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The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 12, 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

Don Martin, Assistant County Attorney

Jimmy McCabe, Emergency Management Coordinator

Regina Williams, Finance Director

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lucas Arnold

Barry Ayers

Sally Bass

Michael Duncan

Jim & Dee Ennis

Charlie Foster

Roger Hedrick

Gus Kincer

Linda Meyer

Lon Tobin

Zach 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 Lon Tobin, St. Paul United Methodist Church, provided the invocation and Supervisor Cook led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS' TIME

With no one signed up to address the Board, Chair Vaught closed Citizens' Time.

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PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

Supervisor Terry made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on October 12, 2021, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30110708-30110812 as follows:

**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT
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CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
30110708	10/04/2021	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$ 10,870.13
30110709	10/04/2021	ATMOS ENERGY	23.26
30110710	10/04/2021	CENTURYLINK	124.03
30110711	10/04/2021	CENTURYLINK	4,951.37
30110712	10/04/2021	CITIZENS TELEPHONE COOP	979.95
30110713	10/04/2021	TOWN OF RURAL RETREAT	1,176.22
30110714	10/04/2021	US CELLULAR	1,229.52
30110715	10/04/2021	VITA	147.35
30110716	10/04/2021	VITA	219.48
30110717	10/04/2021	WYTHE CO WATER & WASTEWAT	287.02
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 10/04/2021			\$20,008.33

CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
30110718	10/07/2021	LOWE'S	\$ 153.25
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 10/07/2021			\$ 153.25

CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
30110813	10/08/2021	ALLEN MARK GREGORY	\$ 4.03
30110814	10/08/2021	BREVARD FRANK	2.41
30110815	10/08/2021	BRINKLEY JAMES CRAIG	33.43
30110816	10/08/2021	COUNTRY TRAILS LLC	17.87
30110817	10/08/2021	DUNFORD CHARLES R	72.36
30110818	10/08/2021	GENERAL SHALE PRODUCTS CO	6.00
30110819	10/08/2021	GROSECLOSE BONNIE M	14.26
30110820	10/08/2021	GROSECLOSE BONNIE M	14.90
30110821	10/08/2021	GROSECLOSE BONNIE M	15.93
30110822	10/08/2021	HENRY II MICHAEL JEROME	3.74
30110823	10/08/2021	MARLOW KATHLEEN F	93.01
30110824	10/08/2021	NEAL WADE HALL SR	146.34
30110825	10/08/2021	NEAL WADE HALL SR	350.46

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30110826	10/08/2021	NEAL WADE HALL SR	350.46
30110827	10/08/2021	SEXTON SANDRA PICKLE	4.61
30110828	10/08/2021	STONEMAN DANA G	78.51
30110829	10/08/2021	STONEMAN DANA G	81.90
30110830	10/08/2021	STONEMAN DANA G	90.68
30110831	10/08/2021	STORY GEORGE MICHAEL	116.36
30110832	10/08/2021	TREASURER OF WYTHE COUNTY	50.00
30110833	10/08/2021	TREASURER OF WYTHE COUNTY	121.57
30110834	10/08/2021	TREASURER OF WYTHE COUNTY	200.00
30110835	10/08/2021	WYTHEVILLE DENTAL GROUP	1,122.49
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 10/08/2021			\$2,991.32

CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
30110719	10/12/2021	AMERICAN MINE RESEARCH IN	\$ 1,950.00
30110720	10/12/2021	BLUE RIDGE ANALYTICAL, LL	185.00
30110721	10/12/2021	BUSINESS CARD	2,594.52
30110722	10/12/2021	CINTAS CORP NO 2	4.88
30110723	10/12/2021	E.C. PACE COMPANY	28,981.46
30110724	10/12/2021	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES #5	2,629.26
30110725	10/12/2021	FIRE SAFETY PRODUCTS	424.75
30110726	10/12/2021	HARPO'S HARDWARE & BLDG S	17.45
30110727	10/12/2021	INTERSTATE RESCUE LLC	289,085.99
30110728	10/12/2021	IXOM WATERCARE	17,818.00
30110729	10/12/2021	J.S. HAREN COMPANY	31,275.00
30110730	10/12/2021	JOINT IDA OF WYTHE COUNTY	70,750.00
30110731	10/12/2021	JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE AUTH	44,303.48
30110732	10/12/2021	KING'S TIRE SERVICE INC	1,791.64
30110733	10/12/2021	KING-MOORE INC	2,203.50
30110734	10/12/2021	LACY, CAMPBELL & MUNIQUE	120.00
30110735	10/12/2021	LANE GROUP	11,962.50
30110736	10/12/2021	LEXISNEXIS	724.00
30110737	10/12/2021	LOWE'S	477.28
30110738	10/12/2021	MANSFIELD OIL CO	7,341.24
30110739	10/12/2021	MCNISH CORPORATION	6,251.55
30110740	10/12/2021	JEFFERY LEE MILLER	3,103.50
30110741	10/12/2021	NEW RIVER REGIONAL WATER	58,278.21
30110742	10/12/2021	DALTON ROSE	73.28
30110743	10/12/2021	ETHAN ATWELL	225.80
30110744	10/12/2021	FRANK EVAN ATWELL	80.03

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30110745	10/12/2021	JOSH BLEVINS	286.08
30110746	10/12/2021	WILLIAM KYLE COUNTS	111.32
30110747	10/12/2021	OWEN G DUNN CO	86.29
30110748	10/12/2021	PAPER CLIP	299.00
30110749	10/12/2021	PATRIOT RECYCLING, INC.	7,200.00
30110750	10/12/2021	THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS CO.	10,018.18
30110751	10/12/2021	SMYTH WYTHE AIRPORT COMMI	13,430.00
30110752	10/12/2021	SOUTHERN REFRIGERATION CO	86.22
30110753	10/12/2021	SOUTHWESTERN EQUIPMENT	69.89
30110754	10/12/2021	SOUTHWESTERN VA GAS SERVI	564.14
30110755	10/12/2021	SPATIAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS,	450.00
30110756	10/12/2021	THREE RIVERS MEDIA CORP	330.00
30110757	10/12/2021	TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE	761.81
30110758	10/12/2021	TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY	179.91
30110759	10/12/2021	TRI CITIES/SW VA REGIONAL	241.33
30110760	10/12/2021	UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA	365.00
30110761	10/12/2021	V&M RECYCLING	75,350.94
30110762	10/12/2021	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYST	40.95
30110763	10/12/2021	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYSTEMS	523.88
30110764	10/12/2021	VIRGINIA ELECTRIC SUPPLY,	345.02
30110765	10/12/2021	WAMPLER EANES APPRAISAL G	36,585.00
30110766	10/12/2021	WYTHE CO HEALTH DEPT	82,345.00
30110767	10/12/2021	WYTHE CO WATER & WASTEWAT	263.67
30110768	10/12/2021	WYTHE SHEET METAL INC	123.89
30110769	10/12/2021	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	241.94
30110770	10/12/2021	WYTHEVILLE-WYTHE-BLAND	950.00
30110771	10/12/2021	ALPHA & OMEGA REPAR SERVI	572.18
30110772	10/12/2021	AMAZON	303.68
30110773	10/12/2021	BINGHAM ARBITRAGE REBATE	2,450.00
30110774	10/12/2021	BKT UNIFORMS	769.81
30110775	10/12/2021	BLUE RIDGE ANALYTICAL, LL	1,449.00
30110776	10/12/2021	CLECO CORPORATION	3,643.25
30110777	10/12/2021	CROWN AWARDS	110.97
30110778	10/12/2021	DMV	20.00
30110779	10/12/2021	DUKE'S PRINTING	120.00
30110780	10/12/2021	EPIC SPORTS	563.09
30110781	10/12/2021	FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER	937.50
30110782	10/12/2021	HARPO'S HARDWARE & BLDG S	6.99
30110783	10/12/2021	HUNGATE BUSINESS SERVICES	149.00

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30110784	10/12/2021	KC AUTOMOTIVE	39.25
30110785	10/12/2021	MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVI	5,227.50
30110786	10/12/2021	LOWE'S	118.88
30110787	10/12/2021	MCGRIFF INSURANCE SERVICE	8,400.00
30110788	10/12/2021	MEREDITH'S GARAGE	20.00
30110789	10/12/2021	DALTON ROSE	34.71
30110790	10/12/2021	ETHAN ATWELL	76.37
30110791	10/12/2021	ETHAN ATWELL	88.10
30110792	10/12/2021	FRANK EVAN ATWELL	57.43
30110793	10/12/2021	FRANK EVAN ATWELL	61.76
30110794	10/12/2021	WILLIAM KYLE COUNTS	73.10
30110795	10/12/2021	WILLIAM KYLE COUNTS	183.65
30110796	10/12/2021	OWEN G DUNN CO	1,875.00
30110797	10/12/2021	PITNEY BOWES	156.84
30110798	10/12/2021	POLYTEC INC	2,430.00
30110799	10/12/2021	PROTECT YOUTH SPORTS	15.95
30110800	10/12/2021	RURAL RETREAT AUTO PARTS	37.08
30110801	10/12/2021	SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA EMS CO	875.00
30110802	10/12/2021	TDD ENTERPRISES, INC	3,604.55
30110803	10/12/2021	TESSCO INC	2,825.21
30110804	10/12/2021	THOMPSON TIRE	654.08
30110805	10/12/2021	VIRGINIA LAW ENFORCEMENT	1,300.00
30110806	10/12/2021	VIRGINIA SHERIFFS' ASSOC	558.00
30110807	10/12/2021	WORDSPRINT	145.00
30110808	10/12/2021	WYTHE CO WATER & WASTEWAT	25.99
30110809	10/12/2021	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	122.76
30110810	10/12/2021	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	80.60
30110811	10/12/2021	CARROLL COUNTY PSA	3,586.37
30110812	10/12/2021	SOUTHERN REFRIGERATION CO	347.28
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 10/12/2021			\$858,017.71

TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 10/12/2021 **\$881,170.61**

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 September 28, 2021 minutes for approval.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to approve the September 28, 2021 minutes as presented.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES:	Rolland R. Cook	Coy L. McRoberts
	Ryan M. Lawson	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	James D. "Jamie" Smith	

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:	Brian W. Vaught	Stacy A. Terry
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RURAL RETREAT RESCUE SQUAD UPDATE

Mr. Michael Duncan, Rural Retreat Town Council, appeared before the Board to provide an update on the financial/operational status on Rural Retreat Rescue Squad ("RRRS"). Mr. Duncan explained some of the changes they've undertaken, their current situation, and their plan moving forward. They have a new Commander as well as two new (replacement) board members. Ms. Sally Bass is now the Interim Captain/Administrator. Payroll is their largest expense (two people all day = ~\$800). They have since adjusted their billing and have asked AMB to review their codes and expenses. RRRS did see an increase in calls this past week which they hope will offset some of the payroll costs.

Ms. Bass explained that they went back to January 1st to rebill some of their calls that were self-paid. She said that many insurance companies won't pay invoices that are older than 90 days. While they are starting to see an increase in some billing, she emphasized that it's a slow process that will take them time to get out of the hole. Last month they billed out \$35,000 but with Medicare/Medicaid adjustments, they received only around \$11,000.

Mr. Duncan understands from the last meeting that \$32k was carried over from last fiscal year to be used for operations/payroll. He would like to know how to go about requesting that money, and is it limited to just \$5k at a time?

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Mr. Hankins responded that the Board previously discussed a \$5k limit but since no money has been requested since that time, the Board can authorize any or all of the \$32k. He further summarized recommendations/conditions presented to the Board of Supervisors that include: personnel changes to reduce spending, monthly submission of financial report and billing summary to County, and designated County representative to attend squad board meetings.

Both Ms. Bass and Mr. Duncan agreed with those conditions.

Mr. Bear said he knows that RRRS has had to make some difficult decisions and he appreciates the efforts made thus far. He asked how much they need right now.

Ms. Bass had submitted a request for \$15k.

Chair Vaught suggested giving them half the total carryover (\$32k) in the amount of \$16k.

Ms. Bass added that she is meeting with Mr. McCabe later this week to ensure that the fuel cards are in order.

Vice Chair Lawson also appreciates the improvements made this far but she stressed the importance of having a representative attend the monthly Fire & Rescue Committee meetings. With changes being made, she would also like to meet with RRRS to review and discuss the results of those changes.

Mr. Hedrick asked for an email reminder of the Fire & Rescue Committee meetings. He, in turn, will let this board know of the RRRS board meetings. Board changes will certainly help improve their functions going forward. They are also updating their bylaws as well as employee handbook which he felt should be adopted countywide for the sake of consistency.

Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to release \$16,000 from Rural Retreat Rescue Squad carryover funds (already budgeted) to assist with their payroll. To avoid delay, a manual check will be issued.

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.

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Ryan M. Lawson
James D. "Jamie" Smith

Stacy A. Terry

NAYS: None

Also, Rural Retreat Volunteer Fire Department will be having a barbecue on October 22nd and they encourage everyone to attend and support them.

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Bear reminded everyone that a vacancy exists on the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission if anyone has a recommendation. Mr. Bear will ask the PIO to advertise this on social media.

2018 BUILDING CODE UPDATE

Mr. Bear mentioned that Mr. Taylor, County Building Official, is providing this information to the Board for review. If there are any questions or concerns, Mr. Taylor will come to the next meeting to address them. The new code cycle has begun with a one-year grace period allowing people to use the 2015 code until June 30, 2022.

VDEM GRANT – BUDGET CORRECTION

Mr. Hankins stated that when preparing the FY22 budget, we had already accepted the \$49,804 grant money from VDEM. The County included the local match in the current FY22 budget but overlooked including the State money. It is requested that \$49,804 be amended and appropriated so this money can be used, as previously approved, for the Comprehensive Plan.

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cook, to amend and appropriate \$49,804 to 8101-450010.

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

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VIRGINIA RAIL ACCESS RESOLUTION 2021-33

Mr. Bear explained that we are eligible to apply for up to \$450,000 in the Industrial Access Rail Program. He, therefore, requests approval of this resolution to apply for funding in support of rail access to Lot 24 in Progress Park.

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to approve Resolution 2021-33 Authorizing and Making Application for Industrial Access Railroad Track Funds in Support of Blue Star NBR and Blue Star AGI.

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

2021 REDISTRICTING

Mr. Bear shared this information before. Since then, he met with Brandon Moore and Mr. Hankins to review all the districts. One of the challenges is not knowing exactly where the final breakdown would be for our split on House of Delegate seat. The proposed split runs between Blacklick and West Wytheville, between Speedwell and West Wytheville, down between Speedwell and Lead Mines. This creates a wall if we start making any district changes on our own. The end result would be a split precinct. Mr. Bear said that with the numbers that we have, all our districts are still within +/- 5% variance. Therefore, the recommendation is for the Board to authorize County Administrator and County Attorney to proceed with drafting 2021 redistricting documents using the same districts that are currently in existence.

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, to authorize County Administrator and County Attorney to draft necessary ordinance and set public hearing for redistricting.

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

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Civic Organizations Funding – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to approve funding for the following civic organizations and to amend and appropriate \$13,500 to 1101-457015:

Feeding America Southwest Virginia	\$2,000
Junior Appalachian Musicians	\$3,000
Rural Retreat Depot Foundation	\$2,500
SWAM – Southwest VA Alliance for Manufacturing	\$1,000
The Museums of Wytheville	\$5,000

Vice Chair Lawson asked why not fund the museums at their full request of \$6,000? She would like to see that amount increased as the museum benefits all the County, not just the Town of Wytheville, and they are good about returning unused funds.

Mr. Bear replied that the decision was made to approve at the same level as the previous 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

2. Wythe County's Arbitrage Services – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to amend and appropriate \$3,650 to 1204-430150 (Revenue Code 11003-319200) to accommodate payment for Wythe County's Arbitrage 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

3. Water Trailer System – Supervisor Smith made a motion, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to amend and appropriate \$7,176 to 8110-470010 for the purchase of a water trailer system. It is noted that the water trailer system will be available for use by the County since purchased with County funds.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

1. Route 52 Sewer Issue – Supervisor Smith asked if Mr. Bear could please follow-up on this issue.
2. Blair Family Water Issue – Supervisor Smith hasn't heard anything about the Blair family's water issue (access). He did reach out to Delegate Campbell for assistance in speeding up the process.

Mr. Bear responded that he spoke with Mr. Blair before this meeting. The easement across the trail has become more expensive than originally thought and they're still considering other options (private service line on other side). Mr. Blair intends to come to the Water Committee meeting next week to further discuss options.

3. Museum Funding – Supervisor Cook would very much like to see the Budget Committee consider giving an extra \$1,000 to The Museums of Wytheville. Students and citizens alike benefit from the museum.

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4. Crockett Family Water Issue (Blair Road) – Supervisor McRoberts said that VDOT will visit Evelyn Crockett’s home Wednesday morning to assess the continued drainage problem.
5. Thank You – Supervisor Terry wanted to extend his and his wife’s thanks to everyone who asked about them and prayed for them during their recent illness.
6. Many Thanks – Chair Vaught wanted to thank the Vice Chair for handling the last meeting while he was out of town. He also thanked everyone who attended the Blue Star announcement and all who were involved in bringing that deal to fruition. The Chair also wanted to clarify that the 2,400 new jobs coming to Wythe County does not include construction workers on the project.
7. Signage on VDOT Posts – Chair Vaught mentioned that VDOT has an issue with the Sheriff’s Office putting speed signs up on VDOT posts. He doesn’t understand what the problem is because the sign was put on a “School Zone” sign to help slow traffic through that area.

Mr. Bear responded that he will work with VDOT to find a workable solution and, if necessary, will reach out to our elected officials.

Sheriff Foster has since clarified with VDOT that this can be done, no problem, but VDOT has an application process that needs to be followed.

Speaking of VDOT, Mr. Bear added that Blue Star is planning a groundbreaking ceremony in the next few weeks and he has sent a message to VDOT asking them to cut/trim the area out there.

8. St. Peter’s Road – Supervisor Horney is not sure if this is a VDOT or a County responsibility but they’re chopping corn at Eller’s farm and St. Peters Road is now a mess if someone could clean it up.

Mr. Bear will reach out to VDOT.

CLOSED MEETING

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts, to enter into Closed Meeting under Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711-A.3, Disposition of Industrial or Commercial Property, Acquisition of Easements.

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

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

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

**RESOLUTION
CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

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

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

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

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

