem with cattle getting out and we have called and called and this has been going on for months. Of course they say they'll send somebody to check it out and all of that but one of the persons that do own some of the cattle they did come to my house today and he waited for an hour and a half on the other person which did not show and I told him he wasn't going to show up before he come there. So, what can I do, or what can y'all do to help me to have them - and I've already got the letter and everything where it's up to the landowners to put up the fences, and I think that needs to be reevaluated. I don't think it needs to be up to the landowner. I think it needs to be up to the cattle owner because if you got money to own cattle, you'll have money to fix your fence. Because we're just common people and we don't have money to go out and build 500' stretch of fence. And so what can we do about that because me, I'm getting too old to run them cows every day. They know who they are and the police, everyone knows who they are. So, what can be done about that, if anything? Or am I spitting in the wind? I've read the rules. I got a copy of it. But I'm just saying I don't think it should be up to the landowner to do that. I think it should be up to the cattle owner. Should you all not reevaluate that?"

Mr. Bear agreed that she has a very good point, one that's been raised before and reviewed by the Board over many years. Around 2008-2009, the fence ordinance had a restriction that cattle could not run at large. It was repealed and State law is generally considered fence out where landowners would be responsible for fencing to keep cattle off their property. He will speak with Animal Control officers and Sheriff's Office to better control the cattle but we are restricted by State Code.

Ms. Snavely responded "I understand that but I also understand too that when that law was put into effect, a lot of those board members were cattle owners at the time. And that's why I'm saying I think it needs to be up to the cattle owner not the person that is just the landowner. I mean we have a fence, but those bulls tear it down, you know. And like I said, what can we do? It's like I told them week before last, I said well can I just drop one of them in my yard and take it to the market? Well, their reply was 'I like my steak medium rare.' So, but if you call could do something about that, I would appreciate it and I'm sure everybody up in our area would. I mean I have the list of the people that live in my area and every one of them, they agree that they would like something done about this. And if you'd like the name of the persons and phone number, I'd be glad to give it to you."

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Chair Vaught said they he/they share her frustration as this issue has been raised before, but they will see what they can do.

5. Pre-K Program – Ms. Shawna Shannon appeared before the Board and stated “My husband and I live in Bland County but I’m currently, I have been for the past 13 years, a teacher for Wythe County Public Schools. We just recently purchased a 9,000 square foot building on two acres for the children of Wythe County. For the past 13 years, our students, some of them are in here, former students, have attended our after-school program. We have opened our doors to Wythe County Public School students during the shutdown so parents wouldn’t lose jobs, kids were being held accountable for and doing their school work, learning their values through the martial arts etc. We are now being discriminated, what we feel is discriminated against by Wythe County Public Schools due to my recent leave of absence. They are threatening to not transport to the Shanaki after-school program stating that they may not have enough space. We have poured everything into this building, with our personal home being tied to it. If they don’t transport to our after-school program, we will not be able to pay our bills, kids will likely have nowhere to go, parents will probably lose jobs, and we have new first-responder students in our after-school program. My questions is, why are they just now sending us supposed contracts to sign, sending emails that they will not transport if the space is not available and certainly will not run any additional buses in order to accommodate Shanaki students. I found this out from some of the concerned teachers of Wythe County today that received this email. We pay a lot of taxes to Wythe County especially with the recent purchase of this building, as do the parents. My understanding is that the school bus transport system is funded by the stakeholders’ taxes and grants received by the State. Am I wrong in this? I’m not sure exactly – my research that’s where I think bus transportation funding comes from. I’m not for sure – that’s the research that I’m finding. How can they decide if students can or can’t be transported? I do know that a gentleman reached out to me last year, a local pastor, wanting to start an after-school program and Wythe County Public Schools refused to transport to him. I just want to know can any of you help me understand why all of a sudden when I took a leave of absence, which they’re not very happy about, this is now happening; and I need to back up and say we’re also running a private pre-K. I just kind of felt the need that Wythe County – if the kids couldn’t get into the pre-K programs with the school system, there’s really not a lot of choices and we’re almost at max capacity with our new private pre-K. I also want to add a note about the contracts that I spoke of that we didn’t receive any communication from the schools about the supposed contract and found out

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from a concerned parent. When my husband emailed Mr. Rick Skeens, he stated that he sent this supposed contract to our new address, which is not true because we've checked the mail each day and we've - actually there's no mail that ever runs out there because we're a brand new location for us from Main Street to where we're at now which is out next to Ager Park; we're in the industrial park. I do not that there is a bus that runs out there and I know from plenty of parents that live out there that that bus is not at full capacity, that it has a lot of space. I just need space for about, I don't know, anywhere from 40 up to 55 kids. This has never ever been an issue before. They've never questioned transportation. They've been happy to transport. They actually recommend them to our after-school program, so I'm not for sure why all of a sudden just this year when I decide to take a leave of absence to pursue this, my dream, that all of this - this has been going on all summer by the way, too. There's been lots of things that went back and forth that will eventually, probably have to put out in the courts. But my question is the money - where does the money that they receive go to because it's certainly not us in helping the children of Wythe County and the children of Wythe County Public Schools. When I say I have first responders and stuff, I have a lot of people that rely on us for after-school program so if they're not going to transport to us, I guess I'll just take my minivan and make about 30 trips - I don't know. That's why I'm coming to you guys because I'm kind of at a loss. I don't know what to do. Can you all help - and I'll try not to cry on you."

Supervisor Cook asked Ms. Shannon if she's been to the School Board yet and she replied no.

Ms. Shannon continued "This has just happened but right now I'm not for sure how I feel about going over there, with how I've been treated, just how my husband and I have been treated. And it's not everybody. It's the ones that I mention over transportation. I have a lot of friends with Wythe County. I believe in Wythe County. I believe in Wythe County Schools. I'm not here to bash them or anything. It's the whole transportation that has us so upset. And we just received the contract when we asked for them they wrote a nice little note that this was our second copy; they finally mailed it to where we asked for it to be mailed to. We did not know that a contract was coming. They didn't communicate via email, phone call, which they've been communicating all summer. They could have let us know that it was coming. So, when we received it, there's a lot of things in there that we would like a lawyer to look at before we sign, before we just sign away, and that give us - we literally just received it in the mail last night, so school starts Monday and they need to be transported. Apparently, if we don't

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sign this contract, they're not going to transport to us. I just kind of what to make this be known and if somebody can help us or if you have suggestions, I'd appreciate it."

Supervisor Cook referred Ms. Shannon to Dr. Wes Poole.

Chair Vaught also encouraged Ms. Shannon to go to the next School Board meeting, this Thursday at 6:00 p.m. While the County is a funding source for the schools, the County cannot make decisions on School Board's policies.

Ms. Shannon added "We were open, we never shut our doors except when we were forced to, when they came and served us the papers and I didn't really want to end up on the news so we did, just that time. But we average anywhere – it just depends on the year – right now we're sitting at about 55 so anywhere from 55 up to 65, and we're in 9,000 square feet now so we can house probably 100 or more after-school kids. We are going to purchase our own vans but we've poured our heart and soul (and our home) into the current building so it's taken everything until we can get back up onto our feet. We rely on the school for transportation."

Vaught suggested purchasing one of the school buses as they are in good shape.

Vice Chair Lawson reiterated what the Chair said, that the hands of this Board are tied when it comes to School Board matters, and stressed the importance of going to this week's School Board meeting.

Supervisor Cook attended the grand opening of Shanaki and he commented that it was a very nice facility.

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

PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on August 10, 2021, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30110270-30110380, and one wire transfer, as follows:

EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS August 10, 2021

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CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
(wire)	08/10/2021	VIRGINIA RESOURCES AUTHOR	\$ 2,619.74
30110270	08/10/2021	BUSINESS CARD	1,181.96
30110271	08/10/2021	FIRE RESCUE AND TACTICAL	648.20
30110272	08/10/2021	HOUSE OF DOORS INC	2,675.00
30110273	08/10/2021	PARTNERSHIP SCREENING INT	28.80
30110274	08/10/2021	R&R ENTERPRISES INC	370.00
30110275	08/10/2021	SALEM STONE	1,961.50
30110276	08/10/2021	THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS CO.	443.56
30110277	08/10/2021	TOWN OF RURAL RETREAT	407.70
30110278	08/10/2021	VITA	202.92
30110279	08/10/2021	WORDSPRINT	395.00
30110280	08/10/2021	ALPHA & OMEGA REPAR SERVI	1,422.13
30110281	08/10/2021	AMAZON	40.46
30110282	08/10/2021	APPALACHIAN POWER	2,518.88
30110283	08/10/2021	ATMOS ENERGY	23.26
30110284	08/10/2021	BUSINESS CARD	541.36
30110285	08/10/2021	CARROT-TOP INDUSTRIES INC	1,009.40
30110286	08/10/2021	CARZ R US LLC	74.00
30110287	08/10/2021	CAVALIER SUPPLY CO	287.80
30110288	08/10/2021	CENTURYLINK	51.87
30110289	08/10/2021	CENTURYLINK	220.54
30110290	08/10/2021	CENTURYLINK	248.78
30110291	08/10/2021	CENTURYLINK	4,913.38
30110292	08/10/2021	CITIZENS TELEPHONE COOP	979.95
30110293	08/10/2021	COMPTON, PATRICIA W.	600.00
30110294	08/10/2021	COUNTY OF WYTHE	1,416.67
30110295	08/10/2021	CREATIVE 7 CONCEPTS	2,047.82
30110296	08/10/2021	FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER	937.50
30110297	08/10/2021	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES #5	231.59
30110298	08/10/2021	FIRE RESCUE AND TACTICAL	63.98
30110299	08/10/2021	FP MAILING SOLUTIONS	135.00
30110300	08/10/2021	FRANCOTYP-POSTALIA, INC	2,000.00
30110301	08/10/2021	GAYLORD BROS INC	302.75
30110302	08/10/2021	GENUINE PARTS COMPANY	26.49
30110303	08/10/2021	GREATAMERICA FINANCIAL SE	153.00
30110304	08/10/2021	HARPO'S HARDWARE & BLDG S	258.70
30110305	08/10/2021	HUNGATE BUSINESS SERVICES	60.00
30110306	08/10/2021	HUFF FORD	376.22

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30110307	08/10/2021	JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE AUTH	48,417.72
30110308	08/10/2021	KING-MOORE INC	1,137.50
30110309	08/10/2021	LANE GROUP	17,400.00
30110310	08/10/2021	LEADSONLINE LLC	3,296.00
30110311	08/10/2021	LEXISNEXIS	724.00
30110312	08/10/2021	LOWE'S	1,736.42
30110313	08/10/2021	MANSFIELD OIL CO	8,276.12
30110314	08/10/2021	MATTERN & CRAIG, INC	2,454.00
30110315	08/10/2021	MEADE TRACTOR	6.98
30110316	08/10/2021	JEFFERY LEE MILLER	3,964.50
30110317	08/10/2021	MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS AME	2,230.50
30110318	08/10/2021	MOUNT ROGERS COMMUNITY SE	8.49
30110319	08/10/2021	MOUNT ROGERS PLANNING DIS	4,727.34
30110320	08/10/2021	NATIONAL POOLS	35.49
30110321	08/10/2021	QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC	791.23
30110322	08/10/2021	NEW RIVER REGIONAL WATER	57,021.88
30110323	08/10/2021	NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL	141,588.30
30110324	08/10/2021	OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDIC	20.00
30110325	08/10/2021	AMBER COX	15.00
30110326	08/10/2021	ANGELA GREER	233.18
30110327	08/10/2021	BETTY WINEBARGER	20.85
30110328	08/10/2021	BRITTNEY CROCKETT	20.00
30110329	08/10/2021	CHRIS TERRY	419.96
30110330	08/10/2021	CHRISTOPHER ALDERMAN	24.11
30110331	08/10/2021	CONNIE W. GRAVLEY	30.00
30110332	08/10/2021	CRYSTAL DOSS	44.98
30110333	08/10/2021	DAVID JACKSON	30.00
30110334	08/10/2021	DAVID MEREDITH	117.00
30110335	08/10/2021	HUNTER STROUPE	59.64
30110336	08/10/2021	JESSI FORTUNE	10.64
30110337	08/10/2021	JIM GEARHART	30.00
30110338	08/10/2021	JOSH CARTER	374.94
30110339	08/10/2021	KAYLEY HOWARD	63.15
30110340	08/10/2021	LANDON SAYERS	20.00
30110341	08/10/2021	MARK A NOEL	30.00
30110342	08/10/2021	MARK RICHARDSON	33.42
30110343	08/10/2021	NANCY TAYLOR	34.00
30110344	08/10/2021	PRISCILLA MUSSER HALL	30.00
30110345	08/10/2021	REBECCA SCHULER	20.00

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30110346	08/10/2021	RONALD C. SCOTT	30.00
30110347	08/10/2021	RONNIE WHITT	78.50
30110348	08/10/2021	RUTH ANDERSON	375.24
30110349	08/10/2021	SARAH PHILLIPS	20.00
30110350	08/10/2021	SHARON DAULEY	231.94
30110351	08/10/2021	STACEY OSBORNE	28.30
30110352	08/10/2021	TIM SMITH	20.00
30110353	08/10/2021	PAPER CLIP	3,310.40
30110354	08/10/2021	PARTNERSHIP SCREENING INT	14.40
30110355	08/10/2021	PIONEER COLLISION CENTER	2,017.54
30110356	08/10/2021	POSTAGE BY PHONE RESERVE	1,200.00
30110357	08/10/2021	R&R ENTERPRISES INC	270.00
30110358	08/10/2021	R.E. MICHEL COMPANY, LLC	47.66
30110359	08/10/2021	SEGRA	63.48
30110360	08/10/2021	SOUTHWESTERN EQUIPMENT	593.53
30110361	08/10/2021	SPILMAN THOMAS & BATTLE P	7,000.00
30110362	08/10/2021	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	287.50
30110363	08/10/2021	SURE-FLO INC	805.98
30110364	08/10/2021	TESSCO INC	2,784.37
30110365	08/10/2021	THOMPSON TIRE	1,602.35
30110366	08/10/2021	TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNA	75.00
30110367	08/10/2021	TREASURER OF VIRGINIA	1,329.77
30110368	08/10/2021	UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA	75.00
30110369	08/10/2021	US CELLULAR	1,229.52
30110370	08/10/2021	V&M RECYCLING	71,048.27
30110371	08/10/2021	VACORP	85,444.00
30110372	08/10/2021	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYST	37.25
30110373	08/10/2021	VLGMA	318.71
30110374	08/10/2021	WAMPLER EANES APPRAISAL G	21,951.00
30110375	08/10/2021	WILLIAMS, KEVIN	108.17
30110376	08/10/2021	WORDSPRINT	330.00
30110377	08/10/2021	WYTHE CO WATER & WASTEWAT	256.86
30110378	08/10/2021	WYTHE OIL DISTRIBUTORS	517.28
30110379	08/10/2021	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	773.95
30110380	08/10/2021	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	525.38

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 08/10/2021	\$532,354.60
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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 July 27, 2021 minutes for approval.

Supervisor Cook made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to approve the July 27, 2021 minutes as presented.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

PROGRESS PARK HUNTING

Mr. Bear commented that Mr. Williams has been working with the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources ("DWR") to set up hunting in designated areas of Progress Park. County staff along with DWR have proposed the hunt quota and the rules and regulations, and the hunt will be done through a lottery system. The hunt will be for archery or crossbow only. Mr. Bear said they will also be promoting a right to Earn A Buck with #10 and DWR will enforce. Mr. Bear will confirm that it will run for the entire hunting season (October through December).

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to approve the Progress Park Hunting Lottery for the hunting season, through December 31st.

Mr. Bear added that area #6 is the only area currently with cattle, which certainly should not be mistaken for deer. However, area #6 does not have easy access (unless they enter from the back of Amcor) so the Board may want to eliminate that area for hunting. Mr.

Bear said the lessee doesn't mind if this area is part of the hunting program. Areas 1-5 do not have cattle currently on them.

Chair Vaught would like to leave Area #6 in and reevaluate it later, if necessary.

Supervisor Horney asked if the Board of Supervisors and County employees are allowed to enter the lottery.

Supervisor Smith said that since DWR is instituting the program, everyone is eligible.

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

POPE ROAD (ADDENDUM)

Mr. Roy Cox appeared before the Board and stated "What I meant to say, I haven't talked to anybody on Pope Road that's not happy. They're tickled with that road and I know one person's gonna be really happy, is our school bus driver. She will really be happy about that. Appreciate every one of you guys and girls. I'll go out here and leave y'all alone. Thanks a lot."

TOWN OF RURAL RETREAT VEHICLE REQUEST

Mr. Bear referenced the memo from the Town of Rural Retreat. The subject vehicle had previously been gifted to RRVES who no longer have a need and, therefore, would like to transfer the vehicle and title to the Town of Rural Retreat to fulfill some of their needs. The Town has agreed to reimburse the County for repairs done (brakes and windshield) on the vehicle. Staff recommend approval of the transfer request.

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to approve transfer of the subject vehicle to the Town of Rural Retreat.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Coy L. McRoberts
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Rolland R. Cook
Ryan M. Lawson
James D. "Jamie" Smith

B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
Stacy A. Terry

NAYS: None

DCJS VICTIM WITNESS GRANT

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to accept the DCJS Victim Witness Grant in the total amount of \$97,310.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Brian W. Vaught
Ryan M. Lawson

VTC MARKETING LEVERAGE PROGRAM GRANT

Mr. Hankins explained that this grant was applied for by Ms. Sweeney in cooperation with New River Trail State Park and Town of Wytheville to reprint trail brochures, a very popular resource for outdoor enthusiasts. The award was granted in the amount of \$10,000 and Ms. Sweeney is to be commended for her efforts.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to accept the VTC Marketing Leverage Program Grant in the amount of \$10,000 and to amend and appropriate same.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

LAW LIBRARY

Mr. Bear stated that the Circuit Court has approximately \$3k of unspent funds for FY21 and the Judge has asked to use some of that for a part-time clerk in the law library.

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to amend and appropriate \$2,153 from FY21 unspent funds for the employment of a part-time law library clerk.

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

PROGRESS PARK AGRICULTURAL LAND LEASE

Mr. Bear commented that G&G Livestock has been leasing acreage in Progress Park since early this year. This amendment removes 37 acres (Lot 1) intended for use by STS Group, and adds 37 acres not used by Branch Botanicals ("BB"). The rent will stay the same. In addition, the County will not charge for the additional 15 acres (between BB and Lot 24) as it will later be conveyed to VDOT as a right of way for the connector road.

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to approve Amendment #1 of the Progress Park Agricultural Land Lease with G&G Livestock.

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

FIRE APPARATUS & COMMAND TRAILER

Mr. Hankins explained that at the direction of this Board and the Fire & Rescue Committee, the County solicited proposals for the purchase of three fire apparatus (two

pumper tankers and one brush truck) for Speedwell and Ivanhoe fire departments. Many proposals were received and the lowest price to meet the urgent need/specs came from Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus for a total of \$750k.

Supervisor Cook made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to authorize the purchase of three fire apparatus in the amount of \$750,000 from Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus.

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

Mr. Hankins explained that three proposals were received for a 24' incident command trailer ranging from \$75,700 to \$169,000 with Great Dane being the low bidder. The cost of the trailer was expected to be shared with the Sheriff's Office out of the PAF fund. However, the Sheriff does not want to commit to half the cost due to upcoming fleet needs, nor can the County absorb the total cost.

Chair Vaught asked if there are available funds from CARES Act and if the trailer be used to store PPE.

Mr. Bear replied there is approximately \$30k available from CARES Act funding. The trailer could also be used to store some PPE.

Mr. Hankins added that after the incident at Charlottesville a few years ago, the State recommended that localities have an incident command trailer/vehicle.

The Chair mentioned that a vehicle such as this would have been very useful during the recent drowning accident at Rural Retreat Lake.

In response to the Vice Chair's inquiry, Mr. Bear said the balance in the PAF at June 30th is \$936k.

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Sheriff Foster explained some of their anticipated budgetary needs but said that his office could commit to spending up to \$15k toward the incident command trailer.

Supervisor Cook asked if we purchase the trailer, would we need to purchase another truck to pull it.

Mr. Hankins said that if it was needed, money is in the budget.

Mr. Bear commented that four new pickup trucks were purchased for the fire departments so if the trailer needs to be pulled, it shouldn't be an issue. He also mentioned that Mr. McCabe will be needing a new truck in the not-so-distant future, to replace his 2005 vehicle that recently experienced an issue, presumably too costly to repair.

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to proceed with the purchase of an incident command trailer from Great Dane for \$75,700.

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

FIRE APPARATUS FINANCING

Mr. Bear said that requests went out to various institutions for financing of the fire apparatus and command trailer. Staff recommend financing \$800k through BB&T over seven years at a rate of 1.44%.

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to have bond counsel prepare documentation to finance \$800k through BB&T/Truist at an interest rate of 1.44%.

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
 James D. "Jamie" Smith

Stacy A. Terry

NAYS: None

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

1. FY22 Budget Amendments – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to approve the following budget amendments and appropriations:

REASON	DEPT CODE	AMOUNT
JIDA CARES Audit Expenses	8107-457010	\$2,000.00
Utility Arrearage & Assistance Program – Water	4401-457706	\$3,361.16
Utility Arrearage & Assistance Program – Wastewater	4402-457706	\$3,361.16
Auto Premium FY22 – Sheriff	3102-452030	\$2,701.00
Auto Premium FY22 – Parks & Recreation	7109-452030	\$992.00
Auto Premium FY22 – Rural Retreat Lake	7110-452030	\$496.00
Auto Premium FY22 – Engineering	8102-452030	\$496.00
Emergency Services – Call-out Funds	3202-457290	\$7,500.00
Emergency Services – Hamilton Knob Fire Channel	9000-47022	\$5,764.00
Emergency Services – Hazmat Reimbursements	3202-457292	\$13,473.00
Rural Retreat Depot – FY21 Last Quarter Payment	1101-457015	\$625.00
		\$40,769.32

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. School Construction – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to transfer \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to the School Construction Fund in preparation for the next round of school construction.

Supervisor Terry stated that transferring \$1M for the school when the school doesn't seem to be too concerned about the kids is rather difficult for him to accept.

Mr. Bear replied that this is just moving the funds from one line item to another and that the Board still maintains control over the funds.

Supervisor McRoberts thought that the school board was going to come up with some money to help with the construction at Scott Memorial.

Mr. Bear responded that the school has around \$5M in ESSR Funds to assist with Scott's construction, and reiterated this transfer is just setting aside (not spending) part of the unused funds from last year.

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

SHERIFF

Chair Vaught congratulated the newly appointed Sheriff Foster and welcomed him.

Sheriff Foster said that as Chief Deputy, he attended most all of the Board of Supervisors' meetings and he thanked the Board for all their help. Also, he and his office truly enjoyed the picnic and appreciates the employee recognition. Separately, the Sheriff said they now have speed data calculators to put on poles per the requests of Supervisors McRoberts and Smith.

The Sheriff asked Mr. Bear to extend his thanks to Mr. Fowler on repairs made to Old Bank Road; the residents are quite pleased.

Mr. Bear shared a memo with the Board concerning Lenco Armored Vehicles, a sole source provider of the Lenco BearCat or equivalent. At a previous meeting, the Board agreed to amend and appropriate funds out of PAF for an armored vehicle.

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to approve the Sheriff's Office request to proceed with the purchase of an armored vehicle from Lenco Armored Vehicles, a sole source provider.

The roll call vote on the motion 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

FY22 BUDGET AMENDMENT

Per tonight's public hearing, Mr. Bear asked the Board for input/action on amending the budget to accept the ARPA funds. He said that Mr. Kegley had good thoughts on use and public input but that Broadband should remain a top priority.

Chair Vaught referenced Mr. Kegley's discussion and that some of the issues are located specifically in the Town of Wytheville. Because the Town is receiving about \$7M in ARPA funding, the Chair hopes that Mr. Kegley approaches the Town Council for assistance.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to amend and appropriate \$5,571,531 in ARPA funding as follows:

35053-470243 ARPA Broadband	\$2,000,000
35053-470244 ARPA Utilities	\$3,000,000
35053-470245 ARPA Public Health & Safety	\$ 200,000
35053-470246 ARPA Economic Impact	\$ 371,531

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

SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

1. Jones Road – Supervisor Smith would like to get an update on adding Jones Road to the six-year plan.
2. Southcrest Drive – Supervisor Smith commented that residents are still waiting on signage previously requested.
3. E. Lee Highway – Supervisor Smith asked Mr. Bear to convey his thanks to Mr. Fowler for the paving done near Carter's Park.
4. Convenience Center Attendants – Supervisor Cook asked for an update on this issue raised at the last meeting.

Mr. Bear said that the subject was discussed at the last Building & Grounds Committee meeting; they reviewed the situation but had difficulty coming up with a viable solution.

Mr. Bear also said that staff at the convenience centers have been trying to reposition some of the boxes and it's not working out very well (creating backlogs). He said they may have to go back to the original layout.

5. Piney Mountain Road and Briar Road – Supervisor McRoberts said he had a couple meetings with VDOT and it seems they're willing to work out the issues on these two roads. Also, dust control is an issue.

Mr. Bear spoke with Mr. Fowler today and until we get some rain, dust remains an issue. VDOT will continue their work on it.

6. VDOT – Chair Vaught met with Mr. Fowler and Ms. Heath regarding Lake Mount Airy Road and they were quite receptive. However, if we could just get them to address the section by the Heldreth farm (never been smooth).

Mr. Bear will follow-up with Mr. Fowler on that portion of road.

7. County Picnic – Chair Vaught reiterated what Sheriff Foster said about the positive feedback from employees about the picnic. However, the Chair would like to request that Mr. Catron (IT) make his award-winning chicken wings at next year's picnic.

CLOSED MEETING

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to enter into Closed Meeting under Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711-A.5, Prospective Business or Industry (Projects Palm and Gold Star).

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
James D. "Jamie" Smith

Stacy A. Terry

NAYS: None

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Chair Vaught adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:49 p.m.

Brian W. Vaught, Chair