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The Wythe County Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 25, 2022. 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
 Rolland R. Cook
 B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.

Jesse R. Burnett
 James D. "Jamie" Smith
 Stacy A. Terry (*by phone*)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ryan M. Lawson, Vice Chair

STAFF PRESENT:

Stephen D. Bear, County Administrator
 Martha Collins, Administrative Assistant/Clerk
 Scot Farthing, County Attorney
 Matthew C. Hankins, Assistant County Administrator
 Kevin Williams, Parks & Recreation Director
 Regina Williams, Finance Director

OTHERS PRESENT:

Barry Ayers
 Kim Ayers
 Diana Epperly
 Charlie Foster
 David Gianino (*by phone*)
 Amanda Goins
 Lori Guynn
 Brandi Jones & family

Gus Kincer
 Rick Lindamood
 Linda Meyer
 Corbin Stone
 Beth Taylor
 Brenda Thomas
 Kathy Vaught
 Zach Wright

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Vaught determined that a quorum was present, although Vice Chair Lawson is absent, and he called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Chair Vaught also announced that Supervisor Terry, unable to join in person, 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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INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Rick Lindamood, West End 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.

PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

Supervisor Cook made a motion to pay the invoices for approval on January 25, 2022, for the various departments of County government. The invoices were paid on General Warrants 30111525-30111610, and two wire transfers, as follows:

**EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT
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CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
30111525	01/18/2022	APPALACHIAN POWER	\$ 36,822.85
30111526	01/18/2022	CENTURYLINK	39.98
30111527	01/18/2022	CENTURYLINK	67.49
30111528	01/18/2022	CENTURYLINK	123.60
30111529	01/18/2022	CENTURYLINK	130.79
30111530	01/18/2022	CENTURYLINK	138.24
30111530	01/18/2022	CENTURYLINK	338.46
30111530	01/18/2022	MCI COMM SERVICE	40.01
30111530	01/18/2022	MCI COMM SERVICE	140.64
30111534	01/18/2022	VERIZON WIRELESS	160.10
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 01/18/2022			\$ 38,002.16

CHECK #	ISSUE DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
wire	01/25/2022	VIRGINIA RESOURCES AUTHOR	\$ 2,619.74
wire	01/25/2022	SUNTRUST	36,881.92
30111535	01/25/2022	103 TOWING & RECOVERY LLC	125.00
30111536	01/25/2022	ALL SAFE INDUSTRIES INC	2,347.63
30111537	01/25/2022	ALPHA & OMEGA REPAR SERVI	1,361.68
30111538	01/25/2022	AMAZON	597.84
30111539	01/25/2022	APPALACHIAN JUVENILE COMM	9,800.00
30111540	01/25/2022	APPALACHIAN POWER	5,634.53
30111541	01/25/2022	AYERS & SONS SEPTIC LLC	875.00

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30111542	01/25/2022	BKT UNIFORMS	2,105.44
30111543	01/25/2022	CARILION HEALTHCARE CORP	318.00
30111544	01/25/2022	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	4,054.05
30111545	01/25/2022	COMPLETE TRUCK SERVICE IN	1,843.44
30111546	01/25/2022	CSG SYSTEMS, INC	1,092.27
30111547	01/25/2022	DELL MARKETING LP	2,499.38
30111548	01/25/2022	DEPT OF MOTOR VEHICLES	10.00
30111549	01/25/2022	DIRECT DODGE	1,929.78
30111550	01/25/2022	DUKE'S PRINTING	764.28
30111551	01/25/2022	ENTERPRISE FM TRUST	6,399.41
30111552	01/25/2022	ESP	2,082.14
30111553	01/25/2022	F&R ELECTRIC INC	14,655.00
30111554	01/25/2022	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES #5	703.28
30111555	01/25/2022	FIRE RESCUE AND TACTICAL	643.49
30111556	01/25/2022	FIRE STATION OUTFITTERS L	3,510.00
30111557	01/25/2022	GALLS	39.10
30111558	01/25/2022	GREATAMERICA FINANCIAL SE	153.00
30111559	01/25/2022	GUN SHOP	2,049.90
30111560	01/25/2022	HOME DEPOT PRO	407.55
30111561	01/25/2022	HOMESTEAD OIL CORP	1,167.75
30111562	01/25/2022	HORNEY, B GENE JR	120.96
30111563	01/25/2022	HUFF FORD	605.15
30111564	01/25/2022	HURT & PROFFITT INC	547.50
30111565	01/25/2022	INTERNATIONAL CITY/COUNTY	826.35
30111566	01/25/2022	JASON'S AUTO SERVICE	91.98
30111567	01/25/2022	JONES, ZAC	75.00
30111568	01/25/2022	LANE GROUP	1,914.00
30111569	01/25/2022	MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVI	185.35
30111570	01/25/2022	LOWE'S	708.99
30111571	01/25/2022	MANSFIELD OIL CO	8,340.09
30111572	01/25/2022	MCI COMM SERVICE	1,027.63
30111573	01/25/2022	MCRBERTS, COY L	125.44
30111574	01/25/2022	MEADE TRACTOR	144.25
30111575	01/25/2022	MEREDITH'S GARAGE	20.00
30111576	01/25/2022	MOUNT ROGERS PLANNING DIS	4,727.34
30111577	01/25/2022	QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC	570.15
30111578	01/25/2022	NEW RIVER REGIONAL WATER	57,023.87
30111579	01/25/2022	NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL	131,847.30
30111580	01/25/2022	PAPER CLIP	215.41

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30111581	01/25/2022	THE PAPER CLIP	120.81
30111582	01/25/2022	PITNEY BOWES	500.00
30111583	01/25/2022	R&C TOWING & REPAIR CO	45.00
30111584	01/25/2022	R&R ENTERPRISES INC	135.00
30111585	01/25/2022	R.E. MICHEL COMPANY, LLC	428.74
30111586	01/25/2022	SEWER EQUIPMENT CO. OF AM	203.86
30111587	01/25/2022	SMITH, JAMIE	37.18
30111588	01/25/2022	SOUTH EAST SALES	2,900.00
30111589	01/25/2022	SOUTHWESTERN VA GAS SERVI	362.36
30111590	01/25/2022	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	87.48
30111591	01/25/2022	TESSCO INC	55.23
30111592	01/25/2022	THOMPSON TIRE	684.00
30111593	01/25/2022	THREE RIVERS MEDIA CORP	990.00
30111594	01/25/2022	TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE	428.25
30111595	01/25/2022	TRANE U.S. INC	528.00
30111596	01/25/2022	USA BLUE BOOK	479.32
30111597	01/25/2022	VACORP	30,589.25
30111598	01/25/2022	VAUGHT, BRIAN W	316.40
30111599	01/25/2022	VERIZON WIRELESS	1,795.07
30111600	01/25/2022	VIRGINIA BUSINESS SYST	651.30
30111601	01/25/2022	VIRGINIA ELECTRIC SUPPLY,	618.36
30111602	01/25/2022	VIRGINIA LAWYERS WEEKLY	179.50
30111603	01/25/2022	VLGMA	683.24
30111604	01/25/2022	VUPS	64.05
30111605	01/25/2022	WAMPLER EANES APPRAISAL G	16,438.86
30111606	01/25/2022	WYLIE & SON, INC.	7,258.00
30111607	01/25/2022	WYTHE CO HEALTH DEPT	41,257.75
30111608	01/25/2022	WYTHE TIRE AND MUFFLER	841.56
30111609	01/25/2022	WYTHEVILLE COMMUNITY COLL	12,216.77
30111610	01/25/2022	WYTHEVILLE MEETING CENTER	15,000.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 01/25/2022 **\$451,682.70**

TOTAL EXPENDITURES APPROVED 01/25/2022 **\$489,684.86**

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

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Jesse R. Burnett
	Rolland R. Cook	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	James D. "Jamie" Smith	Stacy A. Terry

ABSENT: Ryan M. Lawson

NAYS: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board was presented with the January 11, 2022 minutes for approval.

Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Horney, to approve the January 11, 2022 minutes as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Jesse R. Burnett
	Rolland R. Cook	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	James D. "Jamie" Smith	Stacy A. Terry

ABSENT: Ryan M. Lawson

NAYS: None

APPOINTMENTS

1. Mount Rogers Planning District Commission - Mr. Bear is working with MRPDC appointees and hopes to have a recommendation at the next meeting.
2. New River Highlands Resource Conservation & Development Council – Supervisor Horney made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to appoint Nate Aker to the New River Highlands Resource Conservation & Development Council.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

3. Planning Commission – Supervisor Burnett made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to reappoint Robert Walk to the Planning Commission.
The vote on the motion was unanimous.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, Lori Guynn, appeared before the Board and reported the following:

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1. Revenue Statement – Mrs. Guynn reported that the Consolidated Account was comprised of \$75,161,778 of which \$50,825,909 was in the General Fund Account at the end of December. Much of that increase is due to tax collections, some of which carried over into January and will be reflected in the next report.
2. Tax Collections – Mrs. Guynn reported that through yesterday, tax collections were approximately 91.5% (real estate and personal property). All the mail has been processed and her office is officially up to date.
3. Credit Card Transaction Fee – Mrs. Guynn said that the level of complaints over the 3% bank fee has decreased, and some people are now opting to pay in person with cash or check to avoid that fee.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. PAYROLL – December 2021:

General County Fund	\$ 612,967.13
Police Activity Fund	59,734.85
Courthouse Security Fund	13,803.45
Water Department Fund	23,126.60
Wythe County Wastewater Fund	25,083.16
TOTAL	\$ 734,715.19

Check Numbers: 2001391-2001402; 2001407-2001418

Voucher Numbers: 19551-19717; 19724-19898

2. STATUS REPORTS:

- A. Animal Control – Arlan Dunford
- B. Building & Grounds – Billy Bowers
- C. Building Inspection – Kyle Taylor
- D. Dispatch – Darlene Lang
- E. Engineering – Johnny Kincer
- F. Finance – Regina Williams
- G. IT – Todd Catron
- H. Parks & Recreation – Kevin Williams

3. PERSONNEL:

- A. Thomas, Lauren – Resigned, Full-time Custodian, Effective December 17, 2021
- B. Scheu, Cindy – Resigned, Full-time Water/Wastewater Administrative Assistant, Effective December 17, 2021
- C. Doyle, Tamara – Discharged, Full-time Dispatcher, Effective December 20, 2021
- D. Lawson, Adam – Hired, Full-time Recreation Specialist, Annual Salary \$31,000, Effective January 3 2021

4. BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

- A. \$210.00 (Revenue Code 11003-319004) – Hazmat Cleanup
- B. \$20,225.00 (Revenue Code 11003-319200/Expense Code 3506-443040) – Virginia Department of Emergency Management, Text to 911 Project

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

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Jesse R. Burnett
	Rolland R. Cook	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	James D. "Jamie" Smith	Stacy A. Terry

ABSENT: Ryan M. Lawson

NAYS: None

PARKS & RECREATION RECOGNITION AWARDS

Mr. Kevin Williams, Director of Parks & Recreation, appeared before the Board to recognize two of his most dedicated volunteers, Amanda Goins and Brandi Jones. The success of Wythe County sports programs is dependent upon the booster clubs and their committed volunteers. Both Ms. Goins and Ms. Jones have led their booster clubs for more than five years and are now planning to step down. Wythe County sports programs will surely miss their leadership, dedication and passion. They truly understand the benefits kids receive from participating in sports, and they support equal opportunity and giving every child the chance to play. Mr. Williams said that both women have sacrificed a lot to keep the youth leagues running, from late nights to early

mornings, begging for volunteers to help coach or run concessions, and ensure there's sufficient funding for uniforms. Ms. Goins and Ms. Jones exemplify the "heart" of these leagues. In addition, Mr. Williams extended his thanks to their families for their support as well. Therefore, with honor and much appreciation, Mr. Williams presented Ms. Amanda Goins (Max Meadows Youth League) and Ms. Brandi Jones (Sheffey Youth League) with the "Making A Difference" award.

Chair Vaught, on behalf of the Board, offered his thanks to both ladies and their families for their dedication to Wythe County sports programs. He said if they ever decide to return, Mr. Williams will most certainly have a place for them.

AUDIT REPORT, CORBIN STONE

Mr. Corbin Stone, Managing Director, Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates ("RFC"), appeared before the Board to present an overview of the FY21 Audit Report, which he stated went very well thanks to great assistance from the Finance Department.

The FY21 audit report does not include the APEX Center as their audit is still underway but going very well.

Some key numbers are as follows:

- Total Fund Balances are \$57M (\$48M in General Fund) and do not include any ARPA funding.
- Enterprise Fund net position is \$28.5M.
- Long-Term Obligations are at \$55M.
Long-Term Obligations for Enterprise Funds are at \$24M.
School Board Long-Term Obligations are \$46M (primarily pension liabilities).
Total Long-Term Obligations for County and School combined is at \$125M.
- The per capita basis is \$4,405 well below the State average of \$6,198.
- Water/Sewer Funds net position is \$28.5M, a slight decline due to depreciation, and no cause for concern.
- Commonwealth Revenue, Taxes and Shared Expenses has basically remained at the same level since 2007.

- Commonwealth Grants remained steady.
- General Property Taxes make up for other local taxes that are not increasing.
- Assessments – there is a very strong trend in Public Service Corporations, and Personal Property and Real Estate are both trending upward.
- School Revenue Sources – State aid spiked in 2009 and just now got above those levels. Federal aid spiked in 2010, then fell, and spiked in 2021 due in large part to CARES Act money.

Mr. Stone said there are no significant recommendations and that, overall, the audit went very well especially in light of the pandemic. He said that County staff were very responsive and communication with the Finance Director is excellent.

Chair Vaught asked about a check issued by the School Board prior to June 30, 2021 but is still being held as of November 2021, pending completion of a project.

Mr. Stone said they much prefer checks being processed on a timely basis. Typically, they would recommend voiding a check then reissuing at the appropriate time.

Chair Vaught stated that in a State with a \$2.6B surplus, one would think our bottom line would be much more favorable. Mr. Stone agreed.

Mr. Bear said that he met with Mr. Stone to review the audit report and discuss future needs to ensure the County remains in a good, solid financial position.

SPOTTED LANTERN FLY, DAVID GIANINO (VDACS)

Mr. David Gianino, Program Manager with the Office of Plant Industry Services (VDACS), appeared telephonically before the Board to present on the recent discovery of an invasive pest, the Spotted Lantern Fly.

Mr. Gianino reported that a population of the Spotted Lantern Fly was recently discovered in Wythe County. The insect was brought over to Pennsylvania in 2014 from China, and it tends to feed on apples and grapes, and can negatively impact the yield of the fruit and longevity of trees/vines. The Spotted Lantern Fly is a good “hitch-hiking” pest jumping onto trucks, cars, railway and any rusted metal or wood objects sitting outside during the egg-laying period. He said that out-of-state travelers can also be bringing the pest in.

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The Spotted Lantern Fly has become a nuisance for home and landowners in Northern Virginia, camping out in trees, ruining backyards and decks, and flying in your face. Mr. Gianino said the Spotted Lantern Fly is also detrimental to the agri-tourism industry.

In 2018, Winchester, VA received a shipment of stone from that same area in Pennsylvania where the fly was first discovered. In just three years, the Spotted Lantern Fly is throughout 14 counties in the State of Virginia, with Wythe County being one of them. This recent discovery is seemingly isolated at the Flying J truck stop, and VDACS will continue to work on that site in an effort to thwart population growth. VDACS has also partnered with the US Department of Agriculture and a couple of other agencies (VA Tech Cooperative Extension) to create a diverse management strategy.

Wythe County is not yet under a "quarantine" but Frederick, Warren and Clarke counties are due to the highest population of Spotted Lantern Fly. VDACS feels the quarantine (special business permitting) along with education has helped slow the spread; awareness, early detection and rapid response are also key.

Chair Vaught asked if Mr. Gianino has spoken with anyone at our Extension Office.

Mr. Gianino replied that this is a very recent discovery in Wythe County so they haven't yet made contact with the local Extension Office, but they will reach out to Matthew Miller as soon as possible.

Mr. Bear said the County would share this information on their website.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT

Mr. Bear recommends approval of this grant and that the Board authorize staff to execute.

Supervisor Cook made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Burnett, to approve the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant and authorize County staff to sign necessary documentation.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

ABSENT: Ryan M. Lawson

ABSTAIN: Brian W. Vaught

NAYS: None

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Mr. Bear mentioned that the Board of Equalization is advertising for a part-time secretarial position if anyone is aware of suitable candidates.

ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Hankins presented the Board with the following items requiring action:

1. Broadband – Because Mr. Hankins still receives questions about this, he wanted to clarify that the Broadband award was made to Mount Rogers Planning District Commission, not Wythe County. The Broadband project will be serving Smyth, Wythe and Washington counties. Point Broadband will have 24 months from the date the contract is awarded by the Department of Housing and Community Development to develop/rollout the Broadband project.
2. Various Procurements – Mr. Hankins announced that there are several procurements and RFPs going out (see County website). He mentioned that the State has changed the e-Procurement System but he should have most everything out there this week.
3. Legislation – Mr. Hankins said he continues to track new legislation along with VML/VACo who do a great job in this regard.
4. Rural Retreat Lake Lease – Mr. Hankins provided the Board with requested changes to the Rural Retreat Lake Lease, in a letter to DWR. DWR indicated they would review with their staff and that of the Attorney General's office.

Chief Vaught asked if the communication was shared with our delegates and senators.

Mr. Hankins said it had not but that he will forward them a copy should we need further assistance from them.

5. Fire Apparatus Update – Mr. Hankins reported that the pumper tanker for Ivanhoe is here and has been waiting on the drop tank. There is also a brush truck coming for Ivanhoe (delay due to chip shortage) but chassis was delivered late last week and construction is underway. Speedwell pumper tanker is also delayed due to the chip shortage but chassis was delivered this week and we expect to have it in March. The Incident Command Trailer was previously delivered, and the Lead Mines Rock Boat should be delivered in late Spring.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Bear shared the following with the Board:

1. STS Update – The surveyor is performing work for the developer. A plat is being prepared and they are working with VDOT on entrance permit requirements. The Performance Agreement should be available for review and consideration at the next Board meeting.
2. Blue Star Update – Mr. Bear highlighted some of the below:
 - a. Performance Agreement – Mr. Manley is reviewing agreement with Blue Star for execution and subsequent conveyance of land. Expect to have that available for the Board’s review at the February 8th meeting.

Mr. Bear met today with both the CEO and CFO who were in town, and is meeting tomorrow with consulting engineers to review project status.
 - b. Stormwater Management Permit – We received notice this week that Blue Star has received their permit. They desire to start grading on land as soon as possible. An access agreement has been presented to them for review for accessing property prior to conveyance.
 - c. Survey – Location of waterline easement finalized with Blue Star and Town of Wytheville so the contractor can finalize plat for conveyance to JIDA and Blue Star.
 - d. Lot 24 Sewer Line – A request for bids for sewer pipe has been advertised.
 - e. Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion – PER has been completed. A proposed engineering agreement is being reviewed for execution for design and construction of the facility.

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- f. Lots Gap Tank - \$2.5M received from CDBG and a kick-off meeting is scheduled for February 7 with all partners. Surveying work to begin on site.
 - g. New River Regional Water Authority – PER in process with early March completion. A \$5M grant application is being prepared with assistance from Mount Rogers Planning District Commission and is to be submitted by March 31.
3. Max Meadows Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Engineering Agreement – Mr. Bear said the evaluation study has been completed and staff reviewed the proposed engineering agreement today for final design, bidding, construction administration, etc. Final copy will be provided at the next Board meeting. Staff recommends entering into the sanitary sewer evaluation with Thrasher at a total fee for basic engineering services of \$110,000. Mr. Bear said this includes \$65,000 in management/oversight fees during construction, plus \$25,000 between funding and construction stakeout, and assisting us with funding applications. The County received an offer of \$1.2M at zero percent interest for 30 years. Mr. Bear stressed the importance of starting this project quickly to have the repair project complete prior to the expected increase in flows from Progress Park.

Supervisor Cook made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to authorize County staff to sign the engineering agreement with Thrasher for Max Meadows Sanitary Sewer Evaluation.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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	Rolland R. Cook	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	James D. "Jamie" Smith	Stacy A. Terry

ABSENT: Ryan M. Lawson

NAYS: None

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Farthing had nothing significant to report. He and Mr. Bear meet on a weekly basis to address anything that may come up, and currently, all is well.

Mr. Bear advised that he signed an access agreement for Lot 24 that was reviewed/approved by Mr. Farthing. Blue Star has awarded the grading contract to T Diamond Bar out of Walla Walla, WA who wanted to get started right away. Also, Blue Star's stormwater management plan has been approved by the State.

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

1. Acquisition of Property – Supervisor Cook made a motion, as recommended by the Building & Grounds Committee, to authorize the Board Chair and County Administrator to sign necessary paperwork for acquisition of property located in Wytheville Town Limits, West Wytheville Magisterial District.

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AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Jesse R. Burnett
	Rolland R. Cook	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
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ABSENT: Ryan M. Lawson

NAYS: None

2. Overtime Pay – Supervisor Cook made a motion, as recommended by the Building & Grounds Committee, to authorize payment of overtime, in lieu of compensatory time, in situations where inclement weather requires overtime for the clearing of roads and sidewalks.

Mr. Bear explained that we typically do not budget for overtime pay. Because the Building & Grounds department consists of just a few individuals, it is not feasible to have them take compensatory time. Therefore, he asks for authorization to pay overtime when the weather dictates need for additional work hours. No money needs to be appropriated as Mr. Bowers has sufficient funds in his budget.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Brian W. Vaught	Jesse R. Burnett
	Rolland R. Cook	B. G. "Gene" Horney, Jr.
	James D. "Jamie" Smith	Stacy A. Terry

ABSENT: Ryan M. Lawson

NAYS: None

SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

1. Castleton Road – Supervisor Terry asked for an update on road repairs since the issue was raised by Fire & Rescue departments.

Mr. Bear said Mr. Fowler indicated he would look into it but, to date, Mr. Bear has not received confirmation that the issue's been resolved. He will reach out to Mr. Fowler for a status check.

2. Radio System Upgrade – Supervisor Terry wanted to know of any progress with the investment in the Fire & Rescue radio system. He would like this project to be front and center.

Mr. Hankins responded that due to the size of the project, it must go out for bid. An RFP has been prepared and should go out this week. He said they will likely have to meet with those submitting proposals to learn more about their steps to improve the system. Mr. Hankins is trying to move this along as quickly as possible.

3. State-Maintained Road – Supervisor Cook received a call regarding a road that a citizen would like to have state maintained. Supervisor Cook reached out to Mr. Bear to look into it.

4. Convenience Center on Route 52 – Supervisor Cook thanked Mr. Bear for his assistance with the convenience center issue. He has not received anymore complaints so it appears the matter has been rectified.

5. Payne Town Road – Supervisor Burnett thanked Mr. Bear for resolving the issue on Payne Town Road (snow removal). Residents are very appreciative.

6. Ivanhoe Town Appearance – Supervisor Burnett received a complaint about the Ivanhoe town appearance, which he will look into and advise accordingly.

7. Conners Valley Road – Supervisor Smith received a complaint about the lack of attention (snow removal) on this road. Apparently, a resident needed medical attention and transport could not get to them.

Mr. Bear said that he was contacted about this and he reached out to VDOT to advise them of the medical concern. He will circle back with VDOT to make certain the issue's been addressed.

8. Progress Park Wildlife – Supervisor Smith has received calls regarding wildlife in Progress Park. Callers are pleased we did the quota hunts and would like the total number harvested.

Mr. Hankins will check with Mr. Williams but he doesn't believe he has this information. It may require reaching out to DWR.

Supervisor Smith added that the residents on Peppers Ferry Road are losing their winter flowers and plants to the deer if it's possible to work with DWR on a resolution (i.e. kill permits). He said possibly extending the hunting season is a consideration, and perhaps mirror what they do at Claytor Lake with January/February hunts.

9. Committee Meeting Times – Supervisor Smith asked if there's been any further consideration to changing the meeting time for the Water Committee?

Mr. Bear would like to know what time works best for the committee members.

10. Convenience Center Signage – Chair Vaught asked if there's been any progress with putting signage up at the convenience centers.

Mr. Bear replied that Mr. Bowers is currently working on getting signage.

11. Fort Chiswell Library – Chair Vaught asked if Mr. Bear has received any grant information from the Friends of Fort Chiswell Library.

Mr. Bear has not received any information from the group, nor has Supervisor Smith.

12. Cattle in Roadways – Chair Vaught heard from the Commonwealth's Attorney, Mr. Jones, regarding the influx of calls about cattle in the road. Mr. Jones referenced a code section that can be used if cattle are on state-maintained roads. The Chair said that our Animal Control can enforce that. He understands that mistakes can happen but when it's the same person consistently having their cattle out, action needs to be taken.

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Mr. Bear has discussed this with Mr. Farthing and this would require Animal Control getting a special police appointment/certification through the Sheriff's Office in order for them to be able to write it under that code section Mr. Jones referenced. But Mr. Bear said they are working on this issue.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board, Chair Vaught adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:14 p.m.

Brian W. Vaught, Chair