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The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 26, 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 (via telephone)

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:

Barry Ayers

Kim Ayers

Andrew Davis

Jim & Dee Ennis

Charlie Foster

Betsy Gillman

Lori Guynn

Surena Jackson and husband

Zach Lester

John Matthews

Linda Meyer

Beth Taylor

Kathy Vaught

Zach Wright

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Vaught determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Andrew Davis, Fellowship Baptist Church, provided the invocation and Supervisor Cook led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECTRONIC MEETING POLICY

Chair Vaught announced that Supervisor Cook is unable to attend in person, and will be joining by phone, in accordance with Rule 5.3 in the Rules of Procedure. Approval is automatic unless someone wishes to move to disapprove the electronic participation.

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PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT PLAQUE TO SURENA JACKSON

Chair Vaught stated that over the course of her 15 years with the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, Mrs. Jackson has become more of a jack-of-all-trades than anything else. In fact, he is not even sure of her title as she seems to do most everything. In appreciation of her outstanding service since 2006, the Chair presented Mrs. Jackson with a retirement plaque and thanked her for all her efforts and dedication to Wythe County. He also wished that she could remain for another 20 years.

CITIZENS' TIME

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

1. Town Matter – Mr. Dave Johnston appeared before the Board and stated "Thank you, Chair. Scot, maybe you can help me on this one. What is, in the law books, dereliction of duties? (Mr. Farthing said he would have to look it up.) Alright, what about impeding justice?"

Chair Vaught interrupted Mr. Johnston to explain that Citizens Time is for people to address the Board of Supervisors and not for a back-and-forth discussion.

Mr. Johnston continued "If I'm having problems in the Town, the Town would not address it, who is supposed to address it beside the Town?"

Chair Vaught said that the Board has no control over Town matters.

Mr. Johnston responded "Well, if Wythe County is in Wytheville, so if the Town is not going to solve the problem, or don't want to address the problem, excuse me Ms. Mayor, where does it go to?"

The Chair unsure felt that one would go to Circuit Court.

Mr. Farthing suggested reaching out to a Town Council member. Or file some type of action against the Town provided you have legal standing.

Mr. Johnston said "Well, every lawyer I talked to said we're not going to bring anything against the Town. I talked to our Commonwealth Attorney, I talked to everybody. I've even gone as far as the AG's office there in Richmond. Our attorney here says '*If the Town don't want to handle it, the County don't want to handle it, then it goes to the Federal level!*' And by me being a citizen of Wytheville and citizen of Wythe County, I don't want to make any of my friends

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here mad or anything like that, I just want the issue resolved before we have to go that way."

The Chair again explained that this board has no authority over the Town of Wytheville or the Town of Rural Retreat. That is the responsibility of the Town Council. This Board only has the power given to them under the Code of Virginia.

Mr. Johnston added "Virginia gives the County the code of power, as a public servant, to protect and serve, is that not right?"

Chair Vaught reiterated that the Board of Supervisors has no authority over town matters.

Mr. Johnston continued "So, if I got a next-door neighbor, like lives across the street from me, and he shoots the guy on the upper corner block, and we got a school resource officer which don't . . . we got three years ago, he got to be a sworn in deputy to be a school resource officer, right? If this is within two houses of our deputy, and he don't do anything, where's it to go to?"

The Chair responded that Mr. Johnston is talking about criminal law versus civil law.

Mr. Johnston replied "Well, criminal law is the same thing as tearing down a right-of-way fence line or a property line. If it was in the County to begin with, then the Town annexed it, then according to a Federal judge in Roanoke and according to a Federal lawyer in Roanoke, you can't tear down a property line; you can't tear down a right-of-way line if it had cattle going against it at one time or another. Well, it was in the County until the Town annexed it. We got a couple of people now that want to tear it down. The Town surveyed it three times and each time he's gone back and pulled up the property markers. I got pictures on that and everything else but the Town is still letting them get by with it. And Joel Hash knows it. He went back here to the Mayor and she said '*Aint nothing we can do*'. Joel said '*Aint nothing I can do cause they won't let me*'. So where does the law come into effect here?"

The Chair instructed Mr. Johnston to go to Circuit Court or Federal Court as the matter is out of this Board's jurisdiction.

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Mr. Johnston stated "So, say what happened right in front of Bird's house, or two blocks from Bird, and he lives in town, there aint nothing he can do about it? Charles is the number one law enforcement officer with the County!"

The Chair informed Mr. Johnston that his time is up and thanked him for coming in.

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

PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on October 26, 2021, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30110837-30110947, and one wire transfer, as follows:

EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS October 26, 2021

CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
30110837	10/20/2021	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$ 22,659.16
30110838	10/20/2021	BRINDLEE MOUNTAIN FIRE AP	115,250.00
30110839	10/20/2021	CENTURYLINK	39.98
30110840	10/20/2021	CENTURYLINK	52.76
30110841	10/20/2021	CENTURYLINK	67.87
30110842	10/20/2021	CENTURYLINK	98.97
30110843	10/20/2021	CENTURYLINK	125.33
30110844	10/20/2021	CENTURYLINK	139.00
30110845	10/20/2021	CENTURYLINK	146.47
30110846	10/20/2021	CENTURYLINK	248.18
30110847	10/20/2021	CENTURYLINK	295.27
30110848	10/20/2021	CENTURYLINK	310.40
30110849	10/20/2021	CENTURYLINK	341.10
30110850	10/20/2021	CENTURYLINK	3,548.05
30110851	10/20/2021	HUFF FORD	28,642.00
30110852	10/20/2021	MCI COMM SERVICE	40.37
30110853	10/20/2021	MCI COMM SERVICE	94.43
30110854	10/20/2021	MCI COMM SERVICE	695.61
30110855	10/20/2021	TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE	10,837.61
30110856	10/20/2021	VERIZON WIRELESS	40.01

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TOTAL EXPENDITURES 10/20/2021**\$183,672.57**

CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
(wire)	10/26/2021	SUNTRUST	\$ 36,881.92
30110858	10/26/2021	ABSOLUTE EXHIBITS INC	515.00
30110859	10/26/2021	AMAZON	1,056.95
30110860	10/26/2021	AXON ENTERPRISE INC	5,079.96
30110861	10/26/2021	BIOLOGICAL MONITOR	1,700.00
30110862	10/26/2021	BRENNTAG MID-SOUTH INC	2,897.27
30110863	10/26/2021	BROWN EXTERMINATING CO	795.00
30110864	10/26/2021	BUSINESS INFORMATION SST	34.71
30110865	10/26/2021	CARZ R US LLC	64.00
30110866	10/26/2021	CENTURYLINK	51.62
30110867	10/26/2021	COLLINS AUTO REPAIR INC	20.00
30110868	10/26/2021	COM TEC	1,675.00
30110869	10/26/2021	COMMONWEALTH ENGINEERING	1,130.79
30110870	10/26/2021	COMPLETE TOWING & RECOVER	400.00
30110871	10/26/2021	COMPLETE TRUCK SERVICE IN	755.41
30110872	10/26/2021	COMSONICS	731.50
30110873	10/26/2021	COUNTY OF WYTHE	2,833.34
30110874	10/26/2021	CSG SYSTEMS, INC	1,837.46
30110875	10/26/2021	DEPT OF MOTOR VEHICLES	4,125.00
30110876	10/26/2021	DIRECT DODGE	227.00
30110877	10/26/2021	ENTERPRISE FM TRUST	6,385.85
30110878	10/26/2021	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES #5	1,512.52
30110879	10/26/2021	FRANCOTYP-POSTALIA, INC	135.00
30110880	10/26/2021	GENUINE PARTS COMPANY	291.45
30110881	10/26/2021	WRANGLER HOLDCO CORP	536.80
30110882	10/26/2021	GREATAMERICA FINANCIAL SE	153.00
30110883	10/26/2021	HARPO'S HARDWARE & BLDG S	36.84
30110884	10/26/2021	HOME DEPOT PRO	693.78
30110885	10/26/2021	INTERSTATE RESCUE LLC	95.00
30110886	10/26/2021	JAMAR TECHNOLOGIES INC	3,832.00
30110887	10/26/2021	JOHNSON CONTROLS	394.00
30110888	10/26/2021	KC AUTOMOTIVE	93.83
30110889	10/26/2021	LANDSCAPE SUPPLY	550.00
30110890	10/26/2021	MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVI	4,528.00
30110891	10/26/2021	LEAD MINES RESCUE SQUAD	840.69
30110892	10/26/2021	LOWE'S	718.68

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30110893	10/26/2021	MANSFIELD OIL CO	7,915.80
30110894	10/26/2021	MEREDITH'S GARAGE	770.63
30110895	10/26/2021	MILO C COCKERHAM INC	1,107.20
30110896	10/26/2021	MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS AME	19.00
30110897	10/26/2021	QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC	664.21
30110898	10/26/2021	NEW PIG CORPORATION	1,464.71
30110899	10/26/2021	NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL	137,462.70
30110900	10/26/2021	NEW RIVER-HIGHLANDS RC&D	375.00
30110901	10/26/2021	NEW RIVER-HIGHLANDS RC&D	375.00
30110902	10/26/2021	NRVLSA	45.00
30110903	10/26/2021	CODY M UMBERGER	77.46
30110904	10/26/2021	CORY A SIX	2.30
30110905	10/26/2021	DIANE CREGGER	30.00
30110906	10/26/2021	DOUG TUCK	94.74
30110907	10/26/2021	ETHAN ATWELL	67.09
30110908	10/26/2021	FRANK EVAN ATWELL	28.36
30110909	10/26/2021	GEORGE SEWELL	131.09
30110910	10/26/2021	JANICE WRIGHT	30.00
30110911	10/26/2021	JEFFREY E WRIGHT	57.21
30110912	10/26/2021	JEFFREY E WRIGHT	100.00
30110913	10/26/2021	KELLY RAY KINCER	30.00
30110914	10/26/2021	NICKOLAS R SMITH	32.12
30110915	10/26/2021	SUSAN WHALEN	30.00
30110916	10/26/2021	SYLVIA WOODS	51.81
30110917	10/26/2021	WILLIAM KYLE COUNTS	42.99
30110918	10/26/2021	OWEN G DUNN CO	5,151.00
30110919	10/26/2021	PAPER CLIP	889.20
30110920	10/26/2021	PARTNERSHIP SCREENING INT	14.40
30110921	10/26/2021	R&R ENTERPRISES INC	285.00
30110922	10/26/2021	SALEM STONE	925.55
30110923	10/26/2021	SALTUS TECHNOLOGIES LLC	21,288.96
30110924	10/26/2021	SOUTHERN STATES CARROLL C	39.95
30110925	10/26/2021	STONEMAN, RICK	75.00
30110926	10/26/2021	SUSAN ROBERTS GORDON	75.00
30110927	10/26/2021	TBL NETWORKS, INC	6,600.00
30110928	10/26/2021	TESSCO INC	1,367.03
30110929	10/26/2021	THOMPSON TIRE	1,682.55
30110930	10/26/2021	TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNA	75.00
30110931	10/26/2021	TREASURER OF WYTHE COUNTY	33.94

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30110932	10/26/2021	TREASURER OF WYTHE COUNTY	40.03
30110933	10/26/2021	TRI COUNTY GLASS INC	284.95
30110934	10/26/2021	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC	1,400.00
30110935	10/26/2021	UNIFIRST CORP	110.43
30110936	10/26/2021	VA DEPT OF FORESTRY	3,841.56
30110937	10/26/2021	VERIZON WIRELESS	1,824.42
30110938	10/26/2021	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYST	552.61
30110939	10/26/2021	VIRGINIA ELECTRIC SUPPLY,	64.96
30110940	10/26/2021	VUPS	92.40
30110941	10/26/2021	W.S. DARLEY & CO	460.53
30110942	10/26/2021	WYTHE CO WATER & WASTEWAT	306.46
30110943	10/26/2021	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	504.34
30110944	10/26/2021	WYTHE-GRAYSON REGIONAL LI	157,227.50
30110945	10/26/2021	WYTHEVILLE COMMUNITY COLL	12,216.77
30110946	10/26/2021	WYTHEVILLE OFFICE SUPPLY	405.87
30110947	10/26/2021	XEROX	19.84
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 10/26/2021			\$452,469.04

TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 10/26/2021 **\$636,141.61**

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board was presented with the October 12, 2021 minutes for approval.

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to approve the October 12, 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.

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Ryan M. Lawson
James D. "Jamie" Smith

Stacy A. Terry

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 \$61,933,341 of which \$38,284,722 was in the General Fund Account at the end of September.
2. Tax Bills – The Treasurer announced the tax bills all went out; however, they did have file issues when they were sent to the printer. The issues were related to Tyler Munis and were experienced by many other localities. It was a software issue that she hopes has been resolved.
3. Extended Hours – Mrs. Guynn announced extended hours for Treasurer's Office during the week leading up to December 5th (tax due date). They will stay open that week until 6:00 p.m. and will have hours on Saturday, December 4th.
4. Office Accreditation Program – Mrs. Guynn was happy to report that for the first time ever, her office has received Office Accreditation from the Treasurer's Association of Virginia. This accreditation is based on clean audits for at least two years, tax collections, customer service, etc. She is so very proud of Wythe County's Treasurer's Office and all the staff for achieving this credential.

APEX REPORT, MRS. BETSY GILLMAN

Mrs. Betsy Gillman, Vice Chair of the APEX Authority, appeared before the Board to provide an update on the APEX Center.

Mrs. Gillman shared with the Board information from the VA Lamb & Goat Symposium sponsored by VA Tech that was held in late June. Participants, 4-H and FFA members, came from 23 different counties across Virginia.

RC Cars held an event at the APEX in August with participants coming from 13 states. There were 150 cars competing with over 200 people in attendance. There were also 50 RVs; some dry-camped at the APEX and others went to local campgrounds. The remainder of attendees stayed at local hotels. Mrs. Gillman reported that RC Cars have

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another event this weekend for the Blue Ridge Nationals III with over 200 cars. She invited everyone to come and watch.

Mrs. Gillman also shared a recent article in the "Living" insert to the Wytheville Enterprise (published by Bristol Herald Courier) titled *APEX Keeps Events Local*. It is a very good article for the APEX and the consistently successful St. Jude Rodeo.

Mrs. Gillman presented the Board with an up-to-date Calendar of Events through 2022. January and February are booked most every weekend, and they are cold-calling event organizers to invite them to see the APEX.

Chair Vaught asked if the Show Masters Gun Show is the group that relocated from Roanoke due to an ordinance prohibiting firearms?

Mrs. Gillman said yes and that the APEX is quite happy to have them, thanks to Mr. Litton's efforts.

The Chair responded "that was a good snag". The Show Masters Gun Show is on January 15-16, 2022 at the APEX.

Supervisor Smith mentioned that the Eastern Predator Calling event is the weekend before the Show Masters Gun Show and DNA firearm folks will be there.

ENTERPRISE ZONE AMENDMENT, MR. JOHN MATTHEWS

Mr. John Matthews of the JIDA, appeared before the Board to discuss the Enterprise Zone ("EZ").

Mr. Matthews explained that toward the end of every year, they consider properties and projects that could be included in the EZ and potential changes to the boundary. Whenever the boundary changes, it includes whatever new businesses were added back to the beginning of the year. One of our new businesses (Crossroads Social House) is desiring a Certificate of Occupancy ("CO") before the end of the year. In order for us to acknowledge their request for a CO, we would like to request an EZ boundary amendment. That would allow them eligibility for EZ incentives and to apply to the State for a real property improvement grant. In addition, owners of the DMV shopping plaza are looking to secure a large retailer for which they hope to make improvements and apply for the same State grant.

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Wythe County currently has 3,800 acres all throughout the County in the Enterprise Zone. At present, close to 3,500 acres are in use. Mr. Matthews said these two new properties would be just over 14 acres, leaving 346 acres available. While not fond of spot zoning, JIDA would like to drive growth toward the zones laid out. He said these two new businesses have already received incentives that they are eligible for.

Chair Vaught asked if there's anything out in the County that qualifies, as these two businesses are both in the Town.

Mr. Matthews replied that they've looked around the interstates (eastward) and he's happy to add any properties in which the Board has interest. One area of consideration would be around the Progress Park Connector Road. But as for the two Rural Retreat properties the Chair referenced, if the date of their CO was this year, they could certainly be added now.

Mr. Bear agreed with consideration of the Connector Road area and keeping some acreage available for that. He also suggested they set an August date next year to discuss EZ with Economic Development Committee and the Board to allow ample time for consideration. Mr. Bear announced the public hearing for the Enterprise Zone Amendment is scheduled for November 9th.

Vice Chair Lawson asked about deletions.

Mr. Matthews responded that the first time they expanded EZ outside of Progress Park was about seven years ago to consider interstate areas as well as downtown. In that time, the only deletion that comes to mind is the APEX Center. He said that was deleted from EZ because, as a government entity, they are not eligible for the incentives.

Mr. Bear said that anyone can view the Enterprise Zone map on the County website's GIS.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. PAYROLL – September 2021:

General County Fund	\$	608,272.80
Police Activity Fund		71,534.03
Courthouse Security Fund		16,166.61
Water Department Fund		24,117.52

Wythe County Wastewater Fund	25,084.04
TOTAL	\$ 745,175.00

Check Numbers: 2001297-2001308; 2001317-2001328

Voucher Numbers: 18418-18593; 18604-18799

2. STATUS REPORTS:

- A. Animal Control – Arlan Dunford
- B. Building Inspection – Kyle Taylor
- C. Emergency Services – Jimmy McCabe
- D. Engineering – Johnny Kincer
- E. Finance – Regina Williams
- F. IT – Todd Catron
- G. Parks & Recreation – Kevin Williams

3. PERSONNEL:

- A. Umberger, Hunter – Pay Increase to \$30,500, Consolidated Dispatch, Effective July 1, 2021
- B. Grubb, Jamie – Pay Increase to \$34,265, Consolidated Dispatch, Effective July 1, 2021
- C. Cline, Anthony – Promoted, Sheriff’s Office, Annual Salary \$59,845, Effective August 1, 2021
- D. Williams, Bradley – Hired, Full-time Consolidated Dispatch, Annual Salary \$29,500, Effective October 1, 2021
- E. Grubb, Karla – Resigned, Full-time Consolidated Dispatch, Effective October 8, 2021

Vice Chair Lawson 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

GOVDEALS VEHICLE AUCTION

Mrs. Collins reported that five vehicles were auctioned on govdeals.com and she presented the Board with the list of high bidders for each vehicle. Approval is recommended for each of the high bidders.

Supervisor Terry made a motion, seconded by Supervisor McRoberts, to approve acceptance of the high bids on the five vehicles auctioned on govdeals.com.

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 stated that there are two more vehicles whose bids are due on October 28th. As such, he asked for approval in advance to award those two vehicles to the highest bidder.

Vice Chair Lawson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to approve acceptance of the high bids on the two auctioned vehicles (2006 models) whose bids are due October 28th.

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'S OFFICE REQUESTS

Sheriff Foster gave a brief overview of the following two transfer requests:

1. Concealed Weapons Permit Fund Transfer – Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, to approve the transfer of \$5,080.00 from 70023

Concealed Weapons Permits to 3102-443040 Maintenance Service Contracts, and to amend and appropriate same.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:	Brian W. Vaught	Ryan M. Lawson
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2. Electronic Summons Fund Transfer – Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to approve the transfer of \$24,501.46 from 70013 Electronic Summons to 13003 Police Activity Fund, and to amend and appropriate same to 3102-443040 Maintenance Service Contracts.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:	Brian W. Vaught	Ryan M. Lawson
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Sheriff Foster also commented that his office has a surplus vehicle (Chevy Impala) if the Budget Committee would consider transferring to the Mount Rogers Cigarette Tax Board to aid their operation in getting up and running.

ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Hankins updated the Board on the following:

1. Broadband – Mr. Hankins doesn't expect to hear anything on VATI funding until late December.

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2. Comprehensive Plan – Mr. Hankins said that the Plan is moving along nicely. The economic analysis is complete and will be presented to Planning Commission next week. Hill Studio will be making adjustments to the Plan in light of incoming Blue Star.
3. Capital Purchasing – Mr. Hankins said that trucks have been ordered for Ivanhoe and Speedwell Fire Departments, as well as an Incident Command Trailer. RFPs have been advertised for LMRS rock boat with a November 3rd due date. A purchase order will be entered this week for a sprinkler trailer for the APEX.
4. Destination Marketing/Tourism – Mr. Hankins explained that the State is directing some of their ARPA funds for tourism development. Staff is working with the destination marketer to follow State funding process, with funding being awarded in the Spring.
5. Personnel Policy – This is still in development.
6. Rail Expansion – Funding application should be complete and submitted by mid-November.
7. 911 Dispatch – Mr. Hankins announced that panel interviews were recently conducted for dispatchers. As a result, two full-time employment offers and one part-time offer will be extended. The County will continue to advertise for dispatchers until fully staffed.

Staff is working on presenting reorganization to Dispatch Oversight Board and expect to finalize and present to the Board in mid-November.

Mr. Hankins stated that new truck-mounted computer equipment for fire and rescue command units are not yet ready to be installed due to necessary software upgrades. As soon as upgrades are final, departments will be trained on the new equipment.

8. Rural Retreat Lake Lease – Mr. Hankins explained that we are still waiting on Attorney General's Office to finalize/approve the subject lease. He said we can't move forward with pool enhancements until a long-term operating lease with DWR is finalized. This has taken an exceedingly long time and he believes it's time to solicit help from our legislators.

Mr. Bear commended Mr. Williams for his efforts in gathering the history of the lease and activities over the past five years to help us present our case.

Chair Vaught said that the State is continuing to delay this, and the longer they put this off, the more money it costs the County in preventative maintenance of the pool. It's time we get assistance from our senators and delegates.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

1. VDOT Virtual Public Hearing on Progress Park Connector Road – Mr. Bear stated that if anyone would like to participate in this virtual hearing, it is on November 16th from 5:00-6:00 pm. The link is in our board package and will be on our website as well.
2. Blue Star Infrastructure Update – Mr. Bear generally explained the following:
 - a. Water – He has met with the Town and spoke with EDA (provider of grant funding) and this was also discussed at the NRRWA meeting. Will get together again with the Town to further expansion discussions.
 - b. Wastewater – The Water Committee has interviews this week with open-ended engineering firms relating to WWTP expansion and wastewater line conveyance system.
 - c. Rail Expansion – Mr. Bear received email approval from Norfolk Southern to run one rail line to the site. The company will handle storage and additional rails on their site. A local surveyor has been working on the plat and high-level topo's. This project continues to progress.
3. STS Update – Mr. Bear and Mr. Farthing reviewed the performance agreement prepared by JIDA and the State and expect it to be finalized soon.
4. Joint Meeting Dates – Mr. Bear announced the following joint meetings:
 - a. Joint Governing Bodies, November 29, 2021
 - b. Joint Meeting with School Board, November 30, 2021
 - c. Joint Meeting with APEX Authority, TBD (early December target)

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Farthing provided an update on the following:

1. Paid Volunteer Fire Department Staff – He continues to research and work out details of paid staff. Mr. Farthing said he received positive feedback today from Local Government Attorney Association, and he hopes to provide the Board with an opinion soon as to how it might work.
2. Animal Control Officer – Mr. Farthing is working on getting the ACO armed and possibly appointed as a special police officer or officer of the peace. The Chair referred Mr. Farthing to Chief Hash for more assistance.
3. Parking Ordinance – Mr. Farthing said they are still trying to figure this out. With a population under 40k, the Code indicates we can't use a summons to issue violations. We could consider a ticket that is possibly paid through Treasurer's Office but this has yet to be determined.
4. APEX Authority LLC – Mr. Farthing is researching how to create an LLC for the APEX Authority, and whether a government entity is allowed to do this.
5. Opioid Settlement – Mr. Farthing stated that a large settlement has been reached with all the states, and yesterday attended a Zoom meeting regarding this. At this point, he does not know how much the settlement is or how it will be divided. He said when our litigation counsel provides more information, he will pass it along. He also mentioned two resolutions that have been proposed with a January 2nd deadline to opt into the settlement.

Vice Chair Lawson asked about parking violations and if that's just in Progress Park?

Mr. Farthing said he is referring to the County's parking ordinance that will address enforcement in Progress Park and possibly Ready Mix Road up to the APEX.

Supervisor Smith asked to be kept up to date with respect to Max Meadows Volunteer Fire Department and paid staff.

Mr. Farthing indicated that it's more of a management/structure issue whose details have yet to be worked out. It may require an ordinance that basically creates a County fire department to include paid personnel and contract those personnel with MMVFD.

SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

1. Progress Park Flagpoles – Supervisor Cook asked if we could start putting flags out on the two flagpoles at the entrance to Progress Park. Mr. Bear responded this has been taken care of and flags are flying.
2. Route 94/52 Sewer Extension Project – Supervisor Smith asked the Board to reconsider the Rt. 94/52 sewer project as this would help with future housing development. He suggested having Peed & Borst re-evaluate and provide updated figures. The Board briefly discussed planned/proposed development in that area.
3. Conners Valley – Supervisor Smith asked if VDOT has taken care of the large tree. Apparently, they were there today but no tree was taken down.
4. Chapman Road/Lots Gap Pothole – Supervisor Smith received a complaint today about the entrance to Lots Gap off Chapman Road where there is a large pothole that continues to increase in size.
5. St. Peter's Road – Mr. Bear advised Mr. Horney that both the Sheriff and VDOT have been trying to address the problems on St. Peter's Road and get it cleaned up as best they can. Mr. Horney added that the manure has covered most of the lines in the street.
6. Pine Glade Road – Chair Vaught commented that VDOT did a good job with the patch job on Pine Glade Road. While it's not perfect, it's a lot better than it was.
7. Rural Retreat Football Field Dedication – Chair Vaught mentioned that last Saturday night, the football field was dedicated to and named after Dean Rhea. It was a well-attended and a great event all around, complete with fireworks.

CLOSED MEETING

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to enter into Closed Meeting under Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711-A.1, Discussion of Personnel Matter (Water/Wastewater) and Section 2.2-3711.A.3, Disposition/Acquisition of Real Property.

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

Supervisor McRoberts made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Terry, 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
Ryan M. Lawson
James D. "Jamie" Smith

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

NAYS: None

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Chair Vaught adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:52 p.m.

Brian W. Vaught, Chair